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**HERALD Photos/Thomas Jenkins** Above (clockwise), local Vietnam veteran Don Boling places a wreath during Monday's Memorial Day Ceremony at Trinity Memorial Park; Vietnam Memorial Committee member Jerry Groves, right, joins a local Gold Star Mother and family members during a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial; and members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Honor Guard prepare to post the colors during the Trinity ceremony.

# **Stolen credit card, cell leads** to missing mom, daughter

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Snyder mother and daughter reported missing Wednesday from Colorado City were

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located safely Saturday near the Houston area, according to law enforcement officials.

Brittany Hill, 23, and her 2-year-old daughter, Khloe Wheeler, were reported missing Wednesday afternoon to law enforcement in Colorado City while the pair were visiting family members in the

Wednesday's report also set off a search for Hill's boyfriend, 21-year-old Rosendo Gonzales, who, according to a statement issued by Colorado City Police Chief Roy Owens, has a violent history with the Snyder woman. According to police reports,

Hill was recently treated for a concussion and split lip requiring nearly a half-dozen stitches at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder, apparently after being assaulted by



Gonzales. It's unclear at this time what charges — if any – are pending against Gonzales for the alleged attack. Police said the cause of injuries were not reported as being from an assault to hospital staff, but as injuries related to falling.

Owens went on to add that in addition to their violent past, both Hill and Gonzales both have a history of drug abuse.

Law enforcement caught a break in the case Saturday morning when an informant reported to police Hill had stolen a credit card from them, at which time investigators began tracking the use of the The card led investigators

to the Galveston, Texas, area where law enforcement officials tracked a transaction, according to Owens. Monitoring of Hill's cell phone also turned up clues as to the pair's whereabouts, as cell phone tower pings showed the Snyder woman traveling north on Interstate Highway 45, toward the Dallas area.

Shortly after the cell phone

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# Voting in primaries ends today

Don't forget to vote today in the party primary elections. Polls opened at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m.

Polls are in the following locations:

- Precincts 11-14 (including 12A), 16, 103 and 104 vote at the County Road and Bridge Office, located at 1000 N. San Antonio.
- Precincts 24-26, 205 and 208 vote at the Big Spring Mall, located at 1801 E. FM 700.
  - Precincts 207 and 207C vote at the Coahoma Community
- Center, located at 306 North Avenue in Coahoma. Precincts 32-35 and 304 vote at First Baptist Church, located at 705 W. FM 700.
- Precincts 42, 45-46 and 404-405 vote at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Precincts 408-409 vote at First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, located at 8517 N. Service Rd. in Sand Springs.

# **Sunday fire destroys Big Spring residence**

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Local fire officials say a

blaze consumed a number of out-buildings and a home near the intersection of Valley and First Street Sunday

afternoon. The cause of the fire is still under investiga-According to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, the fire was reported shortly after 3 p.m. when the home's

single occupant at that time smelled smoke.

"The fire was first report-

ed to dispatch at 3:12 p.m. and firefighters were on the scene at 3:17 p.m.," Condray said. "The home was occupied by a family, but only one person was home at that time. According to reports, he smelled smoke and went to investigate, which is when he discovered the fire."

Condray said the occupant called 911, with calls also coming in from nearby homeowners and residents.

"When firefighters arrived on the scene the house was

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# Gwendolyn Kay Sheehan Oliver



AMARILLO — Gwendolyn Kay Sheehan Oliver, 90, of Amarillo, passed away Thursday, May 24, 2012. Funeral services were held Monday, May 28, 2012, at Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Pioneer Chapel with Pastor Jerry Davey officiating. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo.

Gwen was born Nov. 20, 1921, in New Castle, Texas, to Harry Curran and Maude Burdick Sheehan. As a child, she moved to Eastland County, Texas. She graduated from Pioneer

High School. Gwen married William H. Oliver on March 5, 1954. She was a member of the Episcopal Church,

# **Obituaries**

a Lady Shriner and belonged to the Garden Club in Temple, Texas. She and Bill made their home in many exciting cities across the south before retiring to their home on Lake Buchanan.

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Texas At A Glance

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LaDell Musgrove, 73, of Big Spring, died Tues-

day, May 29, 2012, at her residence. Her services are

pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

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• JOSE PEDRO BARRERA, 20, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Saturday

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Bill and Gwen shared a wonderful life. They enjoyed entertaining friends and family, dancing, music, traveling, Las Vegas, fishing and dominos. Gwen moved to Amarillo, in 2009, where she made many more wonderful friends at Potter House and The Clairmont. Gwen was preceded in death by her husband in 2006. She is survived by her two sisters, Nedra Hunnicutt of Channing and Betty Johnson of San Angelo, as well as many loving nieces and nephews and life-long friends.

The family would like to thank Interim Hospice and caregivers, Neeley and Colby for all the care and kindness shown to Gwen.

The family suggest memorials be sent to a favor-

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# Frances Yvonne 'Frankie' Herron



Frances Yvonne "Frankie" Herron, 77, passed away unexpectedly May 26, 2012, in Fort Worth. Frankie was born in Martin County, Texas, Nov. 4, 1934, to Clyde and Verda Geurin, and graduated from Stanton High School. She met Carl Herron in 1953 at a youth rally at Prairie View Baptist Church in Big Spring. Carl fell in love with her as soon as she walked in the door, telling his friends, "I'm go-

ing to marry that girl." They were married Dec.

She was a homemaker, but also worked a few years as a secretary for the Department of Defense. She and Carl lived in Big Spring for most of their married life except for a few years in Indiana, Fort Worth and Midwest City, Okla. She was a long-time member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Frankie was known as a wonderful cook and had

a great sense of humor. She was a devoted mom and was blessed with a joyful marriage. She was deeply loved and will be missed.

Frankie is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Carl; and her children, Kevin of Round Rock, Marty and his wife Suzanne of Fort Worth and Cindy and her partner Thayer of Austin. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ashleigh of Fort Worth, Brandon and his wife Michelle of Melissa, and Kaylee of Round Rock; and one sister, Marjorie Schultz of Sand Springs.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Bert Dickerson officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family suggests memorials to Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, 1512 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to the American Diabetes Association, Texas Affiliate, Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

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

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# Police blotter

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

- JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN, 22, of 1607 S. Main St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication. • JULIO DIAZ BALCAZAR, 29, of 1202 Harding
- St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public in-• HECTOR DUENEZ MARTINEZ, 40, of 1604 Vir-
- ginia, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public
- PUENEZ BALTAZAR MARTINEZ, 51, of 203 Third St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SAUNDRA JO GARRARD, 37, of 1502 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- DANA RACHELLE LOCKHART, 28, of 1012 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- VICTOR CLAUDE NOEL, 49, of 1817 N. FM 700, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated/second.
- LUIS RIOS III, 28, of 1322 Madison St., was arrested Sunday on a warrant for assault: family violence threat or offensive touch and fail to appear.
- EARL PERRY HANKE, 54, of 704 Borden Rd., was arrested Sunday on a warrant for failed to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license
- JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR., 32, of 1509 Statdium was arrested Monday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- In the 1600 block of Canary Street. In the area of a half-mile out on 176.
- In the 1100 block of Richie Road. • ASSAULT was reported:
- In the 100 block of N. Goliad.
- In the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- In the 400 block of Trades Avenue.
- THEFT was reported: In the 2100 block of S. Gregg Street.
- In the 1600 block of Mesquite Street. In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- In the 4800 block of W. Hwy 80.
- BURGLARY OF A COIN OPERATED MACHINE was reported in the 900 block of S. Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in
- the 1500 block of Mesquite.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford Avenue.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the

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following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report. CHRISTOPHER SALAZAR, 24, was transferred

- by BSPD to the county detention center Friday on sentencing for possession of marijuana greater than two ounces. • ALBERT SMITH JR., 39, was transferred by
- BSPD to the county detention center Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, resist arrest/ search/transport and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- DANIEL LEWIS, 23, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Friday on a charge of parole violation (violent tendencies aggravated robbery/burglary of a habitation).
- LONNIE RAY GRAY JR., 32, was arrested Friday by HCSO on a bench warrant.
- MARK HOLLIS RYERSON, 24, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Friday on a charges of no drivers license, violate promise to appear (two counts), fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- GIORGIO ALEXANDER TAYLOR, 22, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- PETE G. GONZALES, 60, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Friday on charges of theft of property between \$20 and \$500 by check, possession of controlled substance less than one gram and parole warrant.
- BROBBIE DEAN BAYES, 53, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Friday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, prohibited weapons/switchblade/ knuckles.
- LAURA ANN PETTERSON, 48, was transferred by Glasscock County authorities to the county detention center Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol level more than or equal to .15.
- MARTY EVANS, 22, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Friday on a charge of public nuisance (two counts).
- RACHEL BROOKE SNIDER, 31, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARIO ILDEFONSO SALAZAR, 22, was transferred by BSPD to the county detention center Saturday on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.

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# News in brief

## Romney ready to claim GOP presidential nomination

CRAIG, Colo. (AP) — Mitt Romney is poised to clinch the Republican presidential nomination after Tuesday's Texas GOP primary, a largely uncontested election that will formalize the former Massachusetts governor's status as President Barack Obama's general election challenger.

While Romney's nomination has been virtually assured for a month, the day marks the culmination of several years of work, dating back to his unsuccessful 2008 effort, and perhaps far earlier. "It'll be a big day tomorrow," Romney

told reporters aboard his campaign plane Monday evening. "I'm looking forward to the good news." But Romney's focus Tuesday will be

hundreds of miles north of Texas, where he's scheduled to court voters and donors in Colorado and Nevada during a two-state swing punctuated by a Las Vegas fundraiser with conservative businessman Donald Trump.

The evening event, set for the Trump International Hotel, comes amidst fresh criticism from Republicans and Democrats over Trump's continued questioning of Obama's citizenship. Romney hasn't condemned Trump's false claims, offering a fresh example of the presidential contender's reluctance to confront his party's more extreme elements. There have been other examples in recent weeks that underscore Romney's delicate push to win over skeptical conservatives while appealing to moderates and independents who generally deliver general election

#### News reports say 8 dead in new 5.8 magnitude quake that rocked area hit May 20 MILAN (AP) — Italian media say eight

people are dead in a magnitude 5.8 earthquake that has shaken northern Italy in the same northern region that was hit by another fatal quake May 20. The United States Geological Survey

said the quake on Tuesday, which struck at 9:00 a.m. local time (0700 GMT), was centered 40 kilometers (25 miles) northwest of the city of Bologna. It hit the area where a 6.0 temblor killed seven people earlier this The news agency ANSA reported that

eight people have died and the news agency LaPresse said others were buried under the rubble of collapsed homes and factories.

#### Scientists, doctors use snake robots for surgery, rescues PITTSBURGH (AP) — Imagine a tiny

snake robot crawling through your body, helping a surgeon identify diseases and perform operations. It's not science fiction. Scientists and

doctors are using the creeping metallic tools to perform surgery on hearts, prostate cancer, and other diseased organs. The snakebots carry tiny cameras, scissors and forceps, and even more advanced sensors are in the works. For now, they're powered by tethers that humans control. But experts say the day is coming when some robots will roam the body on their

"It won't be very long before we have robots that are nanobots, meaning they will actually be inside the body without tethers," said Dr. Michael Argenziano, the Chief of Adult Cardiac Surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University Medical Center in New York. Argenziano was involved with some of

the first U.S. Food and Drug Administration clinical trials on robotic heart surgery more than 10 years ago. Now he says snake robots have become a commonly used tool that gives surgeons a whole new "It's like the ability to have little hands

inside the patients, as if the surgeon had been shrunken, and was working on the heart valve," he said.

## U.N. rights office says most of 108 killed in massacre executed

BEIRUT (AP) — The U.N. said Tuesday that entire families were shot in their homes during a massacre in Syria last week that killed more than 100 people, including children. Most of the victims were shot at close range, the U.N. said.

Rupert Colville, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, said the conclusions were based on accounts gathered by U.N. monitors and corroborated by other sources. He said U.N. monitors found that fewer than 20 of the 108 people killed in the west-central area of Houla were killed by artillery fire. "Most of the rest of the victims were

summarily executed in two separate incidents," Colville told reporters in Geneva. "At this point it looks like entire families were shot in their houses." He said witnesses blamed pro-govern-

ment thugs known as shabiha for the attacks, noting that they sometimes operate "in concert" with government forces. The killings in a collection of villages

called Houla near the central Syrian city of Homs last week have drawn fresh attention to the Syrian conflict, in part because of the brutality of the massacre. Activists posted amateur videos online showing shells exploding in the village, dismembered bodies lying in the streets, then rows of dozens of dead laid out before being buried in a mass grave.

#### Russian firm: Iran victim of powerful new cyberattack JERUSALEM (AP) - A Russian-based

internet security firm says a powerful

spyware virus with unprecedented datasnatching capabilities has attacked computers in Iran and elsewhere in the Middle

Iran has not disclosed any damage done and other structures by the virus. But a unit of the Iranian communications and information technology ministry said it produced an anti-virus capable of identifying and removing the new malware, dubbed "Flame." The virus' origin has not been identified,

but suspicion immediately fell on Israel, famous for its technological innovation and its tireless campaign against Iran's suspect nuclear program. Russian digital security provider

Kaspersky Lab, which identified the virus, said in a release posted on its website late Monday that "the complexity and functionality of the newly discovered malicious program exceed those of all other cyber menaces known to date." It said preliminary findings suggest the

virus has been active since March 2010, but eluded detection because it of its "extreme complexity" and the fact that only selected computers are being targeted. Flame's primary purpose, it said, "appears to be cyber espionage, by stealing information from infected machines" and sending it to servers across the world.

## Calif. 9/11 license plate fund, intended for scholarships, raided for deficits

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — After the 2001 terrorist attacks, California lawmakers sought a way to channel the patriotic fervor and use it to help victims' families and law enforcement. Their answer: specialty memorial license plates emblazoned with the words, "We Will Never Forget."

Part of the money raised through the sale of the plates was to fund scholarships for the children of California residents who perished in the attacks, while the majority — 85 percent — was to help fund antiterrorism efforts.

But an Associated Press review of the \$15 million collected since lawmakers approved the "California Memorial Scholarship Program" shows only a small fraction of the money went to scholarships. While 40 percent has funded anti-terror training programs, \$3 million was raided by Gov. Jerry Brown and his predecessor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, to plug the state's budget

Millions more have been spent on budget items with little relation to direct threats of terrorism, including livestock diseases and workplace safety.

Moreover, the California Department erald.com of Motor Vehicles has been advertising the plates as helping the children of Sept. 11 victims even though the state stopped funding the scholarship program seven years ago. The specialty plate fund continues to take in \$1.5 million a year.

# **FIRE**

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heavily involved," Condray said. "There were also a number of out-buildings — sheds which were also involved. There were a number of large piles of building materials in the area near the home, as well, which, in some areas, made it difficult for firefighters to get in position."

"The fire spread to the adjacent lots, which started a grass fire. The city responded with four fire trucks and two medic units and were joined by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, which brought in seven units. The VFD handled the grass fires while the city firefighters concentrated on the home. When the grass fires were extinguished. the VFD firefighters joined in on helping with the house fire."

Condray said the home – along with the outbuildings — were a total

"We haven't been able to put a dollar amount on the loss yet," he said. "Determining the value of the building materials that were being housed in many of the sheds, as well as the piles, is going to be extremely dif-

ficult." The cause of the fire is still unknown, according to Condray.

"Given the nature of the structure, I'm not sure we will be able to determine the cause of the fire," Condray said. "It was an older house and had been added onto and pieced together. The investigation is ongoing."

No injuries were reported.

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# A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are going upstream, Lord, when we have You as our captain.

Amen

# The 'Geezers' are right this time

lan Simpson let loose at a group of Californians who charged in a brochure that he and Erskine Bowles were "using the

deficit to gut our Social Security." The former Republican senator from Wyoming sent the California Association of Retired Americans a characteristically colorful response, which I quote: "What a wretched group of seniors you must be to use the faces of the very people (the young)



I can't not like Simpson, but he is wrong this time, and the activists are right. The plan named for him and former Clinton Chief of Staff Bowles bravely confronted soaring deficits with balanced spending cuts and tax hikes. Upon its release, the taxa-phobic Grover Norquist called Simpson "old and grumpy." Simpson fired back with "old Grover Norquist and his happy band of goofy warriors, all they do is make money off of people." And I, too, have made past reference to "greedy geezers."

the 'greedy geezers' like you use

them as a tool and a front for

your nefarious bunch of crap."

But Simpson-Bowles had no business dragging Social Security into the operating room, and here's why: Social Security

is an independent, self-funding program. It is not welfare. The workers and their employers pay for all of it.

About 25 years ago, Social Security taxes were raised above that needed to support current retirees and the surplus put in a trust fund. The goal was to create a buffer to keep the program healthy as the number of retirees grew and lived longer. Left alone, Social Security can pay all promised benefits for the next 20 years, and can continue doing so with some minor adjustments, such as raising the cap on income subject to payroll taxes.

Conservatives and "centrists" who call for compromise on the Social Security Trust Fund still don't get it, so let's bang the gong again: The trust fund represents real money taken out of workers' pockets, and the money it loaned the Treasury is really owed.

Simpson-Bowles did fine calling for a curb on projected entitlement spending. That, of course, includes Medicare, the health-insurance plan for the elderly. Unlike Social Security, Medicare is not self-supporting. Medicare payroll taxes and payments by beneficiaries cover only some of it. The Social Security Trust

Fund is a big piece of change, and by declaring the Treasury securities sitting in it "worthless pieces of paper," our rightwing politicians can throw the obligations overboard in the service of more tax cuts for the rich — with the added bonus of

killing off a program they never liked much. Often citing some scuzzy accounting methods applied to the surplus, they tell us, "Whoops, the money has been spent."

Well, duh, all the money the Treasury borrows has been spent. That's why it borrows money. Every bond it issues to investors across the globe represents a debt. And if the Treasury hadn't been able to borrow that money from the trust fund, it would have had to borrow more from the public.

Then-Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan was asked in 2001 whether the trust fund investments were real or not. His response: "The crucial question: Are they ultimate claims on real resources? And the answer is yes."

The California Association of Retired Americans was overenthusiastic but correct in its assertion that Simpson-Bowles envisioned using Social Security to balance budgets that the program is not supposed to be part of. They were perhaps unfair to imply that the intention was to gut Social Security. Some politicians might like that, but the more realistic explanation is that many simply don't know what they're doing.

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# Pres. Obama and Patrick Leahy take on Sir William Blackstone

'as President Obama's disrespectful attitude toward the United States Supreme Court

caused a trickledown effect among the Democratic leadership in Congress, or was Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy's recent invective against Chief Justice John Roberts self-generated?



Limbaugh

You will recall that in April, President Obama launched a salvo against the court about a pending case — concerning Obamacare — seeking to either intimidate the justices into upholding the law or lay a foundation for political criticism should they strike it.

At a news conference, Obama said. "Ultimately. I am confident that the Supreme Court will not take what would be an unprecedented, extraordinary step of overturning a law that was passed by a strong majority of a democratically elected Con-

Never mind that Obamacare did not represent the democratic will of the American people. What was unprecedented and extraordinary — besides a piece of legislation's taking over more than one-seventh of the American economy and unconstitutionally mandating people to buy a product — was for a sitting president to attempt to bully the Supreme Court to affect the outcome of a pending case.

Obama had already chastised the court for ruling against his political will in the Citizens United case, but at least that was after the decision had been rendered. His brazen communityorganizing comments concerning a not-yet-decided case was something else again.

Then, this week, on the Senate floor, Leahy issued what many called "a warning shot" to the court. "Acting out based on their personal views on this matter," said Leahy, "would be the height of conservative judicial activism" and would reflect poorly on

The Democratic ruling class has become so arrogant about its ability to make Orwellian comments without fear of contradiction from the mainstream media that it doesn't even do a credible job of faking common-sense arguments.

Notice, for example, how con law professor Obama warned the court, an institution that is honor-bound not to bend to the popular will, that it must bend to tne popular will.

Though Obama and Leahy doubtlessly understand this notwithstanding their best imitation of ignorance on the matter — judicial activism is not striking a law that was passed with overwhelming popular support, which Obamacare, incidentally, most certainly wasn't. It is judges rewriting the Constitution to achieve a political outcome, as opposed to deciding according to the Constitution.

If the court overturns this hideously unconstitutional (and enormously unpopular) law, it will not, Sen.

Leahy, be "acting out based on" its "personal views" or be the "height of conservative judicial activism" but will be a proper judicial corrective of an egregious legislative and executive abuse of power.

Just because it has been settled law since 1803 in Marbury v. Madison that "it is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is" doesn't mean that Congress and the president are exempted from their duty to enact laws that pass constitutional muster.

But you wouldn't know that by observing this crop of Democratic lawmakers, who revealed their contempt for the Constitution a few years ago on video, as they - Nancy Pelosi and countless others — mocked the idea that they are under any duty to ensure their enactments conform to constitutional precepts.

These rule of law-defying politicians would do well to heed the words of Sir William Blackstone, the venerable English jurist whose treatise "Commentaries on the Laws of England" long

stood as the leading work on English law and was instrumental in the development of American common law and our entire legal system.

Blackstone, who wrote in the 18th century, was no stranger to legislative arrogance and strongly affirmed the duty of legislators to take their role seriously. He wrote that those "who are ambitious of representing their country in parliament ... who are ambitious of receiving so high a trust, would also do well to remember its nature and importance." Their duty, he said, is not to "vote with or vote against a popular or unpopular administration; but upon considerations far more interesting and important. They are the guardians of the English Constitution; the makers, repealers, and interpreters of the English laws; delegated to watch, to check, and to avert every dangerous innova-

And consider this Blackstone statement in light of the 2,700page behemoth that is Obamacare: "What kind of interpretation can (the legislator) be enabled to give, who is a stranger to the text upon which he comments."

Quoting "Tully," Blackstone continued, "It is necessary for a senator to be thoroughly acquainted with the constitution; and this (he declares) is a knowledge of the most extensive nature; a matter of science, of diligence, of reflection; without which no senator can possibly be fit for his office."

Indeed. The same goes for a president.

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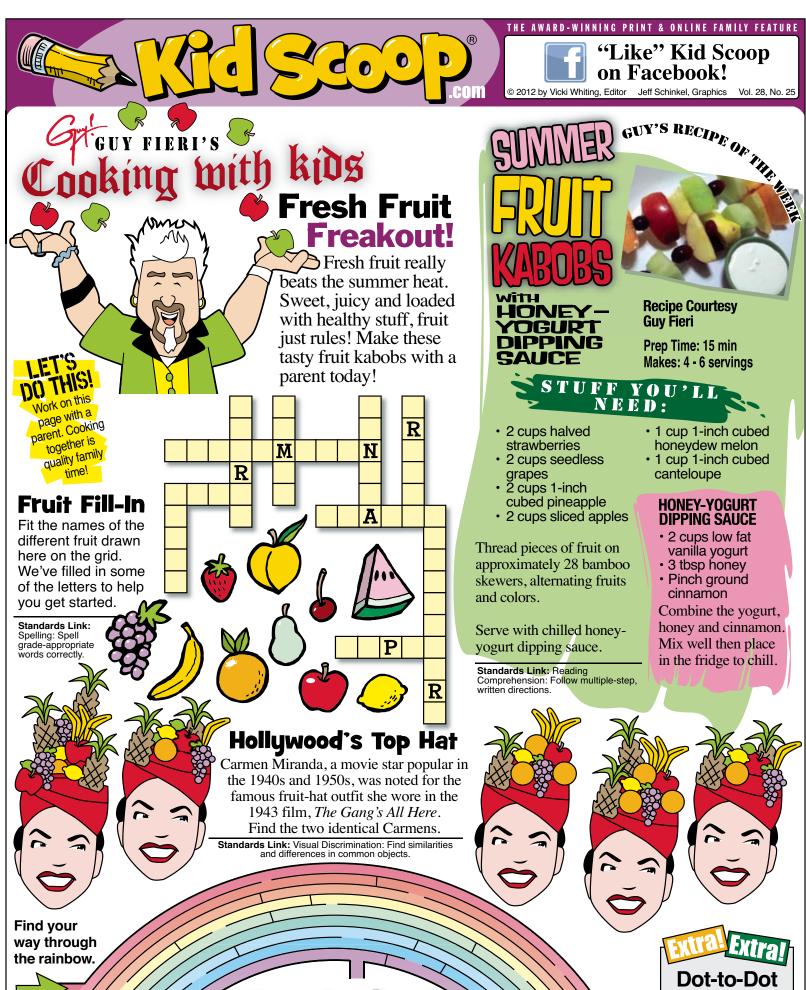


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# **Exercise Story** Have a parent or friend

read this story aloud. Each time one of the fruits below is mentioned, do that motion for 30 seconds. Then, trade places as you read the story aloud.

= hopping in place

stand on one foot = jumping jacks

= run in place

sit ups = somersault

touch your toes

Mr. Citrus' food truck was very popular. The truck was designed to look like a giant **orange** and each day he'd drive to business parks at lunch time. People would buy fresh watermelon slices, bunches of grapes, apples and more.

One day, Mr. Citrus parked on a steep hill. When he opened the truck's customer window, fruit

counter and down the hill.

began rolling off the

**Strawberry** after strawberry rolled alongside oranges and apples. Luckily, Mr. Citrus was able to catch a large box of grapes before it also tumbled away.

The rolling fruit picked up incredible speed. At the bottom of the hill sat Officer Stan, enjoying a slice of watermelon at the park.

Choose one page of today's newspaper.

On that page find

and circle the letters

that spell the names

of at least five fruits

and vegetables. Use

the words on

today's page to help

you! Connect the

dots and color in

your design!

Standards Link: Spelling:

Spell grade-appropriate words correctly.

Find the words in the puzzle. Then

look for each word in this week's

Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Suddenly, poor Stan was pelted with strawberries, lemons, apples and oranges, knocking him off the park bench.

As he wiped smashed apple bits off his uniform, he called his sergeant on his radio.

"You're not going to believe this, Sgt. Pear, but I was just attacked by an escaped fruit salad!"

**Standards Link:** Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word FRUIT in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been



Write On!

**My Own** 

the menu?

It takes 8 pigs two hours to eat all the peaches in the orchard. How many peaches would 2 cows eat in one hour?

Mealtime is a chance for families

to talk about things that are

interesting. Here's today's topic:

Would you rather be good at

most things you do, or the

very best at just one thing

in particular?

Why?

watermelon

strawberries

raspberries

apples

pomegranates

cranberries

apricots

cantaloupe

peaches

mangos

oranges

tangerines

**Kids:** Slices, chunks and even whole fruit can be used to create

faces and imaginative creatures. Create a work of art using

only fruit and send us a photo. You might see it featured on

Guy Fieri's Cooking With Kids site (cwkfoundation.org)!

Use the code to discover the punch line!

For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit www.cwkfoundation.org

 $A = 8 \mid E = 33 \mid H = 17 \mid L = 16 \mid O = 30 \mid S = 4$ C = 19 | G = 2 | I = 29 | N = 11 | P = 26 | T = 15

Double Word

Restaurant Imagine that you opened your very own restaurant. What would you call it? What foods would be on

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# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or

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		6		4	3	5		

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By Steve Becker An Exploratory Procedure

East dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH The bidding

South East West North 3 NT Pass eight of hearts.

Most players find it difficult to count out a hand, but anyone willing to try eventually finds that the difficulty is more imaginary than real. The only skill required is the ability to count to 13 and then to apply the knowledge gained to the problem at

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against seven notrump. Declarer has 12 sure tricks and is a heavy favorite to pick up the 13th in the club suit. The only real danger is an unfavorable club division, so South should take steps to combat a

club and, hence, two diamonds (of which he also has only one left). because South might otherwise be tempted to take a diamond finesse for

his 13th trick — a move that would be a colossal blunder in view of the So, after cashing dummy's queen of clubs and discarding a diamond, South leads a diamond toward the K-J. When East follows low, South confidently plays the king, knowing full

well that the king will catch West's

queen to make the grand slam.

potential 4-1 break. To this end, he

does not tackle the clubs at once, but

postpones playing them until he

learns as much as he possibly can

He begins by cashing four hearts

and three spades, discovering in the

process that East started with a dou-

bleton in both suits. Next he cashes

the ace of diamonds and K-A of

clubs, West showing out on the sec-

With just three tricks remaining

to be played, the count of the hand is

now complete. East started with pre-

cisely two spades, two hearts, four

clubs and, hence, five diamonds (of

which he has only one left, since he

still has the J-9 of clubs in his hand).

Double-checking this, West had pre-

cisely five spades, five hearts, one

This knowledge is very important,

about the unseen hands

ond round.

**Tomorrow:** A precautionary measure. ©2012 King Features Syndicate Inc

# A view from the top

handle none. But in April of 2012, five came our way. The first was a reminder of the hazards awaiting the adventuresome young.

When Diane Tracy of San Angelo called to say a nestling

had fallen into a pile of cotton, my immediate thought was it was the wrong time of the year.

"Where?"

After

BIRD POOP McCasland I asked.

she said, "Miles," I still didn't understand. "From the top of the A-frame," she continued.

Realizing she was talking about a cotton gin led to my telling her it was a typical structure, apart from a gin, for temporarily storing a cotton by-product, such as cottonseed. Later we both would learn that apparently, in this case, transported away from the baling process was cotton not suitable for being included in a bale.

Knowing there was some type of a duct system to deliver the refuse to that area, I asked where the nest was located. "At the top," she answered.

According to the woman who had called Diane, the nestling had been seen falling into the pile of cotton. Soon, an employee was going to try to put the youngster back in the nest. The availability of ladders or equipment, and the danger involved, would determine if he could be successful.

The caller added

that it was a baby owl. Adult birds had been seen nesting in the same spot, high above this temporary storage area, for years. Unfortunately, for a nestling to have fallen was a shock. No one associated with the cotton gin could remember it ever hap-



In a large washtub, from left to right, are Midland, Titan and Tiny Tyke. Midland is feathering out, Titan is wary and defensive of anyone approaching her family, and Tiny Tyke is gaining the coloration of its surrogate parent.

pening before now.

Leaving the voungster in the pile of cotton, the woman, and others, continued to watch to see if a parent would fly down to the voungster while they were trying to orchestrate its return. After telling Diane the baby seemed quite comfortable in its makeshift nest, she promised to call back later.

Hours passed. Since it was too dangerous, and impossible to reach the nest with the equipment at the gin, Diane finally had been given possession of the nestling.

Since the bird had progressed from a fuzzy, downy white to a dingy, buff color and was starting to featherout, it was probably five weeks old. In the month ahead, the feathering of its wings, tail, back and most of its bottom would be noticeable. Its head would be the last to sport wisps of down among its feathers.

When we met Diane and her husband, Dale, in Sterling City for a transfer, we not only received the nestling, great horned owl. Inside a plastic Ziploc bag were several handfuls of filthy, dirty cotton.

If someone at the gin had not seen the young owl fall into what we considered waste, we doubted the little raptor

CHILTON, Wis. (AP)

dairy cow, had been

walking with a limp for

several weeks when vet-

erinarian Sara Gilbert-

son was called. Instead

of prescribing painkill-

ers, Gilbertson tried an

unusual new therapy

ment that included a

full-length spinal mas-

- a chiropractic adjust-

Lucky, a 7-year-old

would have ever been noticed. Whether its parents would have cared for it would remain one of nature's secrets.

After delivering the young owl to Gail Barnes at Nightwings in Lubbock, we showed her the bag of dirty cotton. "Sure is filthy," she thought. Over lunch with Gail and her husband, Larry, a cotton consultant, we learned from him that what we considered as trash would be used for stuffing in pillows and cotton balls.

Gail looked at him in disbelief. "Medical use?" she asked. His affirmative reply had us all wondering if any industry could remove the cotton's grit and broken, dried leaves and stalks from the fields. Never again would we take our own cotton balls for granted.

In a few days, the nestling was placed with a non-releasable, surrogate parent. Having raised 19 errant. owls the previous year, the aging parent readily accepted the youngster that Gail named "Tiny Tyke."

Twenty-four hours later, Bubo, Latin for owl, declined to nurture the nestling any longer. Abandoning the chick, she signaled to Gail that her mothering days were over.

Gilbertson rubbed the

Holstein's spine by gen-

several vertebrae.

Fortunately, another non-releasable, 2-yearold adult owl had earlier laid her first, infertile egg and was trying to incubate it. Prior to that, everyone had thought this educational bird was a male, and it had been named

Since this young adult had had an overnight gender change, and was experiencing the urge to raise a family, Tiny Tyke was placed in a mew with the much larger Titan. In an instant, the youngster was literally taken under her wing.

A week and a half later, another youngster was found, only this time in the middle of a street in Midland. Placed with Titan and Tiny Tyke, it was dubbed for the city in which it was found. Through a series of events, maternal instincts of an adult could be shared with two small beings desperate for the attention only one of their species

could provide. Recently, my curiosity about Miles, Texas, led to my use of Google. For 33 years, a Cotton Fest had been a September tradition. No ... Rain, No ... Cotton was displayed on a clever web site.

Instead of a celebration of a traditional crop last year, they changed the name of the festive occasion to Dust Boll and cleverly displayed a clump of cotton engulfed in a dirty, dust devil. With the list of activities offered, they indicated "but the Party Goes On!"

Having fallen a great distance, the tiny survivor had been saved by what little product the community had harvested. Unknowingly, the nestling had been in good company in Miles, Texas, that describes itself as "A Small Town With A Big Heart."

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> Some farmers have installed waterbeds for their cows to rest on, while others play classical music. And some hire animal chiropractors to give older cows a tuneup and correct minor issues in calves, all part of the effort to ensure maximum milk output.

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# Naotala nabs All-American honors



Howard College's Olive Naotala smacks a home run during a game earlier awards as Faith Koria (infield), Kara this year. Naotala was named 1st Team All-American following a stellar Isbel (catcher), Sandra Serna (pitcher) season in which she hit a nation-leading 32 home runs, drove in 98 runs and Shelby Shelton (outfield) all made and recorded a .967 slugging percentage for the Hawks.

Howard College Hawks softball player Olive Naotala was named to the NJ-CAA Division I Softball First Team All-American for her outstanding performance as Hawk in the 2011-2012 sea-

Naotala finished the season with a .445 batting average, .967 slugging percentage, 98 RBI's and a record 32 home

"Olive is the best player I have ever coached," said Kelly Raines, Hawk softball head coach. "She was 3rd team All-American last year and to come out as a sophomore and be even better that is a hard thing to do."

Not only was Naotala recognized at the national level but the awards came rolling in for all conference team in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) as well as the Region V most valuable player.

Raines added, "Olive is a great player and a great kid, we are going to miss her but wish her all the best as she continues her softball career at Texas Tech University."

The Hawks were well represent-HERALD file photo ed among conference and regional both the WJCAC All-Conference team as well as the Region 5 team in their respective positions.

WJCAC honorable mention honors also went to Jazzmin Arrant and Megan Granado.

"This team has so many quality players and they have worked hard to earn this recognition. I am very happy for each one of them," said Raines.

The Hawks postseason play was exciting and challenging as they captured the Region 5 championship for the second year in a row, earning them the ticket to the NJCAA Division I National Softball Championship tournament in St. George, Utah. After a win in game one over Lakeland College and a hard fought loss to No. 2 seed Salt Lake Community College, the Hawks battled back to beat Seminole State Community College but eventually fell to North Eastern Oklahoma A&M for their tournament elimination loss.

"To make it to the national tournament is an accomplishment on its own - but we competed well with the top teams and although we didn't reach the ultimate goal, I am very pleased with their performance," added Raines. "This team is a group of fighters and we will definitely miss our sophomores as we reload and get ready for next year."

# Little League Calendar

#### **TODAY**

#### Minor League

- Indians vs. Rangers, 5:30 p.m., Garrett.
- Pee Wee League
- Diamondbacks vs. Braves, 6 p.m., Roberts.
- Phillies vs. Indians, 6 p.m. Hollis. **Pony League**

- Rangers vs. Pirates, 7 p.m., East. · Angels vs. Forsan, 7 p.m., West.

# Major League

Athletics vs. Dodgers, 7:30 p.m., Garrett.

# **THURSDAY**

## Minor League

- Mets vs. Pirates, 5:30 p.m., Garrett.
- Diamondbacks vs. Astros, 5:30 p.m., Roberts.
- Yankees vs. Reds, 7:30 p.m., Hollis

# Pee Wee League

Phillies vs. Brewers, 6 p.m., Hollis.

## **Pony League**

- Forsan vs. Mets, 7 p.m., West.
- Pirates vs. Astros, 7 p.m. East.

# Maior League

- Cardinals vs. Rangers, 7:30 p.m., Garrett.
- · Blue Jays vs. Dodgers, 7:30 p.m., Roberts.



David Hoadley of the T-Ball league Giants rounds third base during their game against the Rangers on Saturday. Hoadley would score an in-the-park home run on the hit.

# Rangers drop Mariners 4-2

## STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -Mariners shortstop Brendan Ryan knows it's a play he will never forget, even though he was denied an inside-the-park home

Once his liner to right-center bounced over the glove of diving center fielder Craig Gentry and rolled to the wall in the eighth inning Monday night, Ryan was running full speed with thoughts of scoring. But he never touched the plate in Seattle's 4-2 loss to the Texas Rangers.

Right fielder Nelson Cruz tracked the ball down and threw to second baseman Ian Kinsler, who made a perfect relay to the plate, which was blocked by catcher Mike Napoli. "It was close. I never had the

opportunity before. Loss aside and all that, it would have been pretty sweet. Kind of a baseball bucket list thing. But, oh well," Ryan said. "As soon as he dives and misses it, boom, it's on. I'm trying to cut every corner as hard as I can. I think around second there I tried to get too much angle and lost myself for half a step. I think that cost me."

That and the tremendous effort by Cruz and Napoli, who both homered to account for all the

Michael Saunders, who led off the eighth with a single, scored easily on Ryan's triple. Mariners third base coach Jeff Datz was waving Ryan around all the way.

"I thought he was going to make it and obviously that's why I sent him. To their credit, they made one heck of a relay," Datz said. "Cruz threw it on the money to Kinsler, and Kinsler threw a seed to the plate, and Napoli blocked him off. ... It's frustrating. I feel bad for our guys. With the situation the way it was, I felt pretty good he was going to score."

Kevin Millwood, the Mariners 37-year-old right-hander, had another solid night with five strikeouts while allowing only one run. But he was done after throwing 97 pitches on a warm night in Texas, his home park from 2006-09.

"I wasn't locating very good and they weren't swinging at

many bad pitches. Those two

combined made for me throwing

a lot of pitches," Millwood said.

"They're a lot more patient than they'd been the two previous times I pitched against them. I think if I was locating the ball it would have worked to my advantage, but I wasn't. It made it that much tougher. You can't give in and just start throwing the ball down the middle."

Millwood has allowed only two earned runs over 27 innings (0.67 ERA) in his last four starts. He matched his career-high streak of consecutive scoreless innings at 18 after getting through the first, but Cruz ended that an inning later with his one-out homer to right.

'He really had to work for it and they made him work for it," Mariners manager Eric Wedge said. "With the heat and how hard he worked, we weren't going to push him another inning. He's been pitching really well and you don't want one inning to affect his next start or next couple of starts."

Rangers starter Matt Harrison (6-3) struck out five and allowed two runs, less than a week after holding Seattle to one run over seven innings. Joe Nathan

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# Astros swept in doubleheader

**PAT GRAHAM** AP Sports Writer

DENVER(AP)—Brett Myers waited around for more than 8½ hours to be summoned into a game Monday.

Five pitches later, his night was abruptly finished.

Myers gave up a gameending triple to Dexter Fowler with one out in the 10th inning and the Colorado Rockies beat Houston Astros 7-6 for a doubleheader sweep.

In the first game, a flubbed flip by shortstop Jed Lowrie in the eighth paved the way for Jordan Pacheco's Rockies won 9-7.

two-run single as the "Well, both those games really had a lot of similarities," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "There were a lot of good things. There

were a couple of things

we need to clean up."

At the top of the list to clean up has to be starting pitching.

The Astros got rocky outings from both Wandy Rodriguez and Jordan Lyles in their first doubleheader 2006.

But the bullpen bailed out the team by allowing three runs, two earned, in 71-3 innings.

The last reliever to come out of the 'pen in the nightcap was Myers, called in to start the 10th. After getting the first out, Myers (0-2) allowed a single to Michael Cuddyer.

The hot-hitting Fowler lined a pitch past diving first baseman Carlos Lee and the ball ended up in the rightfield corner as Cuddyer motored home all the way from first.

After Cuddyer slid across home plate,

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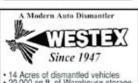
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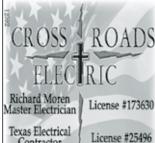
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you need to say someone, do today. it Tomorrow's communication planets are dicey.

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**ARIES** 21-(March April 19). Mystery and

intrigue will pull you forward. You're curious by nature, and one clue leads to another. You may not solve this one, but you'll learn something valuable as

you try. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have managed well in some respect and will do well to remind yourself. Travel back in

time to connect your "past awareness of the with the present. you" and apply what experience has taught you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A sense of humor is such a valuable asset that vou'll choose vour friends and alliances today based on their potential to make you laugh and feel lighthearted and happy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Problems tend to clump together. To sort out a mess, isolate a problem from the other problems around it. By fixing one thing, you just might fix everything.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Part of staying relevant is being proactive. You'll sharpen your skills, even when there's no apparent need of it. When the time comes, you'll be ready.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your loved ones know that you love them even when they make the wrong decisions. You may have to show this kind of love again today, the kind where you hold back the urge to say "I told you so."

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Authenticity will be the theme. You'll find it easy to be true to yourself, to honor your preferences and to speak up when things aren't going in a direction that's comfortable to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You expect quite a lot of yourself now. You can appreciate perspective that a laidback person brings to things as long as that person isn't so laid back that he needs to be propped up.

**SAGITTARIUS** 22-Dec. 21). Segment your life so you can focus on one important task at a time. Concentrate exclusively what on you're doing, and put everything else on the side other of imaginary wall.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can count yourself. You're on tougher and more resilient than you were, and you're getting better all the time. The trials you've taken on keep you

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to get to a certain feeling. Being aware of what that feeling is will help you seek out the specific situation that will help harness you emotion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The reason you're given so much work is that someone trusts you to get the job done. So instead of feeling putupon or overloaded, you can be proud of the high level of faith that others have in you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 29). There's a revolution starting inside of you. You question things that have been ingrained in behavior and thoughts for years. The new you finds more to be excited about, and motivation will be high throughout the year. You'll form an alliance or sign a contract in July. August brings a different kind of work. Libra and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 3, 44, 18 and 20.

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# "Classic" Ann Landers®: In-laws provide an insight to hubby's actions

spends more than he makes, she

said, "So what? A lot of people

My father-in-law compared

Glenn's gambling addiction to

market, saying, "Glenn just takes

Both in-laws told me there are

plenty of women who would be

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they die, so we won't have to

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They also let me know they will be

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worry about money. Frankly, at

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have that problem."

different risks.

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: When I married "Glenn" eight years ago, I knew his parents were divorced, but I didn't realize they both had been married and divorced four

Last year, Glenn and I were having a difficult period in our relationship. I decided to talk to his parents about it, hoping they could provide some help and insight. Instead, I was shocked by their attitude.

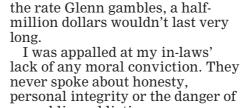
When I told my mother-in-law that Glenn, age 36, had

declared bankruptcy for the second time, she said the banks were at fault for giving him money and charging such high interest rates. When I told her he has a

gambling problem, she said there was nothing wrong with gambling, that a lot of people make a living playing poker, and that somebody has to win and it could be him. When I explained that he always

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personal integrity or the danger of a gambling addiction. I came from a foreign country and was raised by parents who believed it was important to

behave honorably and that the family name should never be tarnished. How do I handle this? — Arlington, Va.

**Dear Arlington:** It is apparent that Glenn was not raised the way you were. You say you were having a difficult time with your relationship last year. It sounds as

if you were willing to sweep a lot under the rug in order to stay with Glenn. You don't say whether or not you have children. That would be important for me to know in order to give you some solid advice.

You need to have some sessions with a marriage counselor. It sounds as if your relationship is on shaky ground. I urge you to ask Glenn to go with you. The man was raised by parents who made excuses for all his failures and weaknesses. He is in desperate need of some self-understanding. A competent marriage counselor could be a godsend to you both.

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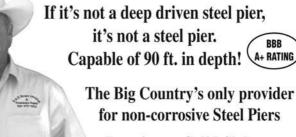
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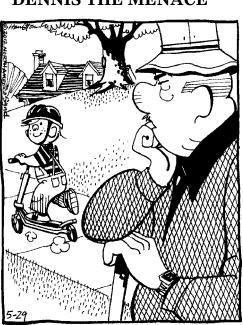
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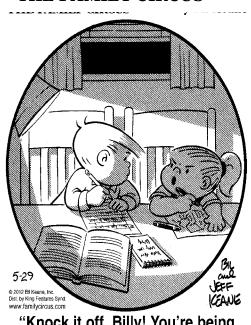


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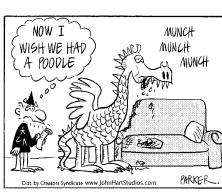
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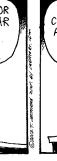


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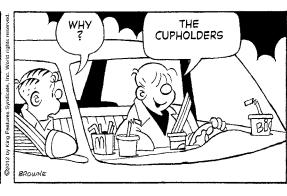




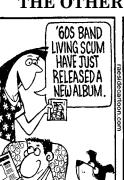


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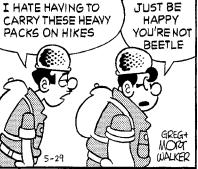


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# This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 29, the 150th day of 2012. There are 216 days left in the year. Today's Highlights

History: On May 29, 1942, the movie

"Yankee Doodle Dandy," starring James Cagney as George M. Cohan, premiered at a warbonds benefit in New York. Bing Crosby, the Ken Darby Singers and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded Irving Berlin's Christmas" in Los Angeles for Decca Records. Actor John Barrymore died in Hollywood at age 60. On this date:

In 1765, Patrick Henry

denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses. In 1790, Rhode Island became

the 13th original colony to ratithe United States Constitution.

In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1912, the ballet "L'Ap

Afternoon of a Faun), with music by Claude Debussy, premiered in Paris with Vaslav Nijinsky dancing the title role. In 1917, the 35th president of

the United States, John F. born in Kennedy, was Brookline, Mass. In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington

to demand cash bonuses they

weren't scheduled to receive

until 1945. In 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit. In 1961, a couple in

Paynesville, W.Va., became the first recipients of food stamps under a pilot program created by President John F. Kennedy. In 1973, Tom Bradley was

elected the first black mayor of Los Angeles, defeating incumbent Sam Yorty. In 1985, 39 people were killed

rating British and Italian soccer fans collapsed.

In 1987, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted "Twilight Zone" movie director John Landis and four associates of involuntary manslaughter in the movie-set deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, seven-year-old Myca Dinh Le and six-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, who were killed by a falling helicopter.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clifton James is 91. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 74. Race car driver Al Unser is 73. CBS News Correspondent Bob Simon is 71. Actor Kevin Conway is 70. Actor Helmut Berger is 68.

Answer to previous puzzle

at the European Cup Final in Brussels, Belgium, when rioting broke out and a wall sepa-

# **Newsday Crossword**

# **ACROSS**

- 1 Goliath's adversary 6 Equips for
- combat 10 Bone below
- the knee 14 Sports venue
- 15 Chilly
- 16 Make less
- difficult
- 17 All set
- 18 Dog that
- visited Oz 19 Hole-making
- tools
- 20 "Tall" story
- 21 Skier's purchase
- 23 Honey maker 25 "This can't be!"
- 26 Indy 500
- participants 31 Traps
- 35 Balls-and-strikes
- caller 36 Japanese port
- 38 Lather
- producer
- 39 Outshine a film's stars
- 43 Ballad, for one
- 44 Look after
- 45 Extra-special
- attention,
- briefly 46 Alpine calls
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- 53 Install, as tiles **54** Process
- payment,
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- example 66 Poems of
- praise **67** Gravy flaw

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- band
- 69 Second to none
- 70 When planes
- are expected: Abbr. 71 Opinion piece

# **DOWN**

- 1 Pub missile

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- 2 Neighborhood
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- the stands 30 Clay pigeon
- sport
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# **ASTROS**

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Fowler ripped off his helmet and threw it across the field in excitement.

"That's pitching," Myers said nonchalantly. "They hit some good pitches and won the ballgame."

Asked what he threw to Fowler, Myers retorted:

"He hit it," he said. "That's the way it goes some-

The Astros now have a day off to regroup after dropping their fourth straight game. It's a wellneeded respite given the grueling day at the park.

"You never like to lose games on walk-offs or last at-bats or close (games). We've lost quite a few of those," Mills said. "At the same time, a lot of positives, a lot of good things happened in that ballgame."

Like Justin Maxwell's pinch-hit homer in the sixth off starter Alex White that tied the game at 6. Or the three-hit performances from Brian Bogusevic and Marwin Gonzalez.

"We always find ways to put runs on the board," Maxwell said. "Came up on the short end. It's base-

Rockies reliever Josh Roenicke (1-0) pitched a scoreless 10th for the win.

In the first game, Lowrie had a chance to get the Astros out of the eighth inning unscathed after Jason Giambi drew a walk.

With pitcher Jeremy Guthrie pinch-running for Giambi, Fowler hit a slow dribbler to a hard-charging Lowrie, who tried to go to second.

But his underhand toss struck Guthrie on the right foot and bounded into shallow left-center, allowing Guthrie to scoot to third and Fowler to move up to second.

Pacheco then followed with a bloop single off Fernando Rodriguez (1-5).

After the game, Lowrie explained the reason he went that route, saying he thought he heard second baseman Jose Altuve calling for the ball.

However, just before Fowler stepped into the box, the middle infielders agreed that if anything was hit to the left side, the play would be to first.

"I didn't think I had a chance at first with Fowler running anyway," Lowrie said. "I thought we had a better chance with Guthrie at second."



**S**PORTS

**HERALD photo/Brian McCormack** 

Summer elite basketball is in full swing. Big Spring and its Wildkats hosted a tournament Saturday at the BSHS gym. Chelsea Clay is shown making her way to the basket during Game 2. The Big Spring team split for the day, winning its first game and dropping the second.

# Mickelson joins group trying to buy Padres

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) – Phil Mickelson has joined a group of investors who want to buy his hometown Major League Baseball team, San Diego Padres.

Mickelson said Monday he has a joined one of the five groups trying to buy the team from John Moores, the Padres' majority owner for the last 18 years. Mickelson is part of the group that includes four grandchildren of

former Los Angeles Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley — Kevin and Brian O'Malley, and their cousins Peter and Tom Seidler, the chief executive of Class A Visalia Rawhide.

"I've been talking to them about being involved with them, having an opportunity to invest in the team and being part of the ownership group," Mickelson said.

"I think it's a very

good investment opportunity. More than that, it's opportunity to be involved in the community in San Diego, with something that gives the community a sense of pride," he added. "I feel like we can

make the Padres a competitive team that can contend year in and year out, and we can do something for the community."

The San Diego Union-Tribune first reported

the involvement of Mickelson, a four-time major champion who was inducted this month into the World Golf Hall of Fame. Mickelson brings the O'Malley clan a local investor and of San Diego's greatest athletes.

The O'Malleys and Seidlers are grandchildren of former Los Angeles Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley.

# PURINA STRATEGY Horse Feed





# **RANGERS**

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worked the ninth for his 11th save in 12 chances.

Cruz homered in the second off Millwood to tie the game at 1. Napoli went deep for the second game in a row, a tiebreaking, three-run shot in the sixth off Steve Delabar (1-1). The Rangers (31-18) have the

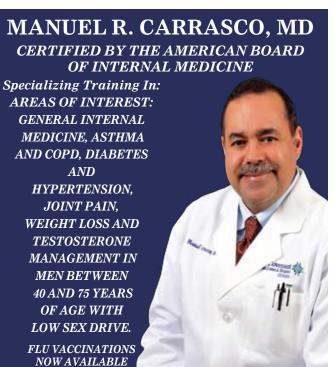
best record in the American League, but only one winning streak longer than four in a row — an eight-gamer in April. Seattle lost its fifth in a row.

With Rangers fans chanting "Nap-o-li!, Nap-o-li!", the catcher hit a 401-foot homer that ricocheted off the facade of the second deck of seats in right field for

a 4-1 lead. Seattle led 1-0 in the first after

an RBI single by Jesus Montero.

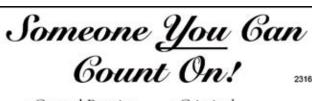
Cruz also got an outfield assist in the fifth after Kinsler misplayed Alex Liddi's popup in short right. Cruz picked up the ball and fired to first baseman Mitch Moreland to catch Liddi off base, and the runner was tagged out in a rundown.



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