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Hundreds of motorcycles line up near the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. The cyclists stop at the memorial as part of their annual cross-country Run for the Wall trip from California to Washington, D.C. They will visit the memorial Saturday between 9:45 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. The public is encouraged to welcome the guests, who will be in the city for only a brief time.



HERALD file photo

Run for the Wall returning

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

Managing Editor

Most Crossroads area residents born before the 1970s remember something about the Vietnam War. Some of them fought. Others nursed the wounded — and there were a lot of wounded. Some lost fathers, sons or brothers. For some, whose friends or family members went Missing in Action or became Prisoners of War, there has been no resolution. Some,

who returned home only to be shunned by their fellow countrymen, were left with an emptiness too vast to fill. Others rallied against the misnamed "conflict," sometimes letting the anger they felt for their government fall on the shoulders of those who were simply serving their country. It was, truly, a life-changing and nation-changing event. Each year since 1989, a group of former service men and women and their fami-

What: Run for the Wall.
Where: Big Spring Vietnam Memorial at Hudgins and Rackley.
When: Between 9:45 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. Saturday.

lies have paused to recognize those veterans and what they endured. Once again, Run for the Wall is coming to Big Spring. Run for the Wall is a

thousands-strong group of motorcyclists who make a "run" from California to the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. A group taking the Southern Route of the trip will stop at Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial between 9:45 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. Saturday. The public is invited to a brief wreath-laying ceremony before the riders move on. Kay "Too Small" McDowell, public information coordinator for the event in this area, said there are several rea-

sons for the bike run. "It's important to promote healing among all veterans, their families and friends," she said. "We also ride to call for an accounting for all of those who are POW or MIA as well to the memory of those who were killed. Finally, it is not just a Vietnam thing. We do it to support our military personnel all over the world." Run For The Wall was

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Road woes stress county

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners met Monday morning to discuss a number of issues, but the state of county roadways — and the desperate need for their maintenance — took center stage. Commissioners approved

a resolution calling for the state of Texas to step in and assist counties with the high cost of road maintenance associated with the boom in the oilfield. "I recently met with the West Texas County Judge and Commissioners Association, and this is a resolution many

of the counties are adopting and sending to Austin," Barr said. "The hope is they will pass some sort of legislation to help the counties with these costs associated with road maintenance. This isn't just a problem here in Howard County. It's a problem all across the state."

The court approved the measure on a unanimous vote. Unfortunately, the resolution may be more of a gesture than anything else, according to Barr. "All you can do is submit these things to Austin and

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CISD kindergarten pre-registration going on

Herald Staff Report

Coahoma Elementary School is offering parents the opportunity to pre-register children for kindergarten this week. Registration for 2012-2013 kindergarten classes is being held through Friday. To be eligible, a child must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2012. The district provides full-day kindergarten. To register, parents need to provide the school with the following items:

- A state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate,
 - An updated, valid immunization record (shot record).
 - A social security card for each child.
 - Legal guardian's state driver's license or state issued identification card.
 - A proof of residency form.
- If you do not have a student attending Coahoma Schools at this time, go by Coahoma Independent School District

Administration Office, 600 N. Main, Coahoma and get a proof of residency form. You will need to take one of the following items with you: Receipt for tax or utility bill/deposit; deed/mortgage/lease papers; or a notarized letter confirming residency when living with another household. Students currently enrolled in the district's pre-kindergarten program are automatically registered for kindergarten. The student's permanent folder, which contains the student's birth certificate and

immunization record, will be moved to the next grade level. Therefore, there is no need for parents of current pre-kindergartners to attend registration. Parents with children who are 4 before Sept. 1, 2012, can call the elementary office to be put on the pre-kindergarten list for the coming school year. Parents who are unable to attend pre-registration may call the school to arrange a convenient time to register. For additional information, contact the elementary school at 432-394-5000, ext. 2.

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Obituaries

Freda Grace York Greenfield



Freda Grace York Greenfield, 86, of Belton, formerly of Coahoma died May 12, 2012. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 10 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Eddy Pitchford, minister of the Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 17, 1925, in Frost, Texas. She moved with her family at an early age to Westbrook and then lived in Coahoma for many years. She was employed at the Big Spring State Hospital in the Occupational Therapy Department. She attended the Sand Springs Church of Christ until she moved to McAllen and later to Belton to be close to her sons.

She is survived by two sons, Bennie Greenfield of McAllen and Eddie Greenfield and wife Michele of Belton; nine grandchildren, Sonya, Lynda Gayl, Karlina, Rick, Paula, Lynn, Buck, Reagan and Powers; and eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Lee Milliken of Coahoma; a sister-in-law, Clara York of Coahoma; brother-in-law and sisters-in law, Dennis and Willie Mae Greenfield of Sand Springs and Margaret Greenfield of Sterling City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Grace York; a daughter-in-law, Jessica Greenfield; a brother, William "Bill" Ansel York; and a sister, Nelda Jo Milliken. She was also preceded in death by Kenneth York and Don York, cousins raised by her parents.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Rick Greenfield, Buck Greenfield, Powers Greenfield and nephews Bruce Milliken, Joe Milliken, Mark Milliken, Tommy Morrow and Guy White.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Shamar Myles

Shamar Myles, 26, of Big Spring died Friday, May 11, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Holston Banks officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 6, 1986, in Big Spring, Texas, to Kelly Michelle Myles and Bernard Johnny Williams. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, graduating with the Big Spring High School class of 2005. He worked for TRAX, Wendy's and was a member of Shiloh House of Praise.

Survivors include his mother, Kelly Myles of Big Spring; father, Bernard Williams of Amarillo; and stepfather, Jonathan Dolphus of Nacogdoches.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Jerline Myles; and grandfathers, Willie Lee Myles I and Eugene Wilson.

A memorial fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Pamela Rakestraw

Pamela Rakestraw, 48, died Monday, May 14, 2012, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Noe Sanchez

Noe Sanchez, 22, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 13, 2012. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Roy A. Collins



Roy A. Collins, 88, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, May 13, 2012, at Covenant Specialty Hospital in Lubbock. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Coahoma Cemetery with Tyson Taylor, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, officiating.

He was born May 20, 1923, in Coahoma, Texas, to Ida Mae and

Jess Collins. He grew up in Coahoma and graduated from Coahoma and Texas Tech. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps in Europe.

He married Rosemary Bristow on Dec. 31, 1954, in San Angelo, Texas. She preceded him in death on June 13, 2007. He was a manager of the Coors Distributorship in Big Spring for more than 30 years.

He is survived by one sister, Dorothy Andrews of Plainview; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Cherie Dorton; and one brother, Jess Collins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- JOSEPH MARTINEZ, 21, of 616 Caylor Dr., was arrested Monday on charges of possession of a dangerous drug, failure to obey warning signs/barri-cades and failure to control speed.

- JOHN MANUEL SOLIS, 26, of 1511 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- OSCAR SAUL PADILLA, 31, of 1505 Wood, was arrested Monday on warrants for duty on striking unattended vehicle - less than \$200 and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- THEFT was reported: In the 3200 block of Parkway. In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- BURGLARY was reported in the 400 block of N.E. 11th Street.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- OSCAR PADILLA, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of duty on striking unattended vehicle and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

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Local 5-Day Forecast

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 86/57 Mainly sunny. High 86F. Winds light and variable.	 91/63 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	 95/65 Windy with a few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 96/65 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	 89/63 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM

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- JOSEPH MARTINEZ, 21, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug and municipal warrants for disregarding warning sign or barricades and failure to control speed.

- JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR., 28, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

- JOHN SOLIS, 26, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- OSCAR MANUEL MADRID JR., 30, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.

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State briefs

Beaumont man slain in alleged

Mother's Day fight

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a Southeast Texas woman who allegedly was upset to get only a card and flowers for Mother's Day has been accused of killing her boyfriend.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office says 20-year-old Paige Parkerson of Beaumont was arraigned Tuesday on a murder charge. A booking official had no immediate information on bond or an attorney for Parkerson.

Police say 22-year-old Clifton Barkin was stabbed and died at the couple's home. Parkerson was arrested early Monday after calling the victim's mother.

Evetta Wright told the Beaumont Enterprise (<http://bit.ly/JjOW9V>) that she took her son Sunday night to buy flowers and a card. Wright says she believes Parkerson expected a more expensive gift, like jewelry.

The couple's two sons were asleep at home during the incident. Both are now with relatives.

Man slain in Waco, hospital-bound vehicle wrecks

WACO, Texas (AP) — Police in Waco say a fight between two groups of people has left one man dead and investigators trying to determine who opened fire.

Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said Tuesday that no one has been arrested.

Police say a man who was shot in the head Monday night was put into a private vehicle headed to a hospital. That vehicle was in a traffic accident and an ambulance ended up being summoned to transport the wounded man. He later died.

Swanton did not release the name of the man who was fatally shot or a possible motive for the fight.

Further details were not immediately released.

Ex-reserve officer

gets prison for drugs

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former reserve law enforcement officer in South Texas who was caught hauling drugs has been sentenced to nearly 13 years in prison.

A federal judge in Brownsville on Monday sentenced 55-year-old Mercedes Perez of Bishop.

A jury in February convicted the ex-reserve officer for the Nueces County Constables Office of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and heroin. Perez also was convicted of possession with intent to distribute cocaine and heroin.

Perez claimed he was driving to a dental appointment in Mexico when he was stopped last October at an international bridge in Brownsville. Officers found nearly 20 pounds of bundled heroin and cocaine in the vehicle.

Injured driver located in runover

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Police say a driver sought after three people were run over during an East Texas fight has been located after seeking medical help.

Tyler police on Tuesday did not immediately disclose charges or how the female driver was hurt during the parking lot brawl.

Investigators say two men and a different woman were seriously injured early Monday in a fight involving nearly a dozen people. Police say a woman driving an SUV ran over the victims before speeding away.

The vehicle was located hours later and the suspect showed up at a Tyler hospital. Her name hasn't been released.

Police are trying to determine what led to the fight that started in a building owned by a motorcycle club.

Texas deputy charged

in deadly hit-and-run resigns

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A veteran West Texas law officer has quit after being accused in a deadly hit-and-run traffic accident while off duty.

Officials say Raymundo Carranza had been an El Paso County Sheriff's deputy for 17 years. Carranza resigned Monday as he faces a charge of accident involving injury or death.

Carranza allegedly was driving his personal vehicle when 26-year-old Richard Lopez was struck and killed Saturday while changing a flat tire.

Investigators say toxicology results are pending for Carranza, who later returned to the scene of the accident and was arrested. He's free on \$25,000 bond.

Information was not immediately available on an attorney for Carranza.

Ailing inmate dies

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — An ailing Central Texas jail inmate awaiting trial over a 2010 killing allegedly linked to a prison-based gang has died.

Hays County authorities say 52-year-old Eloy Davila Jr. of Wimberley had been treated for an undisclosed life-threatening illness. He complained of weakness Sunday, was transported to a hospital and died.

Davila was charged with murder in what prosecutors say was a Mexican Mafia-related slaying. Three other men charged with murder remained in custody Tuesday facing trial in the death of Walter Capello of Lockhart.

Capello's body was found in a pickup when New Braunfels police conducted a traffic stop. Investigators say the victim had been stabbed more than 60 times and his body was wrapped in plastic.

Remains belong to missing boy

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities have identified skeletal remains found in a rural creek near Dallas as

those of a 10-year-old boy allegedly starved to death by his father and stepmother, police and a family member said Monday.

Dallas police said they confirmed with the Dallas County medical examiner that DNA tests have linked the remains to Johnathan Ramsey. The boy's remains were found April 21 in rural Ellis County, south of the city.

The medical examiner declined to comment on the case because the remains were found in another county. However, Starla Swanson, stepmother to Johnathan's mother, confirmed that the family had been informed that a positive identification of Johnathan had been made.

The boy's father and stepmother, Aaron and Elizabeth Ramsey, remain jailed on charges of felony injury to a child. Both are being held on \$500,000 bail. Attorneys for each did not return phone messages seeking comment.

Aaron Ramsey allegedly told police he limited the boy's meals to bread, water and sometimes milk for several months. According to police records, the boy was confined to his bedroom.

RUN

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started in 1989 by a couple of Vietnam veterans who traveled across America on motorcycles, talking to local radio, television, and newspapers about men and women still unaccounted for from war — all wars.

There is a small fee for those who participate in Run For The Wall, and they must pay their

own expenses. Along the way, communities, businesses and private donations help provide some meals and lodging.

In addition to culminating at the wall, the run includes a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, the annual participants' photo at the Lincoln Memorial, and the walk together to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial

During their 10-day journey, riders visit VA medical centers,

veterans' memorials, veterans' outreach facilities, VFW posts, American Legion posts, and community centers and schools along the way. Some communities provide parades, escorts and welcome-home receptions.

Participants range in age from 8 to 80 and include mothers, fathers, grandfathers and grandmothers. Everyone is welcome.

For more information on Run for the Wall, contact McDowell at 432-413-7678.

ROADS

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hope they listen," Barr said. "When a number of counties submit a resolution like this together, it certainly helps, but it's no guarantee the legislature will take any action on it."

In the meantime, commissioners aren't waiting around for the problem to be solved by representatives in the state capitol.

The court took time Monday to discuss the implementation of road use agreements with the oil companies that use the county roadways the most.

"We are looking at several different road use agreements being used by area counties to help pay for road maintenance," Barr said. "This was a way for us to get the discussion and exchange of ideas on the issue started."

According to Barr, the boom in the oilfield is having a negative

impact on many of the county's roads.

"This certainly constitutes abnormal use," Barr said. "The increased traffic on these county roads is taking a very heavy toll and simple property taxes aren't even going to come close to paying for the necessary repairs. We have to look at a way to pay for the maintenance of these roads. One of the agreements we looked at is set when the individual oil company gets a permit to drill in the county."

Barr said the court appears to be on the same page when it comes to the need for a user agreement to help pay for the much-needed

road repairs.

"I feel like everyone on the commissioners court understands this is needed," Barr said. "Everyone seems to be on the same page, so far. Now they have several similar agreements from other counties to look at and draw from, and we can begin to craft our own agreement. The main goal here is to do it right the first time. We want to proceed with caution on the issues, but at the same time, we need to move forward."

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EDITORIAL

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Victorian era welcomes slumming

The Victorian era gave birth to a very unpleasant custom called slumming. Parties of swells in London and New York would descend on impoverished neighborhoods as a form of entertainment. In addition to breaking up the tedium of their posh lives, the adventure made them feel superior.

A much updated version of slumming has been taking place in Manhattan, where Facebook is arranging its initial public offering. This time, though, it's the super-rich visitor, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, who is dressed in rags — his trademark T-shirt and hoodie. The Wall Street investors currying his favor are the ones in expensive business suits.

What Zuckerberg's costume says is: "They need me. I don't need them." Like the tuxedoed waiters scurrying about the four-star restaurants that tech tycoons visit in jeans and baseball caps, Wall Street heavies are merely another kind of servant. Of course, most eyes stay dry at images of investment bankers in the top half of the top 1 percent being dissed by a kid in the top 1 percent of the top 1 percent.

Less appetizing is the con perpetrated on Facebook users. The entire wealth of the enterprise is based on the munchkins'

willingness to surrender their privacy and friends' names to Facebook — data to be packaged a thousand ways and sold to the highest bidder. To use the users, Zuckerberg must get them to trust him, hence the after-school sweats.

Elsewhere on Facebook's upper deck, another founder, Eduardo Saverin, has just renounced his American citizenship, a mere 14 years after the Brazil native obtained it. Saverin denies that he became a citizen of Singapore to avoid the American taxes he'd surely pay after the spectacular stock offering. Funny how no one believes him.

From the annals of ingratitude: Under a kidnapping threat, Saverin's wealthy family left Brazil for the safety of Miami.

Eduardo later attended Harvard. There he met Zuckerberg. Together they created Facebook and grew the company in Menlo Park, Calif. The United States provided Saverin with police protection, schooling, contacts, the fertile tech soil of Silicon Valley and financial markets. Who has been paying for this stuff? The honchos who stay put, for sure, but mostly the 99 percent.

On the corporate level, tech giant Apple has apparently mastered the art of moving profits earned in the United States to foreign tax havens. The magic trick works best in the digital economy, where the source of wealth — royalties, intellectual property, and downloaded songs and software — can't so easily be pinned to any earthbound set of

coordinates. It's much harder to hide the money when your products are tractors or cardboard boxes, or you sell things out of buildings.

Thus, Wal-Mart last year paid taxes at a rate of 24 percent on its worldwide profits. Apple was taxed at a rate of 9.8 percent. Had Apple not routed the dough through certain foreign addresses, its check to the IRS last year would have been \$2.4 billion higher than it was, according to economist Martin A. Sullivan, formerly of the Treasury Department. Nonetheless, Apple's late founder, Steve Jobs, dressed in his trademark jeans and black turtleneck, would complain bitterly about the taxes his company paid.

America educates the mathematicians, engineers and other workers who make these tech successes possible. It guards their glassy corporate facilities and their 7,000-square-foot homes. And the minute some foreigner tries to steal their intellectual property, the companies call on the expensive apparatus in Washington to stop it.

Be prepared for more Silicon slumming by zillionaires in their sweats. They are just happy-go-lucky peasants like the rest of us, so we have to be on their side, right? Wrong.

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Pres. Obama is the extremist; it is not the Conservative talkers

Some conservatives believe that other conservatives, on talk radio and Fox News Channel, are damaging the cause of conservatism by dishonestly overstating their case against President Obama to increase their ratings and profits.

More reasonable Republican politicians, they argue, would like to cooperate with Obama on bipartisan solutions but don't have the power to resist these extremists with the megaphones and so have buckled in lock step to their demands and become the party of "no" and the purveyors of gridlock.

The problem is that the presuppositions underlying those allegations are wrong. There may be some exceptions, but the large majority of leading conservative voices are doing their very best to save this nation from Obama's policies, which they believe are leading to the nation's financial, cultural and national security ruin. Obama is a leftist, very extreme by historical standards. To compromise with his positions would not be in the best interest of the nation but would advance the cause of leftism, so any pressure conservatives can bring to bear on Republican politicians to strongly oppose his agenda is laudable.

I can't conceive of too many situations in which splitting the difference with Obama has advanced or would advance the cause of conservatism or constitutional liberty. We wouldn't reduce our debt, for example, by agreeing to reduce the levels of increases in spending. We couldn't improve the quality, cost and availability of health care by agreeing to more government intervention when we believe in free market solutions. We couldn't prudently agree to a half-measure stimulus package when we believe stimulus spending not only doesn't stimulate the economy but does further

increase the debt. We couldn't agree to some compromise reductions in our nuclear and conventional forces if we believe that even these lesser cuts would jeopardize our national security. We couldn't agree to meet Obama halfway on energy policy by signing on to policies that punish conventional energy only half as much and waste just half as many billions on quixotic green energy debacles.

We can get mired in a semantic argument over whether Obama is a card-carrying communist, a European socialist, an admirer of Hugo Chavez's and Daniel Ortega's or, as he says, a fierce advocate of the free market, but such quibbling is more misleading than the labels themselves.

Perhaps Obama doesn't technically favor ushering in Karl Marx's "dictatorship of the proletariat" en route to the "withering away of the state" and the promised utopia.

But the issue isn't whether Obama subscribes to this or that brand of socialism — Marxism, Trotskyism, Stalinism, Leninism, democratic socialism or whatever. The point is that he's a radical leftist who subscribes to the radical leftist worldview, and many of us believe that if left unchecked, he would go much further than he's gone to undermine our Constitution and our freedom tradition. Considering the degree to which he has thwarted and circumvented the Constitution and the rule of law — and otherwise abused his executive authority during his first term — despite facing re-election in 2012, there is no telling how radical he might become with four more years in lame duck status.

I do think a strong case can be made that he has Marxist leanings and thus believe the term is warranted as a general descriptor. For 20 years, he belonged to a church that emphasized race and materialism more than it did Christian theology. He appointed radical czars, some of whom self-identify as Marxists, and others support Chavez's track record in oppressing media freedom. He constantly de-

monizes the "wealthy," business and "excess profits." He obsesses over redistributing wealth. He seems to subscribe to the Marxist theory of surplus value, believing labor never receives its fair share and often abusing his executive authority to remedy that perceived injustice. He is in favor of ever-increasing government control of business and industry — not just health care — and has a manifest distrust of the market.

Call him what you want, but don't tell me he isn't an extreme leftist by American standards. He might be a moderate in Europe, but not here.

If not for strong conservative voices opposing his radical agenda, he would have gone much further: larger and more stimuli, much greater deficits and debt, even higher percentages of people on the welfare rolls and not paying income taxes, an even more lawless Justice Department, a single-payer health care system, the consummation of the war on conventional energy and further wasteful green energy experiments, a more progressive income tax code, a possible value-added tax, more liberal activist judges, greater unilateral disarmament, further relaxation of border control, more government control over business — and more.

Thank God for conservative talkers and other voices on the right who aren't deterred from doing what is right for fear of being called extremists themselves.

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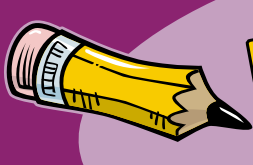


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Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and correct the 11 spelling errors you find. The first one is done for you.



Yeosu Korea Expo 2012

The World Expo, to be held in Korea this year, will offer fascinating exhibits on its theme of marine conservation.



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From May to August this year, Yeosu on the southern coast of South Korea will host a World Exposition, also known as a World Fair, with the theme, **The Living Ocean and Coast**.

How many fish can you find on this page?

Ocean Experience Park

The main pavilion, Ocean Experience Park, is the country's first aquatic ocean structure and sits right in the South Sea. The building is designed to look like an ocean wave.

The Big-O

The Big-O is the centerpiece of the Expo and includes an on-the-sea platform where performances, cultural events and multi-media shows will take place at night. The center of the Big-O becomes a giant water screen where video images will be projected.



At a World Exposition, countries show off their new inventions and major advancements in science and technology. At Expo 2012, more than 100 countries will exhibit and more than 8 million people are expected to visit.

To see much more, visit: www.worldexpo2012.com

So Much to See

At Expo 2012, the Digital Gallery will offer a pedestrian mall of electronic art where visitors can take part using their smartphones.

The Media Whale will feed on text messages. The more messages sent by visitors, the bigger the whale will grow!

The Aquarium will exhibit marine ecosystems from all five oceans and rare marine species including Beluga whales, Baikal sea life and sea dragons.

A Virtual submarine will visit a coral reef.

Marine Resources will examine seawater, sea minerals, tides and off-shore winds.

Other exhibits will explore: The ocean's role in changing the climate; Antarctic blizzards and Arctic glaciers; the melting North Pole; Seaweed development and mudflat ecosystems; an underwater tunnel and an ocean city of the future.

Destruction of marine life, rising water levels, ocean pollution and overfishing are global problems. At the South Korean Expo, countries will share ideas and look for solutions that will allow marine environments to prosper.

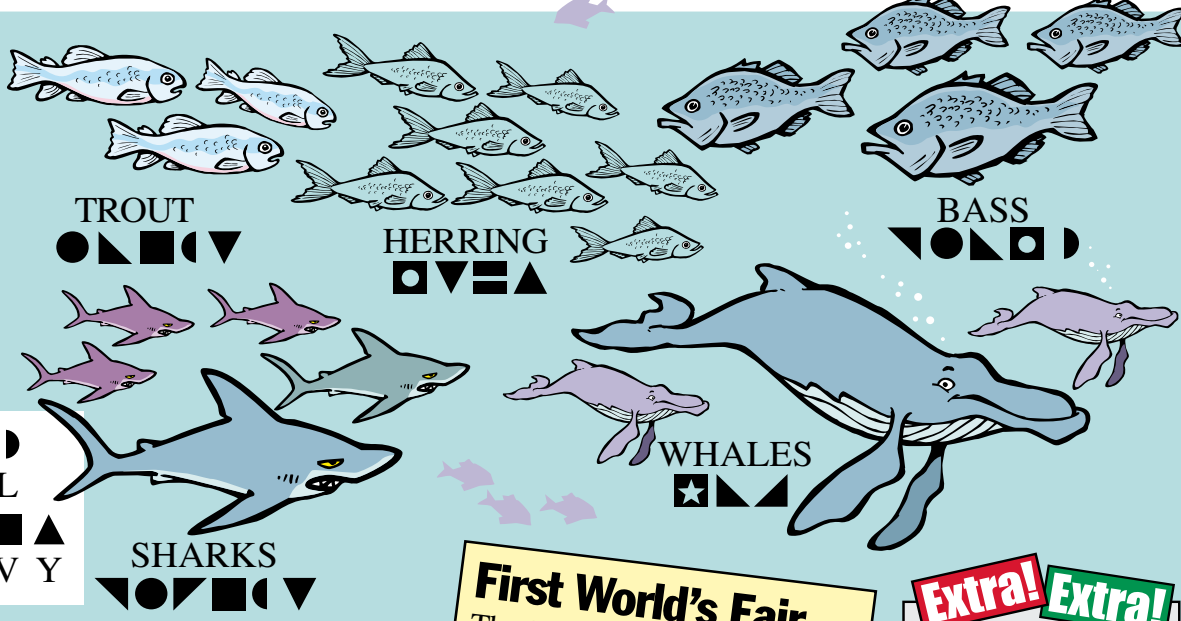
Standards Link: Writing: Use strategies to edit written work.

Kid Scoop-doku
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word KOREA in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Too Cool for Schools

You've probably heard of the term a school of fish. But some groups of underwater animals are not called schools. Use the code to find out what each group of these animals is called.



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Invention Showcase

Technology is a big part of Expo 2012. Through the years, inventions have been showcased at world's fairs and expos. Do the math to discover the year each of these things were shown at a world's fair.

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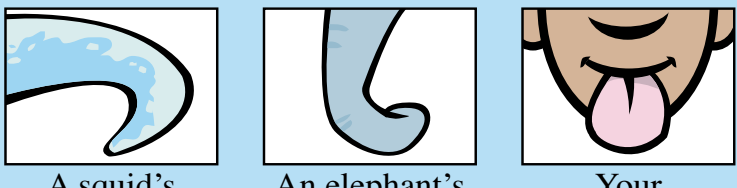
Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums.

First World's Fair
The first World's Fair or Expo, an idea suggested by Prince Albert, took place in London in 1851. The highlight of that fair was the steam engine.

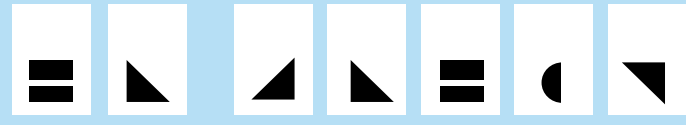
Extra! Extra! Homonym Hunt
Homonyms are words that sound the same but mean different things. Words like see and sea, or sun and son. Look through the newspaper and find as many homonyms as you can.
Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand that words that sound the same have different meanings and spellings.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What do these things have in common?



A squid's tentacle An elephant's trunk Your tongue



Use the code to find out!

SECRET CODE:

A B E H I L N O P R S V

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- INVENTION
- PLATFORM
- PAVILION
- ACQUATIC
- CULTURAL
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Ocean Exhibit

If you were asked to create an exhibition about the ocean, what would you make? What information about oceans would you include? Look through the newspaper for ideas.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Use a variety of materials to express ideas.

Why do fish live in salt water?

ANSWER: Because pepper water makes them sneeze.

Write On!

Anywhere in the World

If you could visit any country, where would you go and why? Write about what you would like to see and do in that country.

Bird Poop: A screech owl

Our wait was brief. Not five minutes after our arrival at the deserted filling station in Stanton, an older model compact car arrived.



BEBE McCASLAND

One of the two men inside had called earlier. Their camping and fishing trip to Lake Ivie had been interrupted by a May thunderstorm the previous night. As winds increased in velocity, strong gusts shook their tent repeatedly.

Then rain and hail pummeled their protective canopy. Bright flashes of lightening, followed by deafening claps of thunder, finally became subdued in their journey to the northeast.

Although huddled in the middle of the tent, the men had not escaped the deluge that soaked some of their belongings. Straightening bedding, they managed to find a few dry spots for the remainder of the night.

Unable to fall asleep after such an experience, one of the men felt a small lump next to his waist as he started to roll over for another attempt at rest. With his fingers he traced an outline of whatever it was underneath his bedding.

Alerting his partner, he asked for a flashlight. Slowly pulling back an old, frayed sheet exposed a small gray bird, with bright yellow eyes. Its stare was riveting.

Realizing it was as soaked as some of their clothes and possessions prompted one of them to pick it up while the other reached for a towel. Drenched, the little being seemed stupefied by the storm and suddenly being discovered.

By holding the bird inside the towel, one man managed to absorb some of the moisture from its matted feathers. Having brought an old plastic milk case for a campstool, the other man then placed the bedraggled being underneath it for the remainder of the night.

Once home in Midland, they called

enough friends and governmental entities until they found us. "If we'd known you were on the way home, we could have delivered it. Still can!"

Since they had already had a long drive, we offered to meet them in Stanton. Backtracking, they were glad to find someone who could care for the bird.

As the car's driver opened his door, we marveled at how the tall, lean man had managed to get his long legs inside. Sticking out on either side of the steering wheel, the man's knees were almost in his lap.

On the other side, the passenger's huge hulk had barely left enough room to close the door. As he extracted himself from the car, he rose to a height and width that dwarfed both Art and me.

In his lap had rested the improvised milk carrier and its passenger. Gently, he raised the towel and gave us our first glimpse at what we thought was an eastern screech-owl.

With mottled gray wing feathers and heavily streaked chest and belly, it resembled an upright chunk of tree bark. Accents included white spots on its shoulders, a dark facial rim, a bill with a greenish hue, and ear tufts that could be upright or almost hidden.

A quick examination showed no injuries. During its nocturnal hunt for rodents and insects, the owl had been caught out in the storm. A rapid descent to the ground had afforded it an opportunity to seek cover inside their tent.

"Which of you almost rolled over on the owl?" I asked. "I did," offered the larger of the two. Relieved that he had found it in time, we could all imagine what the outcome might have been.

Wanting to verify the owl's identification, we told the men it would spend a few days in rehab before being released. Although birds stray outside of man's defined spaces, we felt research could benefit the little raptor.

When we had received a screech-owl several years earlier, we had found information that indicated the eastern specie, on a map, is to the right of



wild birds.

the Devil's River. An imaginary line, northward to Canada, meant nearly every state east could provide the essential forests, rivers, and lakes for a familiar habitat. To the left of that line, the western version could be found in Big Bend, up through New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, all the way to the west coast and up into western Canada.

Placed in a mew after a thorough examination, the owl displayed its flight ability. An ornithologist gave a positive identification of the eastern variety. Since coloration could be influenced by geographic location, suggestions were made as to proper release sites.

When word came that the eastern screech-owl had been returned to nature, we notified the men of its success. Their exuberant enthusiasm was contagious. Freedom for the 6 oz. bundle of feathers had come due to the kindness of the lankiest and the largest of individuals we ever met.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate

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ANSWERS

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Hawks lose 8-0 to Cisco, face Grayson in rematch



Howard College's Paul Hendrix tags a Cisco College runner out at second during Monday's 8-0 loss in the Region 5 tournament in Lubbock. The Hawks opened regional play with a 12-2 win over Hill College then defeated Grayson College in the second round by a score of 11-1. Yesterday's loss put the Hawks in the elimination bracket where they will play Grayson once again. The first pitch is slated for 1 p.m. in Lubbock.

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Rangers' offense struggles in 3-1 loss to Kansas City

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington had no explanation for why left-hander Bruce Chen was so effective against his lineup.

"If I knew, we'd have swung the bat a lot better," he said. "We really only smoked one ball."

Nelson Cruz hit a massive homer, but that was all the Rangers managed in a 3-1 loss to the Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Josh Hamilton extended his hitting streak to 14 games with a single, but that was the only hit for the Rangers slugger coming off a week when he had nine home runs and 18 RBIs over a seven-game span to be named AL player of the week.

Hamilton even lost the grip of two bats that flew into the stands swinging at pitches from Chen (2-4). During this incredible streak last week, Hamilton hit eight of his nine homers — including all in his four-homer game — with the same bat before it cracked Sunday night. But he never lost the grip on that one against a series of other pitchers.

"I think Bruce Chen faced Josh Hamilton about as good as you can face him," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "Two souvenirs in the stands."

Nobody was appeared to be hurt by the flying bats from Hamilton, who is hitting .400 and leads the majors with 18

homers and 44 RBIs.

"That was a great win right there. Bruce was just superb," Young said. "He made one mistake, and the pitch wasn't that bad a pitch, but it was a 2-0 cutter right into Cruz's hot zone. Besides that, he was spectacular."

Cruz homered for the second night in a row, pulling a ball an estimated 416 feet into the second deck of seats in left field in the fourth. That was only the 17th homer hit there in the 18-year-old Rangers Ballpark. But he struck out his other three at-bats.

Other than that blast, Texas had only six singles a night after 19 hits in a 13-6 win over the Los Angeles Angels. Elvis Andrus extended his majors-best on-base streak to 32 games in a row with an infield single in the seventh.

Chen struck out seven, walked two and allowed only five hits over 6 2-3 innings.

"Mixing it up. Hard, soft, in, out," Michael Young said. "No patterns, just throwing anything in any count."

Scott Feldman (0-1) allowed two unearned runs over 4 2-3 innings in his second spot start this season.

"He certainly gave us a lot more than we expected," Washington said. "Unfortunately, the guy who made the mistake is one who doesn't make many."

Feldman gave up three hits, the last

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Harrell, Astros frustrated by Philadelphia on road

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Lucas Harrell felt as though he had his best stuff. It just wasn't good enough to defeat Joe Blanton and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Blanton pitched seven-plus strong innings and Placido Polanco homered for his 2,000th career hit to lead the Phillies to a 5-1 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Harrell left after allowing three runs — two earned — on five hits in 5 2/3 innings, with three strikeouts and two walks.

"He pitched great," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "He kept us close. He did a really good job. He's very competitive and he wants to be out there and he will be out there."

The right-hander was noticeably upset when he left the field and in the dugout.

"I was pretty frustrated," Harrell said. "That's the best I've thrown the ball all year, hands down. I had good location and thought everything was really working tonight. I'm out there competing and the guys are competing, too. I had some frustration built up."

The Phillies could have added to the advantage, but stranded the bases loaded on Juan Pierre's ground-out.

Philadelphia went up 3-0 in the sixth on Carlos Ruiz's single to left that scored Shane Victorino, who opened the game with a triple, and

Galvis' opposite-field single. Galvis' hit came off Wilton Lopez, who relieved Harrell.

Rather than walk Galvis and load the bases for Blanton, Mills elected to pitch to Galvis. And the rookie who is filling in for injured All-Star Chase Utley (knee) at second base, made Houston pay with an opposite-field liner that scored Polanco.

The three-run margin was too much to overcome for the Astros, who managed just seven hits off four Phillies pitchers.

"Early in the year, we talked about runners in scoring position," Mills said. "Now we're talking about getting guys on base."

Marwin Gonzalez, pinch hitter to lead off the eighth, hit his first major league homer for the Astros' lone run.

Carlos Lee went 3 for 4 for Houston, which has lost six of eight after a season-best five-game winning streak. Lee, who recorded all three hits off Blanton, now is 9 for 18 lifetime against the Philadelphia pitcher.

But the Astros couldn't do much else against Blanton (4-3), who allowed six hits and one run, struck out seven and walked one while pitching in a steady light rain throughout. The right-hander continued his solid recent stretch, improving to 3-0 with a 2.10 ERA in his last four starts.

NFL, NCAA support youth helmet program

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL, its players' union and the NCAA are donating money to provide new helmets to youth football players in low-income communities.

They've joined with the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) to commit a total of about \$1 million to an initiative started by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The program, announced Tuesday, will remove helmets that are at least 10 years old and replace them with new models while providing safety education to coaches.

It is expected to distribute 13,000 new helmets this year starting in July.

The pilot program

will take place in four communities: the Bay Area, the Gulf Coast region, northern Ohio and greater New York City.

As of this year, National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association (NAERA) members will no longer recondition or recertify any helmet that is at least 10 years old. CPSC Chair Inez Tenenbaum says research shows older helmets don't offer the same protection.

NOCSAE will use the old helmets for research.

USA Football will administer the program, which is also supported by NAERA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association. Rawlings, Riddell, Schutt and Xenith are providing discounted helmets.



Courtesy photo

The Permian Basin Men's Travel Bowling League held its last day of competition at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama recently. Placing first was the team consisting of (from left) EK Quinn, Robert Leonhart, Phillip Leonhart, Claud Fryar (League Secretary), Mike Redman, Ken Ratke and David Gutierrez (League President).

Geno: Griner had 'pretty good' chance at U.S. team

DALLAS (AP) — Brittney Griner could have added an Olympic medal to her NCAA title.

The Baylor star's chances of making the U.S. team for this summer's London Olympics were "pretty good" before she withdrew from consideration last month, U.S. coach Geno Auriemma said Monday. Griner cited an unspecified family illness and her summer school schedule, and later broke her right wrist in a longboard accident.

"She's kind of unique. There aren't very many players in America — or anywhere in the world, for that matter — that have that combination of skills that she has at that size," Auriemma said during a news conference at the U.S. Olympic Committee media summit. "Had she not taken herself out ...

I would say her chances were pretty good."

The last spot on the 12-woman U.S. roster was later filled by Asjha Jones.

A 6-foot-8 center, Griner is a two-time All-American who was The Associated Press Player of the year this past season when the undefeated Lady Bears won the national championship and became the first 40-win team in NCAA history. In her three seasons at Baylor, Griner has averaged 21.6 points and 8.6 rebounds with a Big 12-record 594 blocked shots. She is the first NCAA player with 2,000 career points and 500 blocked shots.

"What Brittney has done the last three years at Baylor is so spectacular she's made herself synonymous with college basketball right now," Auriemma said.

Talk of elusive Triple Crown surrounds Hamilton

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The numbers for Josh Hamilton are just mind-boggling.

After the Texas Rangers slugger had maybe the best week ever in baseball, there will be talk about the single-season home run record. Maybe even the Triple Crown, something as rare as his four-homer game.

Hamilton led the majors with a .402 batting average, 18 home runs and 44 RBIs entering Monday's games.

"He's a tremendous talent, nobody has ever doubted it," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "When you see him put it together the way he has here, some guys get hot and some guys do what he's doing."

Hamilton put together an incredible seven-game span when he was 14 of 30 (.467) with two doubles, nine homers and 18 RBIs. His big week was capped by an RBI single in the seventh inning Sunday night in a 13-6 win over the Los Angeles Angels. He had a two-run double with a pink bat for Mother's Day earlier in the game, but in that last plate appearance cracked the bat he had used to hit eight

of his last nine homers.

Instead of the scrap pile, the record-setting bat is headed to the Hall of Fame. That is after fans attending Monday night's game had a chance to pose for pictures with it.

"Honestly, I don't even think about it at all until I see somebody and they remind me of it, or I talk to (media) about it," Hamilton said of his run. "I said after (the four-homer game), dealing with the historic part and talking to everybody, that it was over with. ... That's the only approach I have every day when I get here: do my work and try to have a good game."

The slugger, who can be a free agent for the first time after this season, became only the 16th major leaguer with that four-homer game last Tuesday at Baltimore. To put the rarity into perspective, there have been 21 perfect games.

Hamilton also homered in two other games in Baltimore. When Texas returned home to play the Angels, he had a two-homer game Friday night and went deep again Saturday. Frank Howard and Shawn Green are

the only other players with nine homers in a six-game span.

"There are not many guys I've seen over the first 20 percent of the season who have swung the bat just with the consistency he has," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "I'm sure he's gone on stretches where he's hit like that. ... But where he is, he's locked in."

What Hamilton isn't getting caught up in are the numbers. Or the possible pursuit of Barry Bonds' 73 homers in 2001 or being baseball's first Triple Crown winner since Carl Yastrzemski became the 15th player to do it in 1967.

If he was able to stay on this unbelievable pace all year, Hamilton could have more than 80 homers and 200 RBIs.

"I say we just take in what he's doing now and enjoy the ride," said Michael Young, the longest-tenured Ranger in his 12th season.

Hamilton led the American League with 130 RBIs in 2008, his first season with the Rangers. He led the league with a .359 average in 2010, when he was the AL MVP.

Angels' OF Hunter's son arrested in Texas

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Torii Hunter was placed on the Los Angeles Angels' restricted list Monday after his teenage son was arrested in Texas.

The town of Prosper, Texas, issued a news release announcing 17-year-old Darius McClinton-Hunter of neighboring McKinney, Texas, was arrested Monday in a sexual assault case. The release said Prosper police made five arrests after a monthlong investigation of sexual assault of a child, a second-degree felony.

Prosper police spokesman Celso Martinez confirmed McClinton-Hunter is Torii Hunter's son. Hunter's family lives in Prosper, a suburb north of Dallas that's home to several prominent athletes including Deion Sanders and Hunter's teammate, reliever LaTroy Hawkins.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia said Hunter has left the team, but refused to say how long Hunter will be away from the club.

"It's a personal matter," Scioscia said. "We're going to go day-to-day, and we'll just see where it is. That's all I'm going to say."

Darius Hunter is one of Torii

Hunter's three sons who played on the Prosper High football team last season.

All three sons, including Torii Jr. and Monshadrik "Money" Hunter, are considered Division I football prospects, with Torii Jr. considering Stanford and Darius Hunter interested in playing at Oregon, according to his father. Darius Hunter, a receiver last season, reportedly attracted interest and scholarship offers from Texas Tech, SMU and West Virginia, among others.

Hunter flew back to California with the Angels on Sunday night from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where they faced the Rangers last weekend. But Hunter left Angel Stadium several hours before Monday's game against the Oakland Athletics.

"This is very tough for a father," Hunter tweeted after leaving Angel Stadium. "Thanks for ur prayers and support. Be Blessed everyone."

Hunter sat out Sunday's game, but would have been in the Angels' lineup Monday night, Scioscia said. Mark Trumbo took Hunter's spot in right field for

the second straight night.

The 36-year-old Hunter is a four-time All-Star, a nine-time Gold Glove winner and the Angels' clubhouse leader and unofficial captain. He's batting .256 with five homers and 15 RBIs this season, but has been in a slump with just two hits in 31 at-bats over Los Angeles' previous nine games before Sunday, including an 0-for-20 skid.

The Angels called up Ryan Langerhans to replace Hunter on the roster, but Trumbo and Peter Bourjos are likely to absorb most of Hunter's playing time.

Trumbo has played several positions since Albert Pujols took his spot at first base, but the second-year pro still leads the Angels with six homers and 16 RBIs despite playing in just 26 of their 35 games.

The speedy Bourjos usually has been left out of the Angels' lineup in recent days, making just three starts since April 29 after beginning the season as Los Angeles' starting center fielder. He was on the bench again Monday, with heralded prospect Mike Trout again playing in center.

RANGERS

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a two-run single by No. 9 hitter Alicides Escobar right after third baseman Adrian Beltre's two-out throwing error in the fifth.

Jeff Francoeur led off the fifth with a single before Chris Getz, robbed of a hit two innings earlier when Beltre made a backhanded grab of a scorching liner, hit a two-out hopper to third. Beltre had plenty of time, but threw the ball wide of first base.

"I just pulled it," Beltre explained about his second error of the season.

Getz then stole second base before Escobar's liner up the middle made it 2-1. Center fielder Craig Gentry made a diving play on the ball, but trapped it on one hop.

Rookie left-hander Robbie Ross relieved Feldman and got Jarrod Dyson on an inning-ending called third strike. Ross struck out two in his 2 1-3 innings.

Jonathan Broxton worked the ninth for his eighth save in nine chances for the Royals, who have won 11 of 17 since their 12-game losing streak in April.

Francoeur, part of the Rangers' first World Series team in 2010, had a leadoff walk in the seventh and scored when Pena grounded into a double play.

Like Hamilton, Cruz

had 14 hits the previous seven games. But Cruz only had one homer in that span, a grand slam against the Angels that ended his 23-game homerless streak.

Texas needed a spot starter after a rainout last week in Baltimore pushed Colby Lewis back to Thursday. Lewis (3-2) will pitch on his regular rest Tuesday night against the Royals.

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By Steve Becker

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 ♥ 10 7 3
 ♦ A J 6 5 3
 ♣ 6 2

WEST
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ K J 9 8
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ Q J 10 8 3

EAST
 ♠ 9 8 5 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K Q 10 9
 ♣ 9 7 5 4

SOUTH
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 ♥ A Q 6 5 2
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Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Many hands provide potential pitfalls for declarer. The difficult part is to spot them at the outset of play, and then to take whatever steps are necessary to deal with them should they happen to occur.

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His first order of business is to count his losers. He sees he has no spade or club losers, and that he must lose a diamond, come what may. He can therefore afford to lose one or two trump tricks, but not three.

So, to maximize his chances, he cashes the ace of trumps at trick two and then leads the deuce of trumps toward dummy's 10-7. This guards against either defender having started with K-J-9-x.

West can do no better than win with the jack — on which East shows out — and return the eight of diamonds. Again declarer must play carefully. West is unlikely to have a singleton diamond; he is far more likely to have at least two cards in the suit. Accordingly, South ducks the diamond eight at trick four.

East wins with the nine and returns the king of diamonds. South wins with dummy's ace and plays the ten of trumps. West takes his king, but the battle is over. Whatever he returns, declarer draws West's last trump with the queen as soon as possible and makes the contract.

Note that if declarer relies on an early heart finesse by leading a heart from dummy to his queen, and plays the ace of hearts after he regains the lead, he loses three trump tricks and goes down one. Note also that if declarer wins West's diamond shift with the ace at trick four, he also loses three trump tricks and goes down one against best defense. It's a simple hand, really, but declarer must tread cautiously.

Tomorrow: The vanishing trick.
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Exercise can be anything you want it to be. There are many reasons why you'll feel the need to get moving, the least of which is to burn calories. You'll actually think better when you're in motion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not in a very ambitious mood, and you feel happier because of this. One small goal is all you presently need. After a while, all of your small goals will add up to a big

Tomorrow's Horoscope

accomplishment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The act that will heal you isn't complicated or expensive. It's not a grand life event or a sweeping gesture. The act that will heal you is as simple, small and free as laughter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Reading about life in books isn't the same as getting actual experience. Also, you're likely to be misled by the one who spreads hearsay. So seek counsel instead from the one with personal experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Moods are what happen when feelings multiply. Because moods are more pervasive than feelings, they are more powerful. So pick a good one; stay cheerful and amused.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a sense of urgency that may feel like unwelcome pressure, but it doesn't have to be experienced as such. Urgency can be your ally

-- a dynamic energy that motivates you to greatness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're constantly meeting new people, and today will be no exception. Choosing the right person to further your interests will be a matter of intuition. Credentials mean less than your gut reaction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your creativity is boundless. That's why you don't mind setting a few limitations in order to home in on your work. Ideally, what you produce will be both novel and useful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll do something for the intrinsic reward of doing it. Then something interesting happens: More rewards come forth, the likes of which you wouldn't have expected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The events of the day will have a way of refreshing your joy.

Wherever you find a kernel of happiness, nurture it by repeating the formula that led to your good feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you haven't accomplished what you wanted to accomplish, it's no cause for alarm or self-imposed punishment. Instead, it's a cause for compassion and for trying again.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (May 15). Your excitement about this new phase of life will grow as you recognize the benefits of being your age. There are things you couldn't do before that you can do now. Your talent will be showcased in June and again in October, and each time your performance will lead to a raise. Many want you on their team in July. Pisces and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 12, 48, 4 and 23.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 36845

APPLICATION Alon USA, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 36845, which would convert the existing authorization for modification to the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery located at 200 Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720 from an air quality flexible permit (Air Quality Flexible Permit No. 36845) issued under 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 116, Subchapter G to an air quality permit issued under 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 116, Subchapter B. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.269444&lng=-101.421388&z=13&type=r>

The facility will emit the following contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, organic compounds and hydrogen sulfide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 2, 2012. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's

decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applica-

ble comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at

www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html,

or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Alon USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1311 or by calling Mr. Dave Maher, EHSS Manager at (432)263-9202.

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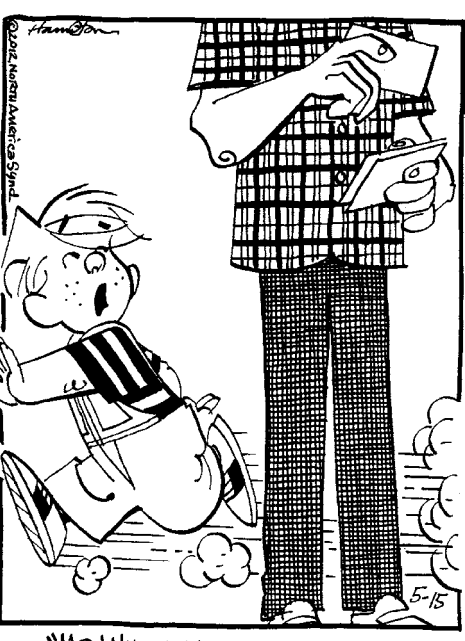
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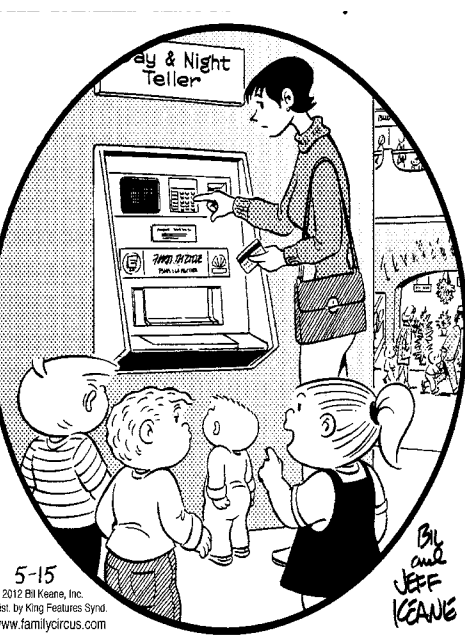
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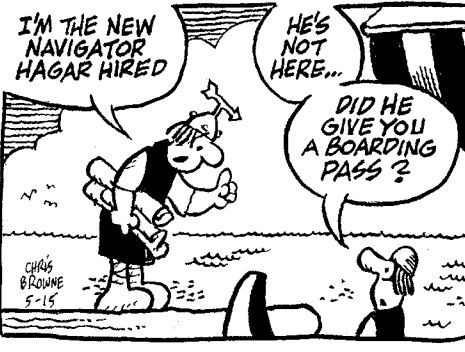
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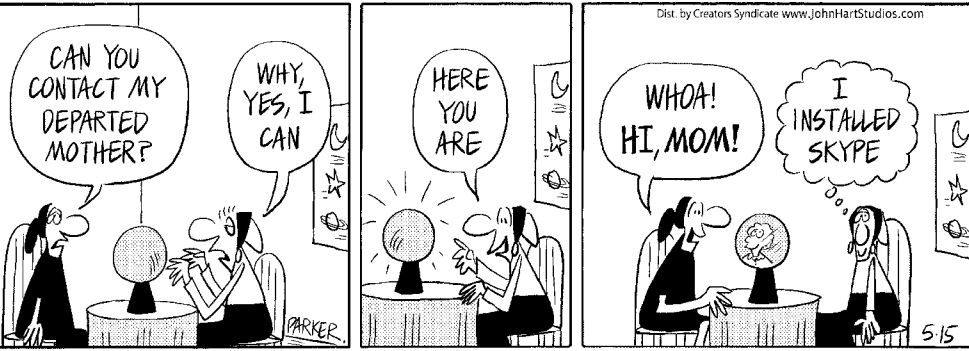
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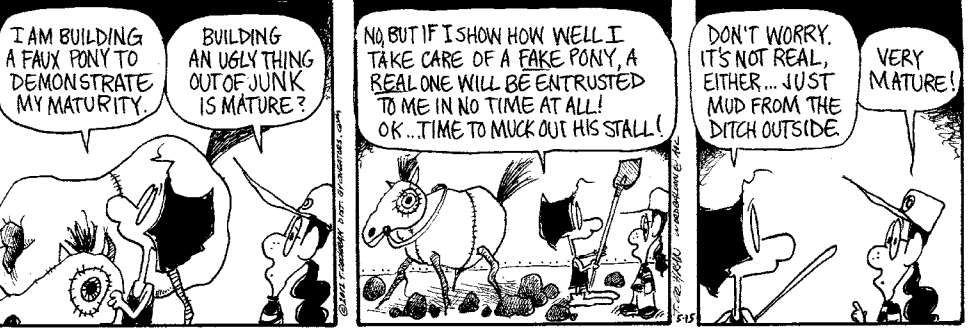
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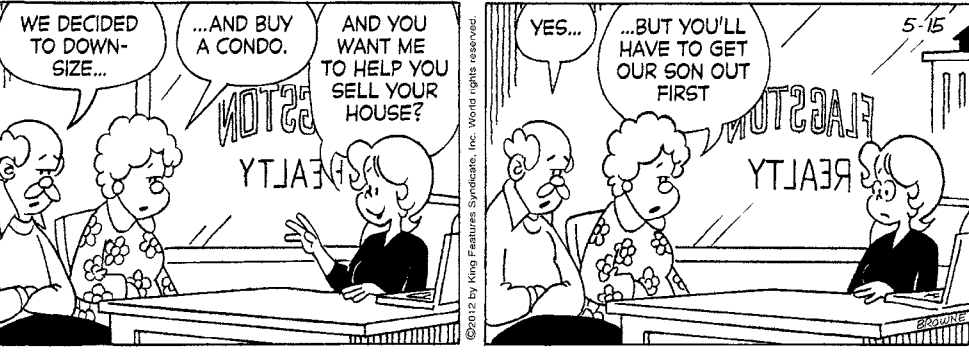
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Today's Highlight in History:

On May 15, 1972, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot and left paralyzed by Arthur H. Bremer while campaigning in Laurel, Md., for the Democratic presidential nomination. (Wallace died in 1998; Bremer was released from prison in November 2007 after serving 35 years of a 53-year sentence for attempted murder.)

On this date:

In 1602, English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold and his ship, the Concord, arrived at present-day Cape Cod, which he's credited with naming.

In 1776, Virginia endorsed American independence from Britain.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture. Austrian author and playwright Arthur

Schnitzler was born in Vienna.

In 1911, the Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil Co. was a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act, and ordered its breakup.

In 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport (a forerunner of United Airlines).

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, whose members came to be known as WACs. Wartime gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 Eastern states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for non-essential vehicles.

In 1963, astronaut L. Gordon Cooper blasted off aboard Faith 7 on the final mission of the Project Mercury space program.

In 1970, just after midnight, Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two black students at Jackson State College in Mississippi, were killed as police opened fire during student protests.

In 1972, the United States returned the prefecture of

Okinawa to Japanese administration.

In 1975, U.S. forces invaded the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and recaptured the American merchant ship Mayaguez. (All 40 crew members had already been released safely by Cambodia; some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in the operation.)

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan told a gathering of out-of-town reporters at the White House he did not consider himself "mortally wounded" by the Iran-Contra affair. (The president got to relive his radio-announcer days when he complied with a reporter's request to read aloud a promo for Nashville station WSM.)

Answer to previous puzzle

TAPS	TRAMS	RINK
AREA	RANON	ATON
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Couple
 - 5 Poses a question
 - 9 Pub game
 - 14 Up to the job
 - 15 ___ gin fizz
 - 16 Creative thoughts
 - 17 Opinion survey
 - 18 Elaborate fake
 - 19 Major happening
 - 20 On hand
 - 22 Chitchats
 - 23 "Irish" dog
 - 24 Colorado ski resort
 - 26 Hot tub
 - 28 Painter or sculptor
 - 32 Oven gloves
 - 36 Little tykes
 - 39 Opera solo
 - 40 Neighborhood
 - 41 Something extra
 - 42 Earring metal
 - 43 Otter relative
 - 44 Prayer conclusion
 - 45 Dollar fractions
 - 46 Evaluate
 - 48 Prior to now
 - 50 Had a meal at home
 - 53 Refuse to compromise
 - 58 Run out, as a subscription
 - 61 Throw in one's hand
 - 63 Hawaiian greeting
- DOWN**
- 64 Desertlike
 - 65 Suits to ___ (is just right)
 - 66 Got to one's feet
 - 67 Castaway's spot
 - 68 Hourly charge
 - 69 Real pushover
 - 70 Doe or stag
 - 71 Swelled heads
- ACROSS**
- 9 Calorie counter
 - 10 Upper hand
 - 11 Fishing-line holder
 - 12 Aquarium
 - 13 Former fast jets: Abbr.
 - 21 Not as much
 - 25 Football throw
 - 27 Molecule part
 - 29 Metal in barbells
 - 30 River sediment
 - 31 Smidgens
 - 32 Cry from the crib
 - 33 Colored eye part
 - 34 Change for a \$20 bill
 - 35 Try one's hand
 - 37 Early afternoon
- DOWN**
- 38 Sandwich fish
 - 41 Military outpost
 - 45 Party hat shape
 - 47 Unwavering
 - 49 Steel support beam
 - 51 "To repeat . . ."
 - 52 Hospital employee
 - 54 Catch in a trap
 - 55 Luggage attachment
 - 56 Take care of
 - 57 Genealogy charts
 - 58 Scottish miss
 - 59 Voice below soprano
 - 60 "It just disappeared!"
 - 62 Make angry

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