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Members of the Big Spring Police Department, Big Spring Fire and EMS and Big Spring Air Evac Lifeteam spell out the name D-Y-R-K at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark during the weekend, joining emergency teams across the nation showing their support for 4-year-old Dyrk Burcie, the son of a Dallas firefighter currently fighting against terminal cancer. Support for the child has been pouring in from all over the country since April, when Burcie's family decided to stop chemotherapy and other treatments and make the most of their time with their child.

Drunk drivers beware

DPS increasing DWI patrols for July 4 period

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

If your plans to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday include drinking and driving, they should include a trip to the county detention center, as state and local law enforcement will be on the lookout for violators during the next several days. The Texas Department of Public Safety have increased DWI patrols for a nine-day period which includes Wednesday, according to...
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Seeing red (white & blue)

Fireworks, music, parades highlight holiday observances

Herald Staff Report

Howard County residents will celebrate the July 4 holiday in ways both big and small over the course of the next few days. Undoubtedly, the biggest community celebration occurs tonight, when the annual Pops in the Park, featuring music, food and fireworks, is held at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Gates will open at 5 p.m.,

along with the food vendors which will be located at the top of the amphitheater. Pre-show entertainment will be provided by former Big Spring resident Don Turner, who will perform Dixieland-style music from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Following the pre-show will be the traditional performance by the Big Spring Symphony and flag ceremony at 8 p.m. The fly over — scheduled to take place at approximately

8:28 p.m. — which will be put on once again by the Commemorative Air Force Museum of Midland and will include four planes. The video presentation recognizing local servicemen and women will begin at 9:15 p.m. The firework display, provided by Atlas — a Fort Worth company — will be choreographed to the Symphony's music again and is set to begin at 9:35 p.m.
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Pops in the Park schedule of events

- 5 p.m. — Gates open; food and novelty booths open
- 6:30 p.m. — Performance by Don Turner and the Dixieland Jazz Band
- 7:45 p.m. — Welcoming and announcements
- 8 p.m. — Symphony and flag ceremony
- 8:28 p.m. — Fly-over (time is approximate)
- 9:15 p.m. — Video presentation recognizing servicemen and women
- 9:35 p.m. — Fireworks display

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KBSB lends helping hand to code enforcement

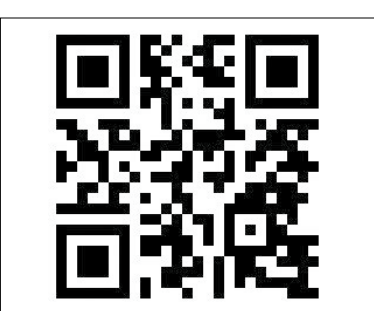
By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Mission: Clean up Big Spring. Keep Big Spring Beautiful is teaming up with the Big Spring code enforcement division to help clean up the community. "Code enforcement has been occupied with the water issue and watching for violations lately and now they are down to only one code enforcement officer," Keep Big Spring Beautiful Code Patrol President Pat Simmons said. With the issue falling to the wayside in recent months, Simmons felt it was time for KBSB to step up to the plate and lend a helping hand to code enforcement. Through this initiative, the KBSB Code Patrol is becoming op-

erational again. "We have had the code patrol functional for several years, but we are bringing it back to fully operational again," Simmons said. Members of the KBSB Code Patrol will be keeping an eye out for unsightly yards — including junk piles, clutter and tall weeds — around the community and report violations to Simmons. Once she has been notified of the violation a letter will be mailed to the address where the infraction has occurred. "From the time the letter goes out there will be a period of 10 days for the problem to

be corrected. If in that time nothing is done to address the complaint, the issue will be turned over to city code enforcement," Simmons said. Once code enforcement has received the issue and notification has been issued a citation will be issued if the problem is not corrected within the set amount of time. "We are hoping to get the issues resolved before having to submit them to the city's code enforcement. At least that's the goal," Simmons said. She continued, "What it comes down to is showing responsibility for your property. If one person sees another cleaning up it serves as the domino effect and before you know it an area is looking better." According to Simmons, the

are a person is responsible for extends from the middle of the alley behind the house to the middle of the street in front of the house. "A yard cluttered is not a pretty site to see for your neighbors or for those going through town," Simmons said. "We are just asking for people to help us make a difference, clean up the city and turn Big Spring around." To offer help or find out how to help the code patrol, contact Simmons at 263-4607.




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Obituaries

Lloyd Heath Hammonds



Family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Heath Hammonds at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 5, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church Christian Life Center in Lubbock. Our beloved Heath died June 29, 2012, after a seven year courageous battle with cancer.

Heath was born Sept. 17, 1975, in Vernon. He graduated from Crowell High School and attended Vernon Jr. College and West Texas A&M in Canyon. He married the love of his life, Stephanie Talbott, on Oct. 20, 2007, in Big Spring. He moved to Lubbock and worked for Enterprise Rent-A-Car and for Cardinal Health as a Pharmaceutical Technician before his illness. Heath was a member of First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed playing golf and NASCAR.

Those left to cherish Heath's memories are his wife, Stephanie; a daughter, Baylee Hammonds of Lubbock; a son, due in September, Hunter Hammonds; his father, Rick Hammonds and wife Rhonda of Crowell; his mother, Jane Eavenson of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Lee Hammonds and fiancée Megan Couch of Crowell and Wil Hammonds and fiancée Kristen Eavenson of Canyon; a sister, Elizabeth Banks and husband Joe of Amarillo; maternal grandfather, Troy Eavenson of Seymour; paternal grandmother, Patsy Hammonds of Wolfforth; grandfather, Ronnie Simmons of Vernon; brother-in-law, Jeremy Talbott and wife Melissa of Midland; father-in-law, David Talbott and wife Maryann; mother-in-law, Teresa Jackson and husband Tony, all of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Heath is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Polly Eavenson; paternal grandfather, Billy Hammonds; and grandmother, Shirley Simmons.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Stephanie Hammonds Children's Benefit Fund at any branch of Lubbock National Bank.

To send your words of encouragement to Heath's family and view his life tribute visit, www.memorialdesigners.net

Paid obituary

Roger Dean Albertson



Roger Dean Albertson, 80, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 30, 2012, after a long illness. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 6, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born Nov. 29, 1931, in Frankeville, Iowa. Roger served in the U.S. Navy as a draftsman before graduating from Iowa State University and starting a career teaching art and science to students in Iowa, California and Illinois. He worked as a national park ranger at Mt. Rainier, Wash., and at the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

He moved to Big Spring Feb. 3, 2005, from Florida.

Roger was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth, but is survived by three sons and their families.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, TX 79721-0682.

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

Ronald Barrow

Ronald Barrow, 56, of Big Spring died Friday, June 29, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. His services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- NINFAMORENO GARCIA, 56, of 1501 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ALBERTO GALLEGOS, 22, of 505 N.W. 10th St., was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license – when unlicensed, failure to control speed, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.

- TIMOTHY ALEX UNDERWOOD, 35, of 111 E. 16th St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.

- AMADOR RIOS JR., 31, of 700 S. Douglas, was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license invalid, assault by contact and failure to appear (four counts).

- MIKE MORENO ORTEGA, 54, of 603 S. Bell St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- COLBY ROSS THURMAN, 29, of 1310 Baylor, was arrested Monday on warrants for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, violation of a protective order – going to or near a residence/employment/school and a warrant from another agency.

- JENNIE DIANE WOMACK, 41, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- TOMMY JEREL MOORE, 25, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 21, was arrested Monday on a warrant for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- MITCHELL LON JAMES, 56, of 907 Saunders in Coahoma, was arrested Monday on charges of violation of a protective order – going to or near a residence/employment/school and driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

- THEFT was reported:
In the 1900 block of Birdwell Lane.

- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 2400 block of E. 25th Street.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of W. Fourth Street.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- MITCHELL JAMES, 56, was arrested Monday by the HCSD on a Tom Green County warrant for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and a charge of violation of a protective order – going to or near a residence/employment/school.

- ALBERTO JOSE GALLEGOS, 22, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with public duties and municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, failure to control speed, failure to appear (two counts) and violation of a promise to appear.

- TIMOTHY ALEX UNDERWOOD, 35, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of revocation of probation – driving while license invalid.

- AMADOR RIOS JR., 31, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, assault – physical contact and failure to appear (four counts).

- MIKE MORENO ORTEGA, 54, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- COLBY ROSS THURMAN, 29, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a

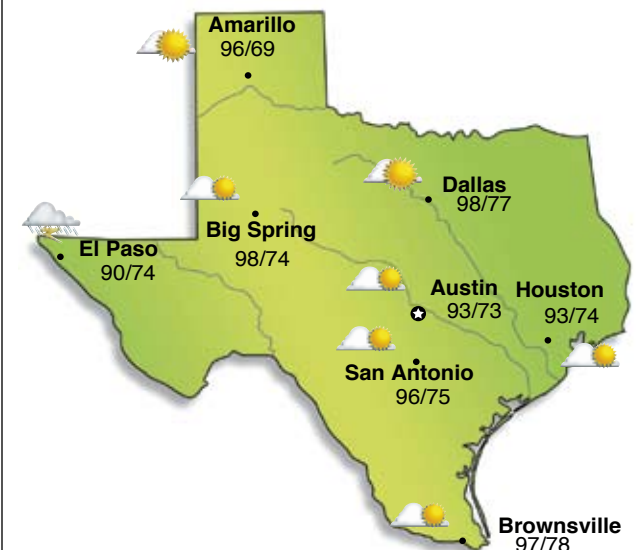
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 7/5	Fri 7/6	Sat 7/7	Sun 7/8	Mon 7/9
98/74 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	99/74 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	100/74 Mostly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	99/75 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	100/76 A few clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	98	73	mst sunny	Kingsville	95	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	96	69	mst sunny	Livingston	95	71	mst sunny
Austin	93	73	pt sunny	Longview	96	74	mst sunny
Beaumont	93	74	mst sunny	Lubbock	94	71	mst sunny
Brownsville	97	78	pt sunny	Lufkin	97	72	mst sunny
Brownwood	98	73	pt sunny	Midland	98	74	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	91	78	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	96	74	mst sunny	Rosenberg	93	74	pt sunny

controlled substance, violation of bond – protective order and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

- JENNIE DIANE SMALL, 41, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- TOMMY JEREL MOORE, 25, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 13300 block of Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

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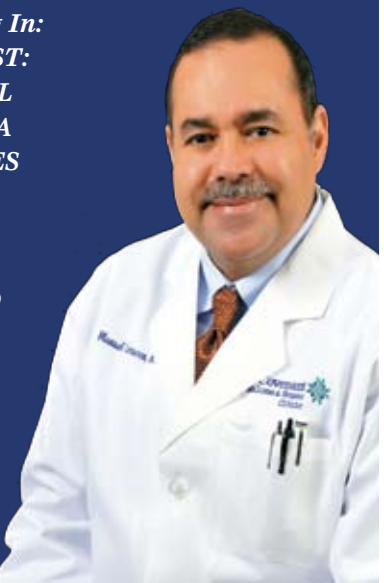
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Take note

- Christ Community Fellowship will be selling hot dogs and burritos at Pops in the Park on top of the amphitheater. Funds raised will benefit the mission program at the church.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliances. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535
- Watercolor Horizons Art Show Exhibition at UTPB opens Friday, during the reception that evening and will continue until July 30. Anyone inter-

- ested in submitting work may receive a prospectus from Petra Eubanks, show chair, 432-366-1757, ceubanks@juno.com.
- Donate blood! A bloodmobile will be available at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. A sign up sheet is located in the Sears store inside the mall. For more information, contact Stacie Proctor at 432-267-1127.
- An immunization clinic for school children will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, July 9 at the DSHS Big Spring Health Clinic, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B. Children age 2 months to 18 years, CHIP, Medicaid or uninsured only. \$5 per visit, per family. Call 432-263-9775 for an appointment.
- An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for Brittney Phillips Smith.

- Brittney will be underwent a kidney transplant June 14 in San Antonio. Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

HOLIDAY

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Wednesday, area children will put their best red, white and blue foot forward at the annual Highland South July 4 Parade. The parade, featuring children decked out in all kinds of patriotic regalia begins at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Highland and Robb drives and will end at the intersection of Highland and Goliad. Entries will be accepted the day of the parade. Participants are asked to arrive by 9:30 a.m. so the judges will have plenty of time to view

the entries, organizers said. Among the categories to be judged are walkers, strollers, bicycles, motorized and battery powered vehicles, pets, horses, houses and mailboxes. Prizes to the top entries will be presented immediately following the parade's conclusion. "There are 14 different decorating categories the parade participants will be judged on and participation ribbons will be handed out to everyone who takes part," Melanie Lawdermilk said. "We'll also be awarding first, second and third place ribbons. It's going to be a

lot of fun for everyone, no matter how young or old." "Four wheelers will be allowed, but only if an adult 18 years or older is driving," Lawdermilk said. Coahoma's annual Freedom Parade, set for Saturday morning, will cap the area's holiday celebrations. According to Coahoma Mayor Warren Wallace, the parade will kickoff in the Coahoma High School Stadium parking lot, located adjacent to First Street. "This year we'll be doing the judging a little bit different than we have in years past," Wallace said. "This

year we'll actually do the judging before the parade begins, so the parade entries will need to be in place and ready to be judged by 9:20 a.m. "In previous years, folks participating in the parade needed to leave directly following the parade for plans with family members, which sometimes made judging difficult. We're hoping by doing the judging before hand we'll be able to eliminate those problems and move things along more quickly." Wallace said the parade — which is expected to get under way promptly at 10 a.m. — will make its way down

First Street to the North Service Road, then back up Sixth Street, returning to the original staging area at the stadium parking lot. Marshals for the parade will be Clois Snell, Ovis James, Ralph Matson and Dennis Greenfield. Once the parade has made its way through the city of Coahoma, Wallace said area residents will have the chance to gather and enjoy each other's company at the city's park. "There will be volleyball, washers and other games for folks to play. They won't be competitive, mind you, just for fun," Wallace said.

"We'll also take time to recognize the parade marshals, as well as our Coahoma Citizen of the Year, Loma Jean Wynn. "Also, the Coahoma Lions Club will be on hand selling hamburger plates for \$5 each. Each includes a burger, chips and some sort of desert. We'll also be recognizing our local firefighters for what they have done for the community, as well as our soldiers and veterans."

DWI

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ing to state officials, with troopers focusing DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. "Plan ahead. If you are drinking, make sure you have a designated driver or some other form of transportation," DPS Director Steven McCraw said. "Otherwise, you could be making a very expensive or even fatal mistake." The enhanced patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. DPS troopers made

1,406 DWI arrests during the July 4 enforcement effort last year, with 575 of those arrests a direct result of the increased patrols. Last year, during this time period, DPS enforcement also resulted in nearly 18,000 speeding citations, 3,390 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 920 fugitive arrests and 656 felony arrests, according to DPS officials. DPS troopers won't be the only law enforcement officers on the lookout for violators during the holiday, either. Both the Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Department will have patrols paying close attention to motorists during the Indepen-

dence Day holiday. "If you get pulled over and you've been drinking, don't expect our officers to cut you any kind of slack at all," Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, said. "They will have zero tolerance for motorists who choose to drink and drive." Sheriff Stan Parker echoed those sentiments, saying getting behind the wheel while intoxicated will land drivers a one-way trip to the county detention center. "This isn't some sort of joke," Parker said. "These are people's lives. These are their families. If you get stopped and you've been drinking, you're going to be in a world of

trouble. Be smart about it and have a designated driver." The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports the July 4 holiday ranks No. 1 nationally for alcohol-related fatal crashes. According to TxDOT, more than 1,000 Texans are killed each year as a result of impaired drivers and Texas is frequently ranked as the nation's

deadliest for impaired driving deaths. "The goal of our enforcement effort is to save lives and make traveling in Texas safer for residents and visitors during the July 4th holiday," said McCraw. *Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

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Jackson Lee Burris, infant, died Friday. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ira E. "Skipper" Boyd, 65, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Spring Creek Fellowship. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Roger Dean Albertson, 80, died Saturday. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Ronald Barrow, 56, died Friday. Private services will be held at a later date.

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Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Kids need at least an hour of exercise every day. Try these:

Guy Fieri's Cooking with kids Thriller Grillers!

Fire up the grill to make a killer sandwich sure to thrill! Everyone in the family can help make my grilled chicken sandwich.

Sandwiches don't have to be boring. When the family cooks together, you *thrill* the taste buds!

LET'S DO THIS!
Work on this page with a parent. Cooking together builds creativity and confidence!

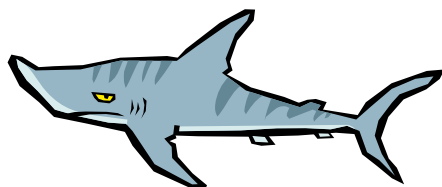
Sleep with Sharks?

Today, many zoos and aquariums give kids the chance to be surrounded by fascinating animals at night. A thrilling experience filled with fun and learning!



Monterey Bay Aquarium Sleepover

When the doors close at 8:00 p.m., you can explore the aquarium without daytime crowds. The sleepover includes special programs and a light bedtime snack, with a late-night nature movie before falling asleep in front of your favorite exhibit. Wake up with the fishes and enjoy a continental breakfast.



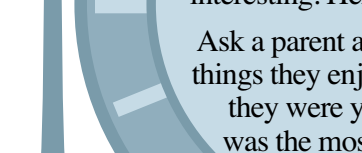
Shark Shapes

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes. Some have stripes. Others have spots. Can you list one or more ways each of these sharks is different from the others?

Example: The Leopard shark has spotted markings.

Standards Link: Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.

Hammerhead Shark

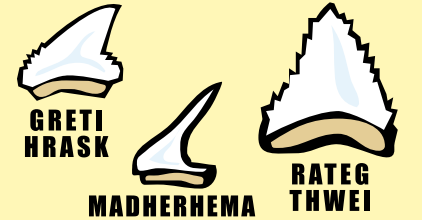


Nothing but the Tooth

No two kinds of sharks have the same kind of teeth. Scientists can tell what kind of shark a tooth came from just by the way it looks.

To find out what type of shark each tooth came from, unscramble the words.

Standards Link: Life Science; animals have features that help them survive in different environments.



Answers: Tiger shark, Hammerhead, Great White.

GUY SAYS:

An aquarium in Valencia, Spain, provides a chance to eat dinner in an underwater restaurant surrounded by sharks!

GUY'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH ON PRETZEL BAGUETTE WITH CITRUS MUSTARD!

Recipe Courtesy Guy Fieri

Prep Time: 10 min
Cook Time: 20 min
Makes: 4 servings



STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (1 1/2 pounds total)
- 3/4 cup grapefruit soda
- 1/4 cup orange juice, fresh squeezed
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 2 tsp lemon pepper
- 1 tsp granulated garlic
- 2 pretzel baguettes, 10 to 12 inches each
- 1/4 cup whole-grain Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp orange marmalade
- 6 slices Havarti cheese
- 6 pieces Bibb lettuce

1. In a gallon size re-sealable bag, add the chicken, grapefruit soda, orange juice, rice vinegar, the 1 tablespoon of Dijon, olive oil, lemon pepper and granulated garlic. Place in the refrigerator and marinate for 2 hours.
2. Preheat the grill to medium-high.
3. Remove the chicken from marinade and add to the grill. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes, flip over and cook until the internal temperature is 160°F, an additional 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from the grill, cover lightly with foil and allow to cool.
4. Split the baguettes in half, remove any excess bread from inside the top halves and lightly toast all four pieces on the grill. In a small bowl, combine the whole-grain Dijon and marmalade. Spread this mixture on the toasted bread halves.
5. Slice the cooked chicken breasts into 1/2-inch pieces on the diagonal and place on the bottom halves of the bread. Top evenly with the cheese and lettuce. Top with the top halves of the baguettes and slice each in half on a diagonal to serve.

Extra! Extra! Dive into the Newspaper to find:

- a word that starts with “sh”
- a word that starts with “th”
- five words that describe a shark
- a picture of something sharp

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Double Double Word Search

- SANDWICHES
SLEEPOVER
MARINATE
DIAGONAL
SHARKS
FAMILY
THRILL
JUICE
GRILL
FIERI
SLICE
LEMON
NIGHT
HALF
TALK

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

L	A	N	O	G	A	I	D	G	R
S	L	M	A	R	I	N	A	T	E
K	E	L	T	Y	F	I	E	R	I
R	M	L	A	H	L	L	I	R	G
A	O	I	L	J	G	I	A	I	L
H	N	R	K	U	L	I	M	H	T
S	E	H	C	I	W	D	N	A	S
H	R	T	E	C	I	L	S	I	F
L	S	L	E	E	P	O	V	E	R

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



Roll!

Skateboarding is really good exercise. Practice a few new tricks or skate over to a friend's house (but don't forget to wear a helmet!).



Dance!

Play your favorite songs and move to the music.



Dribble!

Dribbling up and down the basketball court is a way to get a really good workout. Play a game of one-on-one.



Wiggle!

Use a hoop and see how long you can keep it going.

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

Kid Scoop-doku

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

S	H	A	R	K
S				
		S		
			S	
	S			

Kid Scoop Table Talks

Mealtime is a chance for families to talk about things that are interesting. Here's today's topic:

Ask a parent about the kinds of things they enjoyed doing when they were your age. What was the most thrilling time of their life?

What should you do if you find a shark in your bed?

Use the code to discover the punch line!

A = 8 | E = 33 | H = 17 | L = 16 | O = 30 | R = 4 | U = 24 | W = 21
B = 19 | G = 2 | I = 29 | M = 11 | P = 26 | S = 15 | V = 5 | Y = 28

15	16	33	33	26	15	30	11	33	21	17	33	4	33	33	16	15	33
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For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit www.cwkfoundation.org

Write On!

Meet My New Pet!

Imagine that you have a pet shark. Where do you keep it? What do you feed it? What do your neighbors think?

Meep! Meep!

Rescuers give helping hand to roadrunner

When the woman told me she had been trying to feed the bird for four days, I instinctively worried about that critical time in a young bird's life. To know what to feed it, and how often, was imperative in maintaining a healthy diet for a rapidly growing being.



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Since she was driving in to town from Sand Springs, I asked that she deliver the bird as soon as possible. Two hours later, she arrived.

Upon opening a large, deep box, I discovered not only the bird, but its nest as well. Having seen such nurseries in scrubby mesquites, I realized the woman had pried the entire nest out of a cholla as I brought it and its passenger out of the cardboard enclosure.



Courtesy photo

In the west and southwestern parts of the United States, arid terrain is attractive to the roadrunner. Nearly two feet in length, the bird hunts for lizards, small snakes, scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas, mice, rats and insects.

Random segments of thorns had been the cactus' gift to anyone that dared to bother the plant or its occupants.

My wincing from several barbs was a warning to Art. After going back in the house, he brought out a large box that easily accommodated the width of a mother's creation. At least a foot in diameter, the nest was deep enough to corral wiggling offspring for a few weeks.

On top and interwoven in layered

sticks were leaves, dried grass, feathers, part of a snakeskin, small bits of dried manure and even remnants of mesquite bean pods. Whatever had been in the area had been utilized by a crafty parent.

Inside was a nestling roadrunner. Its black skin appeared greasy as the late morning sunlight illuminated coarse, white hairs lying in rows. They were an indication of feathers to come, and were pronounced in relation to their

dark background. It was hard to imagine that in the wild, in a mere three weeks, this youngster would be on the ground catching some of its food.

Assuming the parents had abandoned the nest site, the woman had taken the nestling. With little to duplicate the bird's natural home, she had then decided to wrestle the nest from the cactus.

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My how times have changed

I received a note the other day and it told me to read all the way to bottom before I tried to answer the question. The question was: How old is grandma? The note went like this:

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought

about the shootings at schools, the computer age and just things in general.

The Grandmother replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before: television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill.

"There were no credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not yet invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

"Your grandfather and I got married first, and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir" and every woman older than me "Mam." We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense.

"We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started.

"Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends -not purchasing condominiums. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, DVDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to big bands,

Jack Benny, and the president's speeches on our radio. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

"If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk.

"The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents.

"Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

"You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon. In my day 'grass' was mowed, 'coke' was a cold drink, 'pot' was something your mother cooked in and 'rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby. 'Aids' were helpers in the principal's office, 'chip' meant a piece of wood, 'hardware' was found in a hardware store and 'software' wasn't even a word. And we were

the last generation to actually believe a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

"No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap. How old do you think I am?"

The note then told me to really think about what I read and I would receive another note in a few days with the correct answer.

I studied on the things listed in the note and waited anxiously until I finally got the answering document. It read: I bet you have this old lady in mind. You are in for a shock. Read on to see, pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time.

The woman would have been born in 1952 and she would only be 59 years old.

I sat there looking at the note in amazement and again ran the things through my mind.

Wow, how things have changed in the last 59 years.

It's still hard for me to believe.

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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 box.

7	3		2				6	5
6	4		3		1	9		
		8			6			2
2						6	5	
3			9		7			1
	6	1						3
9			1			5		
		6	5		8		3	9
4	7				9		1	8

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Two Ways Are Better Than One

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 6
♥ J 7 5 3
♦ A Q J 9 6
♣ A 10 8 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 5 2
♥ 10 9 6 4
♦ 7 3
♣ Q 2

EAST
♠ K 8 4 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ K 4 2
♣ 7 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A 9 7
♥ A K
♦ 10 8 5
♣ A K J 9 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
3NT

Opening lead — queen of spades.
When declarer fails to make a contract he could have made, the question he should ask himself is whether he played correctly and was unlucky or whether he played incorrectly and paid the penalty for his ineptitude.

Take this case where South is in three notrump and West leads a spade. Declarer holds up his ace until

the third round and then apparently has to decide whether to take a diamond or club finesse. In the actual hand, if he attempts either finesse, it fails, and he loses two more spade tricks to go down one.

As can be seen, South can make the contract by cashing the A-K of clubs, deliberately rejecting the finesse. However, that alone doesn't prove the play is correct, since hindsight is not an acceptable measure for testing correct play.

But if we consider the matter fairly, without looking at the East-West cards, it turns out that cashing the A-K of clubs is the right play mathematically. While it is true that you have only about a 1-in-3 chance of catching the queen by playing the A-K, the advantage derives from the fact that if the damsel does not appear, you are not yet at the end of your rope. You can then abandon the suit and try the diamond finesse, hoping West has the king.

Testing the clubs before tackling the diamonds thus gives you two chances to make the contract instead of just one. But if you try the diamond finesse first and it loses, you can no longer test your luck in clubs.

Tomorrow: The rationale of dummy play.

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News in brief

Official: 25 killed, 40 injured in vegetable truck explosion at city market south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi authorities say at least 25 people have been killed and scores wounded by a vegetable truck that exploded in a market in a Shiite city south of Baghdad.

Qadisiyah provincial council chairman Jubair al-Jabouri says the blast came around 10 a.m. in a vegetable and fish market in the city of Diwaniyah, 130 kilometers (80 miles) south of Baghdad.

He said 40 were wounded in the explosion and blamed Sunni insurgents linked to al-Qaida.

Utility crews making headway, but nearly 1.8M still without power

WASHINGTON (AP) — A chainsaw's buzz and the thump of logs striking grass disturbed the ordinary stillness of a leafy, well-to-do neighborhood in upper northwest Washington.

A three-man contract crew for the utility company Pepco worked steadily to remove remnants of a tree that had fallen on a power line. A worker in a white hard hat, lifted by a crane some 50 feet in the air, used a saw to slice off leaves and branches from the wire. He chucked them to the ground or they fell on their own. But for a crew already working 16-hour days, feelings of success were short-lived.

"From here we've got another complaint," crew member Jose Climaco said Monday. "As soon as we finish here, we have to go to another complaint."

More than three days after a wave of violent thunderstorms wreaked havoc in parts of the Midwest and the Mid-Atlantic, utility crews had restored electrical service to more than 1 million customers but were working Tuesday morning to turn on the lights — and air-conditioning — at nearly 1.8 million other homes and businesses.

Utilities were warning that many neighborhoods could remain in the dark for much of the week, if not beyond. But public officials and residents were growing impatient.

Pope fires Slovak bishop in rare show of papal power; usually bishops are asked to resign

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI fired a 52-year-old Slovak bishop for apparently mismanaging his diocese in a rare show of papal power over bishops that could have implications for U.S. sex abuse cases.

Usually when bishops run into trouble — either for alleged moral lapses or management problems — they are persuaded by the Vatican to resign. But Benedict has become increasingly willing to forcibly remove bishops who refuse to step down, sacking three others in the past year alone.

His willingness to do so raises questions about whether he would take the same measures against bishops who covered up for sexually abusive priests. So far he has not.

In the most notable case to date, Benedict fired Bishop William Morris of Toowoomba, Australia, last year after he called for the church to consider ordaining women and married men. He also removed a Congolese bishop for management problems in his diocese and an Italian one in May for similar reasons.

On Monday, the Vatican said Benedict had "relieved from pastoral care" Bishop Robert Bezak of Trnava, Slovakia. No reason was given, but Italian news reports suggested administrative problems were to blame, and Slovak news reports quoted Bezak as saying he thought his criticism of his predecessor may have had a role.

Report: Syrian president says he regrets downing of Turkish jet

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad said he regrets the shooting down of a Turkish jet by his forces, and he will not allow tensions between the two neighbors to deteriorate into an "armed conflict," a Turkish newspaper reported Tuesday.

Syria downed the RF-4E warplane on June 22, after according to Syria it flew very low inside its airspace. Turkey says the jet was hit in international airspace after it briefly strayed into Syria.

Assad offered no apology for the downing of the plane during an interview with Cumhuriyet on Sunday, insisting that it was shot down over Syria, and his forces acted in self-defense.

He said that the plane was flying in a corridor inside Syrian airspace that had been used by Israeli planes in 2007, when they bombed a building under construction in northern Syria.

The UN nuclear agency has said that the building was a nearly finished reactor meant to produce plutonium, which can be used to arm nuclear warheads.

"The plane was using the same corridor used by Israeli planes three times in the past," Assad told Cumhuriyet. "Soldiers shot it down because we did not see it on our radars and we were not informed about it."

\$2.2 million expedition to find wreckage of Amelia Earhart's plane begins in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — A \$2.2 million expedition is hoping to finally solve one of America's most enduring mysteries: What exactly happened to famed aviator Amelia Earhart when she went missing over the South Pacific 75 years ago?

A group of scientists, historians and salvagers think they have a good idea, and are trekking from Honolulu to a remote island in the Pacific nation of Kiribati starting Tuesday in hopes of finding wreckage of Earhart's Lockheed Electra plane in nearby waters.

Their working theory is that Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan landed on a reef near the Kiribati atoll of Nikumaroro, then survived a short

time.

"Everything has pointed to the airplane having gone over the edge of that reef in a particular spot and the wreckage ought to be right down there," said Ric Gillespie, the founder and executive director of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, the group leading the search.

"We're going to search where it — in quotes — should be," he said. "And maybe it's there, maybe it's not. And there's no way to know unless you go and look."

Mass. health care law, 6 years on, may point to successes and challenges ahead for federal law

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts has the nation's highest rate of residents with health insurance. Visits to emergency rooms are beginning to ease. More residents are getting cancer screenings and more women are making prenatal doctors' visits.

Still, one of the biggest challenges for the state lies ahead: reining in spiraling costs.

Six years after Gov. Mitt Romney signed the nation's most ambitious health care law — one that would lay the groundwork for his presidential opponent's national version — supporters say the Massachusetts law holds promise for the long-term success of Barack Obama's plan.

Like the federal law it inspired, the Massachusetts law has multiple goals, among them expanding the number of insured residents, reducing emergency room visits, penalizing those who can afford coverage but opt to remain uninsured, and requiring employers to offer coverage or pay a fine.

Supporters of the Massachusetts experiment are quick to point out its successes.

Peru's big, ambitious low-cost program to provide students with laptops gets mixed grades

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru's equipping of more than 800,000 public schoolchildren in this rugged Andean nation with low-cost laptops ranks among the world's most ambitious efforts to leverage digital technology in the fight against poverty.

Yet five years in, there are serious doubts about whether the largest single deployment in the One Laptop Per Child initiative inspired by MIT Media Lab founder Nicholas Negroponte was worth the more than \$200 million that Peru's government spent.

Ill-prepared rural teachers and administrators were too often unable to fathom much less teach with the machines, software bugs didn't get fixed, Internet access was almost universally absent and cultural disconnects kept kids from benefitting from the machines.

"In essence, what we did was deliver the computers without preparing the teachers," said Sandro Marcone, the Peruvian education official who now runs the program.

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BIRD

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Attempting to raise the youngster was harder than she thought.

Even with an abundance of insects around her property, the woman's children were having a difficult time catching enough grasshoppers.

Not knowing of the roadrunner's varied diet, she had soon realized both she and the bird needed help.

In our freezer was a plentiful supply of mice and crickets.

Minced, the rodents were readily swallowed. Crickets were gobbled whole.

Although we did not have access to the colorful pears on cactus, we found the bird would accept with relish the more expensive offerings of fruit from our local grocery stores.

Soon, our guest was stronger and feathering.

Delivery to the wildlife center in Lubbock in late July afforded our bird an adult companion to mimic.

After losing its natal hair, the youngster would be attired in its first winter plumage and resemble its older friend. While in the aviary, it could run,

leap, fly, and cavort throughout the day. When released, the chaparral would spend most of its time on the ground while darting among native growth to hunt for mice, lizards, insects, small birds and snakes.

To sustain it in walking, running, and stalking were remarkably long legs and unique toes. Zygodactylous feet, with two toes pointing forward, and the other two backward, enhanced its ability to grip the roughest of surfaces and maintain extraordinary balance.

Flight to a nearby tree or scrub would mostly be prompted by eminent danger. At that time, the white patches that adorned its short, rounded wings would

be evident.

Brown above and light below, the roadrunner would have prominent streaking on its breast and back. Its tail would be almost as long as its body.

While prowling for sparrows, its long, black bill could easily extract prey from inside the dried growth of native yuccas. Most noticeable would be its crested head and the pale blue, orange-red bare skin back of its eyes.

News of its release in August was heartening. Temporarily, we had enjoyed its presence, even at an early stage of its life. To know that its name had been created from pioneer days of horse drawn conveyances to describe a unique bird that ran

ahead in the roadway was to appreciate its place in history.

A long-time friend, Lupe Urias, had often related his culture's admiration for the roadrunner. One crossing your path meant good fortune would come your way. To confirm the sighting of a compatriot was to tie a knot in a cloth handkerchief.

Years later, his story would echo in my mind. Sighting of one in the wild, or even a nestling or adult brought to our care, reminded us of our good fortune in having a friend who had brought us closer to the lore of el paisano.

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

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ANSWERS

7	3	9	2	8	4	1	6	5
6	4	2	3	5	1	9	8	7
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3	5	4	9	6	7	8	2	1
8	6	1	4	2	5	7	9	3
9	8	3	1	4	2	5	7	6
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4	7	5	6	3	9	2	1	8

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Astros shortstop Jed Lowrie relays the ball to first base to complete a double play in the sixth inning during a game against the Pirates on Monday. Houston lost the game 11-2.

Pirates hit back-to-back homers off of foul pole as Astros fall 11-2

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Garrett Jones, Neil Walker and the Pittsburgh Pirates dinged up the Houston Astros.

Jones and Walker hit back-to-back homers off the right-field foul pole, leading James McDonald and the Pirates over Houston 11-2 on Monday night.

"It was cool to see Walker do it right after me," Jones said.

Astros starter Jordan Lyles did not allow a hit and struck out four the first time through the Pirates' order. But the first Pittsburgh batters of the fourth inning got hits, highlighted by Jones' two-run homer and Walker's solo shot.

Each clanged off the right-field foul pole, Jones' on a line drive and Walker's a high fly. According to STATS LLC., there have not been back-to-back home runs off the foul pole since at least 2000, which is the first season foul-pole home runs were tracked.

Jones finished the game with four hits and four RBIs, and Andrew McCutchen also had four hits for the Pirates, whose 16-5 home record since May 12 is the best in the majors.

McCutchen was playing the first time since spraining his wrist diving for a ball Saturday in St. Louis. A day after being named to the NL All-star team, fans chanted "M-V-P" during his final at-bat.

"When we go out the first few innings and don't put some runs on the board, we know it's OK because we know it's just a matter of time before things start to click for us," McCutchen said.

"It's the way things are starting to

seem. We're starting to get that confidence in each other, starting to get that belief."

The Pirates have homered in a season high 10 straight games and have 52 runs over their past six games. It took them their first 22 games to score their 50th run of the season.

"Our lineup is amazing right now," McDonald said. "It's like every guy is a tough out. Nobody is an easy out in our lineup right now."

McDonald (8-3) recovered from walking three batters in the first inning — as many as he has in any full game this season — to pitch seven effective innings.

"Happy the way I recovered," McDonald said. "I think that's the big difference between last year and this year. I would have let things start to spiral. This year, I'm better at recovering and picking myself back up and getting to it."

McDonald's 2.45 ERA is down from 4.21 in 2011. He has a 1.73 ERA at home for Pittsburgh, which won for the fifth time in six games.

Scott Moore homered and J.D. Martinez hit two consecutive and seven in a row on the road.

McDonald won for the eighth time in his past 10 decisions, improving to 4-1 at home despite a season-high five walks. He was charged with two runs on four hits with four strikeouts.

The Pirates hit consecutive home runs for the fifth time this season and third in the past five games. Jones' homer was his 11th of the season and fourth in his past 11 games.

Despite injuries, Rangers hold best record in majors as they try for 3rd World Series

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — After going to two consecutive World Series without a title, the Texas Rangers are better than they ever have been.

At least based on their record and all the teammates who will join Texas slugger Josh Hamilton at the All-Star game.

Halfway through the schedule — they play game No. 81 of 162 on Tuesday night against the Chicago White Sox — the Rangers have the best record in the majors and are the only team with 50 wins. That is already eight more than they had at the same point last year.

"We have a talented group, both talented and popular," general manager Jon Daniels said. "Kind of the irony of it is, outside of the couple of weeks at the beginning of the year (a 12-2 start), I'm not sure we've really clicked on all cylinders. It's a credit to these guys that they found ways to win even without that."

All-Star left-hander Matt Harrison (11-3) and Japanese ace Yu Darvish (10-5) are the only starters from the opening-day rotation not on the disabled list.

Colby Lewis (right forearm tendinitis) and Derek Holland (left shoulder fatigue) are both expected back after the All-Star break. Converted closer Neftali Feliz (right elbow inflammation) is eligible to return July 18, but may not have a starting spot after the addition of Roy Oswalt (2-0), who is set for his third start for the team Tuesday night.

The Rangers made it through the 2011 season with the same five pitchers in the rotation. There have already been 10 different starters this year, including two making their major league debuts.

"This game is always a mental test, but these guys have always handled adversity well. They don't let what's not here affect what they have to do," manager Ron Washington said. "I think that's why we've been able to hold on, because we just play with what we've got."

Hamilton struggled in June, even though he has already matched his homer total of last season with 25 and leads the majors with 73 RBIs. And there have been prolonged slumps for Mike Napoli and slugger Nelson Cruz, despite two hits for the outfielder on his 32nd birthday Sunday.

Yet, somehow the Rangers are rolling.

A record seven Rangers, and very possibly an eighth in Darvish, will join Washington in Kansas City for the All-Star game. That means Texas players and their manager can have a big impact on the outcome of the exhibition game that determines home-field advantage for the World Series — something they didn't have the last two Octobers.

"We know what it's like to be on the other side of that, so we're going to go out there and try to win and get home field for the AL," said Napoli, voted the AL All-Star starting catcher by the fans though he has started only 43 games behind the plate for Texas.

Hamilton, Napoli and third baseman Adrian Beltre give Texas a trio of All-Star starters. Second baseman Ian Kinsler and shortstop Elvis Andrus are going as reserves, while Harrison and closer Joe Nathan are part of the pitching staff.

The internationally popular Darvish is one of five AL pitchers who are candidates for the final roster spot through an online fan vote this week.

"I'm going to say he's going to be in, he's going to go," said Hamilton, who got more than 11 million fan votes. "I don't see it being a problem. ... He's done well this year, he's deserving of going."

Last October, the Rangers were twice within a strike of a World Series-clinching victory before losing Game 6 in extra innings at St. Louis. They jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first inning of Game 7 before losing that game as well.

Washington is quick to say that playing the final two games in St. Louis wasn't the reason for the Rangers losing.

"You're in a World Series, if you can't play through that, you shouldn't be there," he said.

If Texas makes it again this fall, Washington sure wouldn't mind having home-field advantage. He plans to utilize his full AL roster in the All-Star game.

"My intention is to get all those guys out on the field," Washington said. "We'll just see if we can get some runs on the board and take a lead, then I might change and become selfish and try to win the game."

After the All-Star break, the Rangers open with an eight-game trip when they play all three of their AL West rivals. Then comes a 10-game homestand that includes a series against the Los Angeles Angels.

Rangers' announcer Barnett out indefinitely

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas television announcer Dave Barnett says he doesn't expect to return this season after an on-air incident in which he gave a rambling, incoherent description that confused viewers.

Barnett said in a statement issued through the team Monday that

he was taking an indefinite leave of absence for medical reasons. He didn't elaborate.

During the eighth inning June 18 in San Diego, Barnett said a runner was on "fifth" base after a "botched robbery." He then mentioned a "henchman" before the broadcast went silent for several

seconds.

Barnett told The Dallas Morning News last week that he had no recollection of the incident and was diagnosed with a "complicated" migraine.

Steve Busby will keep Barnett's play-by-play duties. Matt Hicks has taken Busby's place on the radio crew.

Brooks agrees to extension with Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Scott Brooks has signed a multiyear extension to return as coach of the Oklahoma City Thunder.

General manager Sam Presti announced Monday that Brooks agreed to a new contract, less than two weeks after the Thunder lost in

five games to the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals.

The team did not disclose terms of the contract. Other media outlets have reported the deal is for four years at more than \$4 million per year.

Brooks' previous deal was allowed to ex-

pire Saturday before the sides could come to an agreement on the terms. Brooks took over the Thunder early in the 2008-09 season and has led the team to the playoffs each of the past three seasons.

A news conference with Brooks is scheduled for today.

AP source: Allen to visit Heat on Thursday

MIAMI (AP) — The NBA champion Miami Heat will get to make their sales pitch to Allen.

A person familiar with Allen's plans told The Associated Press that the free-agent shooting guard will visit with Heat officials Thursday. Allen also is scheduled to visit Friday with the Los Angeles Clippers, according to the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans were not announced.

Allen is one of Miami's top offseason targets, so much so that even NBA MVP LeBron James tweeted last week that he hopes to play alongside him next season. For that to happen, Allen would have to take less money than he almost certainly could make elsewhere.

Miami can offer Allen only the mini mid-level exception worth just more than \$3 million for next season, or roughly half what the Boston Celtics are willing to pay to keep the NBA's leading 3-point shooter. Still, Allen's willingness to even listen to Heat President Pat Riley suggests that Miami's financial limits may not be a deterrent to a deal.

NBA.com first reported Allen's planned visits Tuesday morning.

The Heat made just under 36 percent of their 3-point attempts this season. Mike Miller (.453) and James Jones (.404) led the Heat in accuracy from beyond the arc, though Miller is sorting out what he will do next season as he deals with back and foot issues.

Allen would figure to be a perfect fit with Miami because the Heat want to surround James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh with shooters who extend defenses and therefore create room around the basket for the "Big Three" to attack. That approach worked perfectly for Miami in the playoffs — the Heat were 9-1 when making at least eight 3-pointers in playoff games (7-6 otherwise), and they hit 14 in the finals-clincher over Oklahoma City.

Allen has made at least 100 3-pointers in 15 of his 16 seasons, the lone exception being when he connected on 74 in the shortened 50-game schedule of 1998-99. He's established career-bests for accuracy in each of the past two seasons, first making 44 percent of his 3's in 2010-11, then 45 percent this past year. His 2,718

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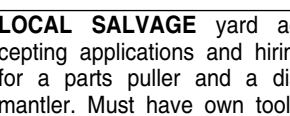
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're willing to explore and experiment, life becomes a big adventure. Try

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

things at least once before making a determination as to whether it's really for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Things are about to ramp up for you. Accept the challenge. You'll prove that you can do more than you did before. Soon the production level of yesterday will seem like mere child's play.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's no shame in your game. You're willing to lose the ego and put yourself out there just to learn. Because you have no resistance to the new, you'll quickly gain useful skills.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Excuses are the enemy of positive thinking. Abolish blame (especially self-blame), and you'll see what's really going on that needs to be handled. You'll find immediate solutions to whatever ails you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mind's eye is extra powerful today. Use visualization to make something interesting happen in your world. Imagining it won't make it happen, but it puts the odds in your favor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your aim is straightforward. There are only a few things that absolutely must be accomplished today, and relaxation is one of them. You'll be focused,

completing one task before moving on to another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Flexible thinking helps you finish what you set out to do since you probably won't be able to accomplish it the way you had planned. Stay open-minded, and you'll definitely find another way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Admit that you are only human. Sometimes you need a little help, and don't be afraid to ask for it. A break from the action this afternoon helps you to clear your head. Afterward, you'll get quickly back on track.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're usually sensitive to what others need. Turn those sensors on yourself. Recognize when you are starting to get stressed, and quickly take action to relieve that stress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The world hasn't changed too much from the way it was yesterday, but your perception of it has. This is a temporary state of being. Feelings and thoughts pass. Try not to take any of it too seriously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have social choices today. Don't pay heed to discouraging people who seem to revel in planting doubts. Stay in the company of those whose thoughts and attitudes are generally positive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're powerful, but sometimes you forget this. Identify the problems, fears or obstacles that make you feel helpless, and brainstorm possible (and impossible) solutions.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 3). Home is where you live and love; it's also an investment. You'll add value to that investment in July. Loved ones will engage in their best behavior to win your affection in August. September brings speedy developments on the career front. Children and elders crave your attention in October. There's a windfall in December. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 20, 12, 34 and 6.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I keep dreaming about the same unicorn. The unicorn is

sometimes my pet, and other times it walks up to me but I know it's not mine. It comes to me on a beach or in a forest, and once it walked up to my front door. Usually the unicorn doesn't say anything, but a few times it has spoken to me. Once it wanted food, and another time it wanted to be brushed. None of my friends ever dreams of unicorns. What do you think it means?"

One thing I find fascinating about unicorns is that the Greeks who wrote about them did not include these writings with other mythology; rather, the unicorn is recorded in Greek natural history as though it were a real creature. In the Middle Ages, it was widely believed that a unicorn's horn had magical powers, but that due to its purity and great strength it couldn't be captured to harness those powers except by a virgin of equal purity. Given the modern associations of the unicorn to fanciful youth and the wonderment of childhood, I would suggest that your dream has to do with feeding and tending to the child inside of you. Are there things you wanted to pursue when you were younger but never had the chance? Your unicorn is urging you to pursue them now.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Tom Cruise is as convincing as ever as a tattooed, big-haired rock god in "Rock of Ages." The Cancer superstar has a megawatt energy level that energizes whatever project he takes on. His moon, Venus and Uranus in Leo, the sign of the entertainer, promises that Cruise will always have plenty of fiery passion to pour into his work.

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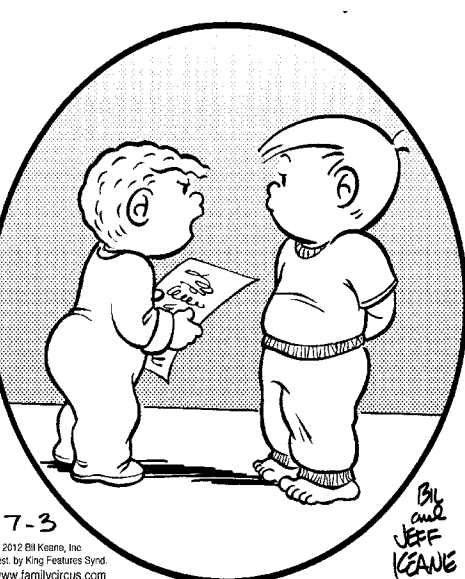
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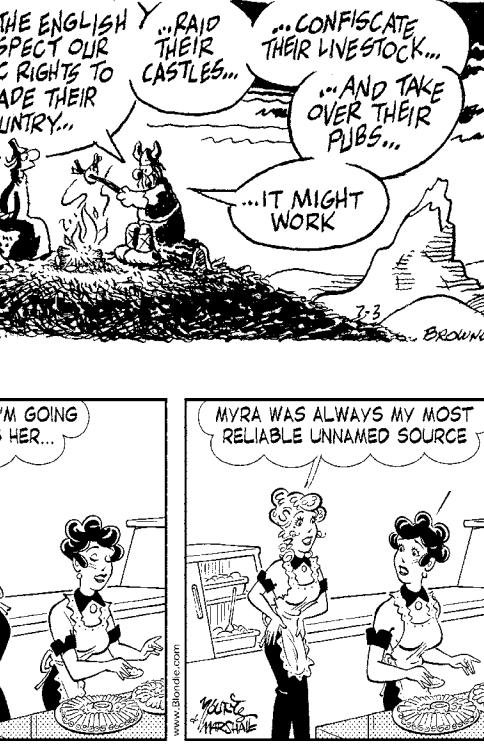


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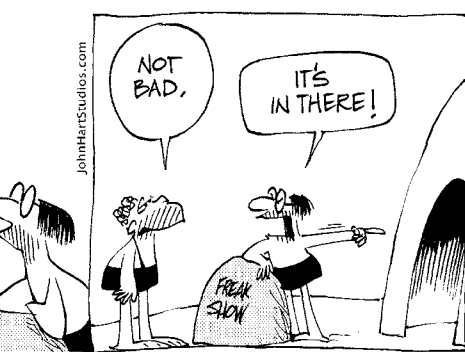
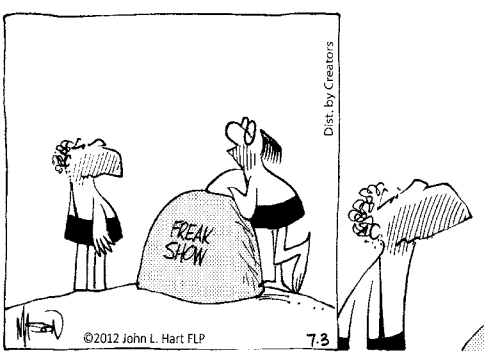
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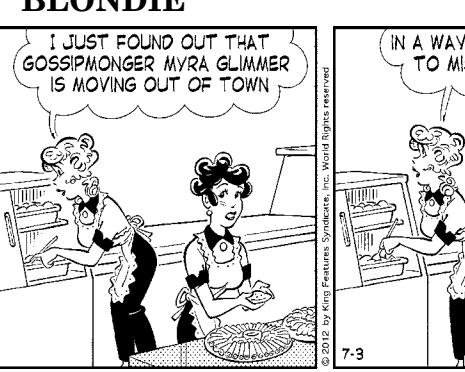
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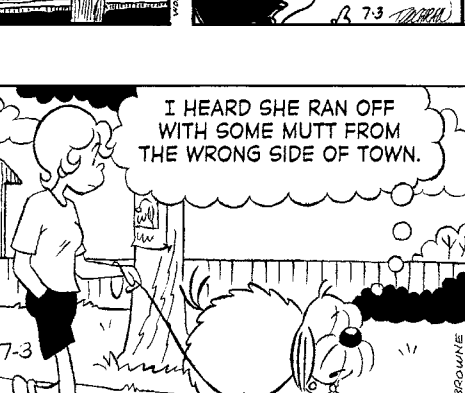
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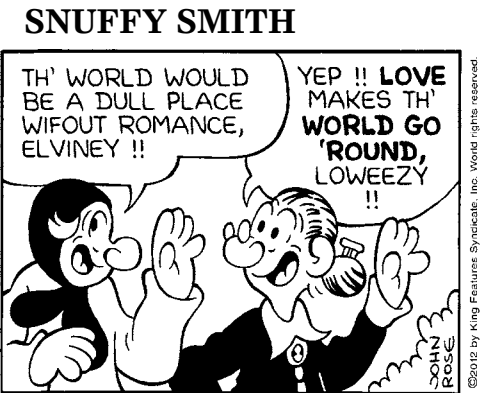
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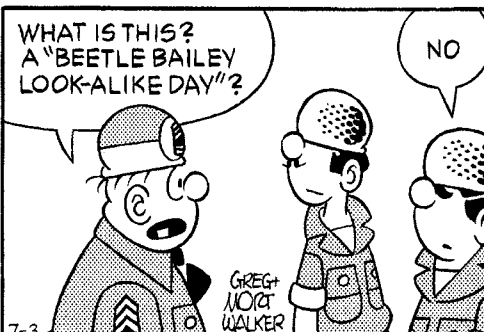
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 3, the 185th day of 2012. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1962, French President Charles de Gaulle signed an agreement recognizing Algeria as an independent state after 132 years of French rule. (The same day, U.S. President John F. Kennedy sent a congratulatory message to the Algerian people.)

On this date:

In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeat-

ed a Spanish fleet outside Santiago Bay in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk.

In 1950, the first carrier strikes of the Korean War took place as the USS Valley Forge and the HMS Triumph sent fighter planes against North Korean targets.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

In 1979, Dan White, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting deaths of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee) and Supervisor Harvey Milk, was sentenced to 7 years and 8 months in prison. (He ended up serving 5 years.)

In 1987, British millionaire Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand became the first hot-air balloon travelers to cross the Atlantic, jumping into the sea as their craft went down off the Scottish coast.

In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.

In 1992, the first U.S. Air Force C-130 from Operation

Provide Promise arrived in the besieged Bosnian capital of Sarajevo.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tim O'Connor is 85. Jazz musician Pete Fountain is 82. Playwright Tom Stoppard is 75. Writer-producer Jay Tarses is 73. Singer Fontella Bass is 72. Attorney Gloria Allred is 71. Actor Kurtwood Smith is 69. Actor Michael Cole ("The Mod Squad") is 67. Country singer Johnny Lee is 66. Humorist Dave Barry is 65. Actress Betty Buckley is 65. Rock singer-musician Paul Barrere (bah-RAYR') (Little Feat) is 64. Actress Jan Smithers is 63. Former Haitian President Jean-Claude Duvalier (doo-VAHL'-yay) is 61.

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Newsday Crossword

AWARDS PALETTE by Gail Grabowski

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- ACROSS**
- 1 One-pot dinner
 - 5 British fellow
 - 9 Pesto herb
 - 14 Angel's topper
 - 15 Very uncommon
 - 16 Hop out of bed
 - 17 Rent- (airport service)
 - 18 A Great Lake
 - 19 Offers at retail
 - 20 Olympic award
 - 22 Roof overhangs
 - 23 Canoeing locale
 - 24 Retailer's goods: Abbr.
 - 25 Home made of logs
 - 28 Math proportion
 - 31 Magnavox rival
 - 34 Raring to go
 - 36 Side dish on cobs
 - 37 Undersea vessel
 - 38 Lopsided victory
 - 39 Blow, as a volcano
 - 41 "Just doing my best"
 - 42 Start of many book titles
 - 43 Fit of temper
 - 44 Annoy repeatedly
 - 46 36 Across portion
 - 47 Weekly earnings
 - 49 Social customs
 - 50 Agenda entry
 - 52 Popeye or Porky Pig
 - 54 Zodiac scale
 - 56 Karate award
- DOWN**
- 1 Thick carpet
 - 2 Tex-Mex snack
 - 3 Airline to Israel
 - 4 Spelling bee study guide
 - 61 Facing the pitcher
 - 62 Deeply engrossed
 - 63 Shower-gel additive
 - 64 Took part in a theft
 - 65 Doing nothing
 - 66 Harness strap
 - 67 Salvage-ship equipment
 - 68 Encounter
 - 69 Drop into the mailbox
 - 5 Small stream
 - 6 More difficult
 - 7 Opera song
 - 8 Banana covering
 - 9 Inspired by, as a story
 - 10 Regions
 - 11 Military award
 - 12 Speck of land in the sea
 - 13 A smaller amount
 - 21 Lion's hair
 - 24 Glee
 - 25 A la (menu option)
 - 26 Hawaiian greeting
 - 27 County-fair award
 - 29 Intense
 - 30 Spinning toy
 - 32 Witch's hex
 - 33 Bottomless pit
 - 35 Coffee-break hr.
 - 40 Fix, as a fight
 - 41 Jail cell fixtures
 - 43 Cardigan or crewneck
 - 45 Run (go wild)
 - 48 Paper fastener
 - 51 Song syllables
 - 53 Group of eight singers
 - 54 Scottish girl
 - 55 "Suffice say..."
 - 56 Hat's edge
 - 57 Stow, as cargo
 - 58 Confederate general Robert
 - 59 Cut of beef
 - 60 Be inclined (to)

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In brief

YMCA to hold summer sports programs

Registrations are under way for the Big Spring YMCA's summer youth soccer and dodge ball leagues. Soccer is open to kids ages 3-15 at a cost of \$50 per child. Registration is open now until July 14 at the YMCA. A coaches meeting will be held July 16, with games slated to begin July 24.

Dodge Ball is open to kids in grades 1-12. Registration is being held now through July 14. A coaches meeting is set for July 9 with games beginning July 16. The cost is \$25 per child.

For the adults, summer coed slow pitch signups run through July 8. A coaches meeting is sched-

uled for July 10 and games are set to begin July 22. Cost is \$100 per team and the minimum age to play is 16.

BSSH volleyball camp set for July 30

A volleyball skills camp will be held July 30-Aug. 2 at the junior high gym by Big Spring Athletics. The camp is open for girls in grades 3-8. Cost of the camp will be \$25 per child. T-shirts will be available for \$10. Campers in grades 3-6 will attend from 9-10:30 p.m. with grades 7 and 8 staying until 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact the athletic office at 264-3662.

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career 3-pointers are the most in NBA history. This round of free agency has a much quieter feel for Miami than the summer of 2010. For example, Heat owner Micky Arison tweeted Sunday that he was beginning a trip to Europe — a far different trek from what he, Riley, coach Erik Spoelstra and others embarked on two years ago when they began

wooing James and Bosh to join Wade in Miami. The selling point that summer was "sacrifice," and that hasn't changed. James, Bosh and Wade all took less money than they could have made elsewhere to allow deals to fall into place for Miami in 2010. Last summer, Shane Battier accepted a deal worth \$3 million annually. That's about all Miami can offer anyone this summer as well. Barring any trades, the biggest chip Riley has to dangle is the mini mid-level.

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