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CISD discusses safety, hires principal

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Unfortunately, campus security is the topic de jour at schools these days.

Keeping students safe was the main topic of discussion during Coahoma Independent

School District's trustee meeting Thursday night.

Several topics were broached during the meeting, although no action was taken, Superintendent Amy Jacobs said.

The two major concrete proposals discussed were adding

a security camera system to the campuses, as well as hiring or contracting for security personnel, but Jacobs said the overall tone of the discussion was more general in nature.

"It basically dealt with all the challenges facing our

students and what's going on in that area," she said. "Our school district will look at all our options. In addition, there will be a lot of things coming down from (the Texas Education Agency) and we'll be working with them."

CISD is open to constructive

suggestions from all corners, she added.

"We sent a letter home with students following (the Newtown, Conn., school shootings in December) and one of the things we asked from

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Howard College officials take safety seriously

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Student safety isn't just an issue for public schools — college officials are looking for ways to make their campuses more secure, as well.

While the lion's share of concerns about student safety has centered on centered on the grade-school level, college personnel, including those at Howard College, realize they have a stake in the issue.

"As just about every institution has, we've conducted a review of our safety procedures," HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

In fact, the college recently completed a state-mandated audit of its security protocols. While no major problems were uncovered, Sparks said having a safe and secure learning environment at Howard is a top priority.

"Certainly, there are things we can always improve upon," she said. "It's something we strive for every day. It's a constant vigilance that's required of us."

By its very nature, a college environment poses different problems and concerns

from public schools — night classes and students living on campus, for example — that require different solutions, Sparks said.

Unlike public school campuses in the area, Howard has contracted with a private firm to provide a constant security presence on its campus. In addition, the college works closely with local law enforcement in drawing up responses to various scenarios.

"We try to have a security presence on campus throughout the day and evening," Sparks said.

Howard is a gun-free campus, but recent action by the Texas Legislature could change all that. A bill allowing students to bring guns on campus was defeated during the 2011 session of the legislature, but is expected to be reintroduced this year.

Sparks said she does not want the legislature telling her whether she should allow armed students at Howard.

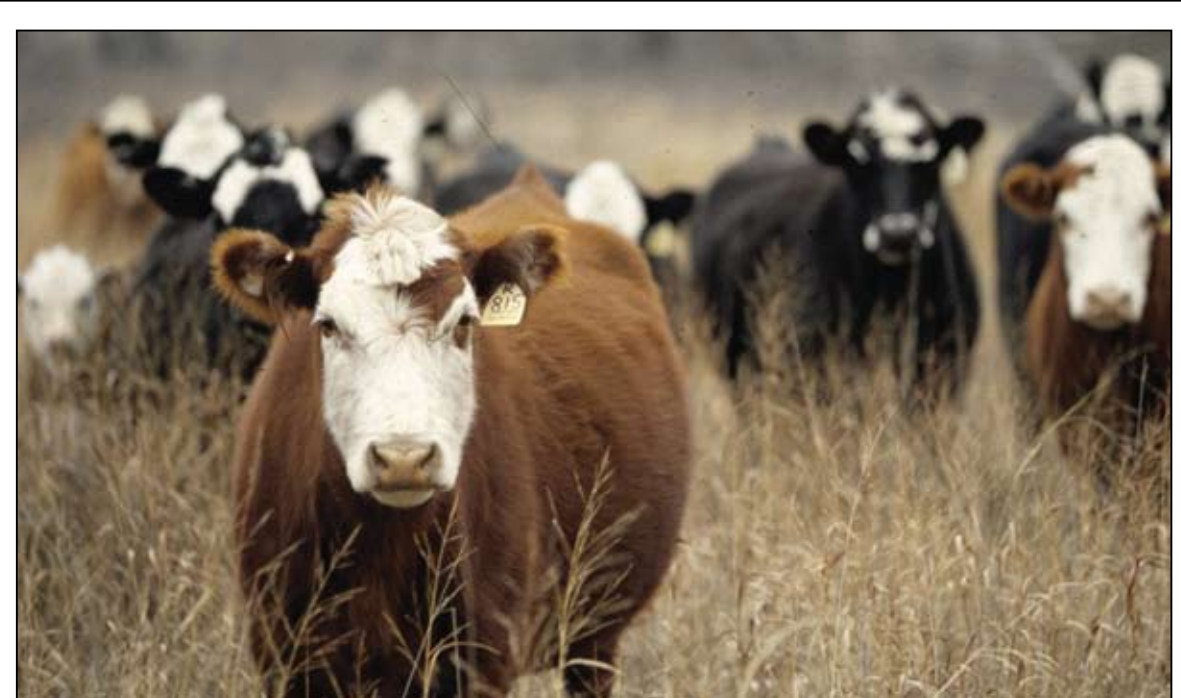
"Every college campus is different," she said. "We're taking the position that local trustees should be the ones to take what they determine is the best course of action for

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"It has always been a focus to maintain a safe and secure environment to learning here."



Sparks



Cargill photo

Cargill Beef has announced it will close its Plainview processing plant — which employs 2,000 workers in a town of 22,000. The company said the drought has depleted the supply of cattle.

Cargill meatpacking plant cuts 2,000 jobs

Drought impacts West Texas community

BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Cargill Beef announced Thursday that it will idle one of its two West Texas meatpacking plants and lay off all 2,000 workers because of a tight cattle supply following years of drought.

The number of cattle in the U.S. has been dropping for years, but the pace accelerated during the past two years as ranchers in central



and southwestern states sold off millions of animals they couldn't afford to feed after drought dried up pastures and sent the prices of hay and other feed skyrocketing. The slaughter began to slow in the fall as many ranchers

tried to hold on to the relatively few cattle they had left.

Ranchers have said it will take years to rebuild their herds once the drought ends, and Cargill said it didn't expect business to rebound soon.

"The decision to idle our Plainview beef processing plant was a difficult and painful one to make and was made only after we

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Seminar, book signing Saturday

Herald Staff Report

A free, two-hour workshop and book sale will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Heritage Museum.

The seminar, covering the book "Reading and Spelling Pure & Simple, Phonics-Based Lessons for Elementary, Teen and Adult Students,"

will be conducted by local author Deede Cauley.

Reservations are encouraged by calling 267-8255.

Saturday's workshop is being held to support teachers using or planning to use the lessons found in the recently published book. Books will be available for \$89.96.

In addition to teachers and administrators, the book may interest

churches and other organizations, parents interested in improving their child's reading and spelling skills and anyone who would like to understand more about the English language or who would like to use the book to volunteer or make extra money as a tutor.

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National, world news in brief

Some travelers unshaken by Boeing 787 safety concerns

DALLAS (AP) — Some frequent fliers say they aren't worried about safety aboard Boeing's problem-plagued 787 aircraft, while many less-seasoned travelers are often unaware of what model of plane they're flying on.

That makes it anyone's guess whether Boeing Co., or the airlines that use its planes, will pay a price for concerns surrounding the 787. The planes were grounded worldwide on Thursday after a battery fire on one, and an emergency landing on another after pilots smelled something burning.

"I'm as excited today to get on a 787 as I was a year ago," says Edward Pizzarello, a travel blogger who has logged four flights on the 787, which Boeing calls the Dreamliner. "Boeing will fix this, and I'll be flying on this plane for many years."

Lee Simonetta, a research engineer at Georgia Tech, said he too would hop on the Dreamliner again. He was among the aviation fanatics aboard the plane's first trip with paying customers, an All Nippon Airways flight from Tokyo to Hong Kong in October 2011. It was a time to marvel at a jet made of composite materials that make it lighter and far more fuel-efficient, and at its use of electrical systems to do just about everything.

That was before a series of incidents including fuel leaks, cracked windshields and overheating batteries gained worldwide attention. Photos of charred battery boxes from the planes popped up all over the Internet. Safety officials around the world took a second look at the planes, and the Federal Aviation Administration grounded 787s in this country — United Airlines is the only U.S. carrier to fly them, but several foreign airlines use them on flights to and from the U.S.

Algeria's deadly hostage crisis not over, U.K. says; death toll unclear

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — An Algerian military raid to free hostages from at least 10 countries at a remote Sahara natural gas complex and wipe out their Islamist militant captors unleashed bloody chaos, and the British government said Friday that the situation was not yet over.

The fate of the fighters and many of the captives remained uncertain, and dueling claims from the military and the militants have muddied the world's understanding of an event that angered Western leaders.

By nightfall, Algeria's government said the raid was over. But Britain's Foreign Office said Friday morning that "the terrorist incident remains ongoing." It said it could give no further details. Manuel Valls, France's interior minister, said the situation remained murky.

At least six people, and perhaps many more, were killed — among them Britons, Filipinos and Algerians. Terrorized hostages from Ireland and Norway trickled out of the Ain Amenas plant. Dozens more remained unaccounted for: Americans, Britons, French, Norwegians, Romanians, Malaysians, Japanese, Algerians and the fighters themselves.

"This remains a fluid and evolving situation and many details are still unclear, but the responsibility for the tragic events of the last two days squarely rests with terrorists who chose to attack innocent workers, murdering some and holding others hostage," British Foreign Secretary William Hague told Sky News from Australia.

Looking to rebound, GOP eyes new election laws in states Obama won

BOSTON (AP) — After back-to-back presidential losses, Republicans in key states want to change the rules to make it easier for them to win.

From Wisconsin to Pennsylvania, GOP officials who control legislatures in states that supported President Barack Obama are considering changing state laws that give the winner of a state's popular vote all of its Electoral College votes, too. Instead, these officials want Electoral College votes to be divided proportionally, a move that could transform the way the country elects its president.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus endorsed the idea this week, and other Republican leaders support it, too, suggesting that the effort may be gaining momentum. There are other signs that Republican state legislators, governors and veteran political strategists are seriously considering making the shift as the GOP looks to rebound from presidential candidate Mitt Romney's Electoral College shellacking and the demographic changes that threaten the party's long-term political prospects.

"It's something that a lot of states that have been consistently blue that are fully controlled red ought to be looking at," Priebus told the Wisconsin Journal Sentinel, emphasizing that each state must decide for itself.

Democrats are outraged at the potential change.

Justice Department decision leaves food servers more vulnerable to threats over food allergies

WASHINGTON (AP) — People with severe food allergies have a new tool in their attempt to find menus that fit their diet: federal disabilities law. And that could leave schools, restaurants and anyplace else that serves food more vulnerable to legal challenges over food sensitivities.

A settlement stemming from a lack of gluten-free foods available to students at a Massachusetts university could serve as a precedent for people with other allergies or conditions, including peanut sensitivities or diabetes. Institutions and businesses subject to the Americans With Disabilities Act could be open to lawsuits if they fail to honor requests for accommodations by people with food allergies.

Colleges and universities are especially vulnerable because they know their students and often require them to eat on campus, Eve Hill of the Justice Department's civil rights division says. But a restaurant also could be liable if it blatantly ignored a customer's request for certain foods and caused that person to become ill, though that case might be harder to argue if the customer had just walked in off the street, Hill said.

The settlement with Lesley University, reached last month but drawing little attention, will require the Cambridge, Mass., institution to serve gluten-free foods and make other accommodations for students who have celiac disease.

At least one student complained to the federal government after the school would not exempt the student from a meal plan even though the student couldn't eat the food.

"All colleges should heed this settlement and take steps to make accommodations," says Alice Bast, president and founder of the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness. "To our community this is definitely a precedent."

Hagel pick echoes Tower nomination fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the middle of a bitter fight over a Republican president's nominee for defense secretary, a former White House occupant pleaded with senators to give the president his choice for the Pentagon job.

"Unless there is conclusive evidence against the nominee, the Senate should respect the right of a new president to choose the men and women he believes are best qualified to serve in his Cabinet," former President Richard Nixon said in March 1989.

Nixon's request fell upon deaf ears. The Democratic-controlled Senate, on a largely party-line vote, defeated the nomination of John Tower amid allegations that he was an excessive drinker, womanizer and held close ties to defense contractors — all charges that he denied.

It was an ignominious outcome for the former four-term Texas senator as it marked the first time the Senate had rejected one of its own for a Cabinet post. Republican President George H.W. Bush, on the job barely two months, absorbed the political blow.

More than two decades later, President Barack Obama's nominee for defense secretary, two-term former GOP Sen. Chuck Hagel, faces stiff opposition from fellow Republicans who are willing to ignore Nixon's plea — and perhaps even toss aside their own words from 24 years ago — and vote against Hagel.

As Tibetan burnings increase, China seizes residents, TVs, goes on propaganda offensive

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities are responding to an intensified wave of Tibetan self-immolation protests against Chinese rule by clamping down even harder — criminalizing the suicides, arresting protesters' friends and even confiscating thousands of satellite TV dishes.

The harsh measures provide an early indication that the country's new leadership is not easing up on Tibet despite the burning protests and international condemnation.

For months, as Tibetans across western China doused themselves in gasoline and set themselves alight, authorities responded by sending in security forces to seal off areas and prevent information from getting out, but those efforts did not stop or slow the protests. The self-immolations even accelerated in November as China's ruling Communist Party held a pivotal leadership transition.

Then the government went on the

offensive in December, announcing through a state-owned newspaper that the burnings are the work of foreign hostile forces keen on separating Tibet from the mainland and that those who help others self-immolate are liable to be prosecuted for murder. Arrests quickly followed.

Colo. theater reopens, months after mass shooting; some survivors boycott ceremony

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — One survivor had to pause on his way into the theater and pray. Another braced for flashbacks as he entered the auditorium where 12 people died and dozens were injured during a massacre six months earlier. Others refused to come, viewing the reopening of the multiplex as insensitive.

The former Century 16, now renovated and renamed the Century Aurora, opened its doors to victims of the July 20 attack on Thursday night with a somber remembrance ceremony and a special showing of "The Hobbit."

Theater 9, where neuroscience graduate student James Holmes allegedly opened fire on a midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Returns," is now an XD theater with a wall-to-wall screen and stadium seating.

"We as a community have not been defeated," Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan told victims, officials, and dozens of police officers and other first responders at the ceremony.

Bolshoi Theater's artistic director attacked with acid in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — The artistic director of the Bolshoi Theater's ballet troupe was attacked with acid in Moscow and his eyesight is threatened, the theater said Friday.

Sergei Filin, a 42-year-old former ballet star, was approached Thursday night by an unknown man who splashed acid on his face as he got out of his car outside his home in central Moscow, Russian television reported.

Bolshoi spokeswoman Katerina Novikova, who visited Filin at the hospital Thursday night, told The Associated Press that his condition is stable but his eyesight is threatened.

Filin was appointed artistic director of the Bolshoi's ballet company in March 2011. He danced for the Bolshoi on and off from 1988 to 2004 when his sustained a severe injury onstage.

The theater's director general Anatoly Iksanov told Russia's Channel One that he believes the attacked is linked to Filin's work.

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Howard College's Marion Lemonnier takes a shot during a game earlier in the season. The Lady Hawks lost Thursday to New Mexico Junior College 55-49.

Hawks squads fall to visiting Thunderbirds

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

The Howard College women's basketball team fell to 1-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Thursday after losing to New Mexico Junior College 55-49.

The Lady Hawks led the Lady Thunderbirds for much of the first half, but NMJC managed to pull ahead by a point headed into the break.

The second half was a back-and-forth battle.

Taking advantage of Howard turnovers, NMJC increased its lead seven at one point, but back-to-back three-point shots by Stephanie Carrillo cut the Lady T-Bird's lead to a basket.

It wasn't enough for the Lady Hawks, as three consecutive free throws and a two-point basket put the game on ice for NMJC.

Reeling from their second straight loss, HC Head Women's Basketball Coach Earl Diddle hopes his team is learning quickly that in order to win in the WJCAC, you have to be relentless for the entire game.

"New Mexico obviously has a very good team," Diddle said. "But we turned the ball over at critical

times and gave up some easy points. Our inability to read defenses has had us discombobulated at times, a good team — if they can get you — will capitalize on it."

Diddle was pleased with the defensive effort, which kept the Hawks in the game.

"We played well at times overall," Diddle added. "Defensively, I was pleased. Just have some players that need to be more productive and we need to be more consistent when the game is on the line."

There isn't much downtime for Diddle and the Hawks as they will host Southwest Texas Junior College in a make-up game Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawk men fell behind early during Tuesday's game against New Mexico Junior College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, but they battled back to take a one-point lead just before halftime.

Bronx, NY native, DaShaun Wiggins racked up 31 points for HC, but the Thunderbirds went home the victors, edging HC 55-50 in a low-scoring affair.

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With Te'o silent, hoax questions mount

TOM COYNE
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Manti Te'o has already tried to explain how his heartwarming story of playing through adversity was a lie he wasn't responsible for, how he was the victim of a cruel hoax about a dead girlfriend who never existed.

He still has questions to answer, with many wondering whether he was a victim or participant in the scam. Those doubts even extended to his own campus, where he is one of the most popular players in Notre Dame's storied history.

"Whenever Manti decides to speak I'll bet the entire campus will stop what they're do-

ing and watch what he has to say," Notre Dame student body president Brett Rocheleau said Thursday. "I think the majority of students believe in Manti. They just want to hear him answer these final few questions and hear the story from his point of view."

When Te'o will do that, like so much else about this story, is still a mystery.

An Associated Press review of news coverage found that Te'o talked about his doomed love in a Web interview on Dec. 8 and again in a newspaper interview published Dec. 10. He and the university said he learned on Dec. 6 that it was all a hoax — not only was she not dead,

she wasn't real.

On Thursday, a day after the bizarre news broke, there were questions about whether he really was duped, as he claimed, or whether he and the university were complicit in the hoax and misled the public, perhaps to improve his chances of winning the Heisman. He came in second, propelled by one of the most compelling plot lines of the season.

Yahoo sports columnist Dan Wetzel said the case has "left everyone wondering whether this was really the case of a naïve football player done wrong by friends or a fabrication that has yet to play to its conclusion."

Gregg Doyel, national

columnist for CBSSports.com, was more direct.

"Nothing about this story has been comprehensible, or logical, and that extends to what happens next," he wrote. "I cannot comprehend Manti Te'o saying anything that could make me believe he was a victim."

On Wednesday, Te'o and Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick said the player was drawn into a virtual romance with a woman who used the ponym name Lennay Kekua, and was fooled into believing she died of leukemia in September. They said his only contact with the

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PSU's O'Brien wins Bear Bryant Award

JORDAN GODWIN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Penn State coach Bill O'Brien said he didn't think he stood a chance of winning Thursday night.

Then again, that's what many said about his first season at the helm of a program in tatters.

O'Brien won the 2012 Paul "Bear" Bryant College Coach of the Year Award on Thursday night, beating out five other finalists.

O'Brien led the Nittany Lions through an 0-2 start and NCAA sanctions to an 8-4 finish in

his first season at Penn State.

"It means so much to the kids and everyone else who stuck with us," O'Brien said. "This was a program award. But we've got a long way to go to get Penn State back to what it once was."

The man he replaced last January, the late Joe Paterno, was the first Bryant Award winner in 1986.

O'Brien won his third national coach of the year award after previously winning the Maxwell Club and

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IOC VP, Armstrong must tell 'whole truth'

STEPHEN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

LONDON — Lance Armstrong's doping confession to Oprah Winfrey was "too little, too late" and failed to provide any new information that will help clean up the sport he tarnished through years of cheating, the vice president of the IOC said Friday.

A day after stripping Armstrong of his bronze medal from the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the IOC urged the disgraced former Tour de France champion to supply details to anti-doping authorities in order to "bring an end to this dark episode."

In an interview with The Associated Press, IOC vice president Thomas Bach said Armstrong's admission to Winfrey that he used performance-enhancing drugs — after years of vehement

denials — was not enough.

"If he thinks this interview would help him get credibility back, I think this is too little, too late," said Bach, a German lawyer who leads the IOC's anti-doping investigations. "It's a first step in the right direction, but no more."

"If he really loves his sport and wants to regain at least some credibility, then he should tell the whole truth and cooperate with the relevant sports bodies."

Armstrong is under pressure to come clean to the World Anti-Doping Agency, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the independent commission set up by the International Cycling Union.

"We have three sports bodies he can address," Bach said by telephone. "He needs to give testimony under oath. After ly-

ing for more than a dozen years, he needs to be questioned by experts and not just in a well-orchestrated interview."

In a statement from Lausanne, Switzerland, the IOC said: "We now urge Armstrong to present all the evidence he has to the appropriate anti-doping authorities so that we can bring an end to this dark episode and move forward, stronger and cleaner."

In the interview with Winfrey, Armstrong acknowledged that he used EPO, testosterone, human growth hormone and blood transfusions in order to win the Tour de France seven times.

"This is not enough," said Bach, who is a leading contender to succeed Jacques Rogge as IOC president in elections in September. "I hoped he would

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Sports Calendar

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Girl's Basketball

- Greenwood at Big Spring, J.V., 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6:15 p.m.; 9th, 7:30 p.m.
- Tahoka at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Denver City, 6:30 p.m.
- Grady at Borden County, 6:30 p.m.
- Lamesa at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Blackwell, 6:30 p.m.
- Wellman-Union at Sands, 6:30 p.m.

Boy's Basketball

- Greenwood at Big Spring, J.V., 5 p.m.; 9th, 6:15 p.m.; Varsity, 7:30 p.m.
- Tahoka at Forsan, 8 p.m.
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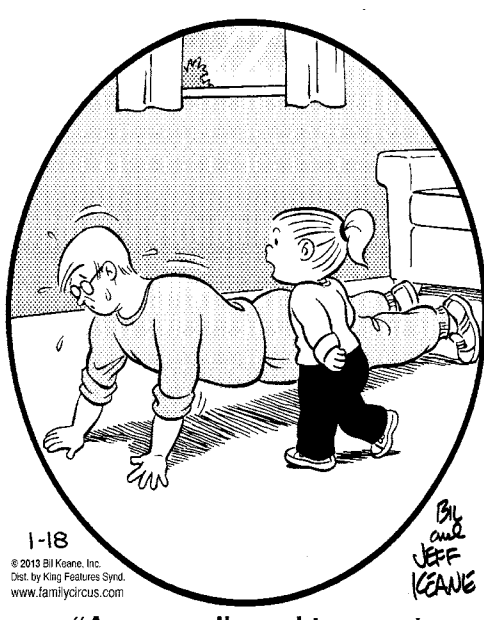
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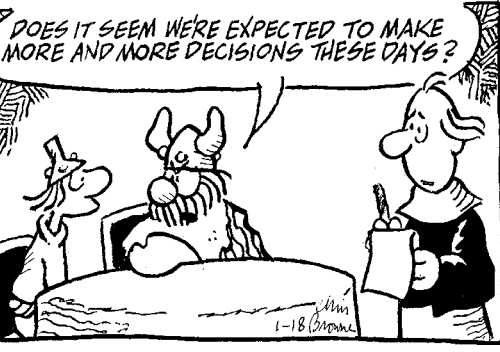


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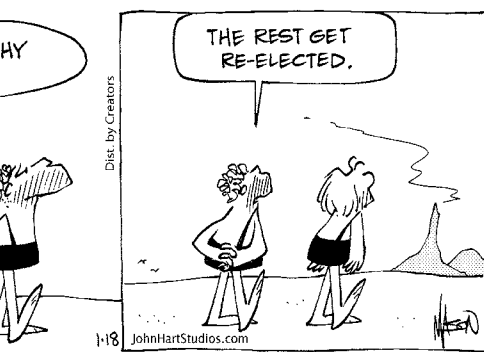
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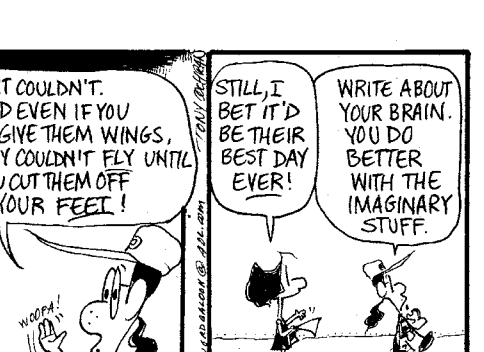
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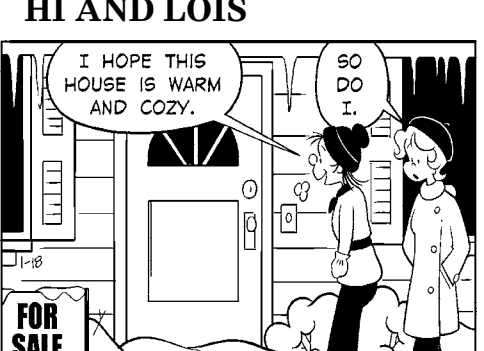
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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Parental screening device
 6 Part of a blind field (Mets' home)
 14 Blue hue
 15 Sugar shape
 16 "I agree!"
 17 Latin music
 18 Concert venue
 19 Period of time
 20 Period of time
 21 Colonial patriot/physicist?
 24 Lunch spread
 25 Obligations
 26 Waiting for service
 29 Bandy words
 31 Successes for Niners
 34 Signified
 35 Get red
 36 "Is that your final answer?"
 37 Re-formed physicist?
 40 Platypi-to-be, perhaps
 41 Cylindrical veggie
 42 Continuously
 43 Tea: Fr.
 44 Author Beattie
 45 Tickle's one's fancy
 46 Trespasses
 48 Small to-do
 49 Golfer/physicist?
 53 Site's address
 56 Disney film composer Menken
 57 It may be a bargain

DOWN
 1 Porcelain product
 2 Industrial giant
 3 Pantomime dance
 4 Code enforcement org.
 5 Feudal class
 6 Hapless one
 7 3 Down venue
 8 Having the capacity
 9 Revelatory
 10 Social group
 11 Deceptions
 12 Task force
 13 Tavern/hotels
 22 Agreement around
 23 Overhead space
 24 Small versions
 26 "No more, thanks"
 27 Stable sound
 28 Macro
 29 Good belts
 30 Turpentine source
 32 Male wasp
 33 Ships out
 35 Inspiration for Wicked
 36 Medal-worthy
 38 Influences
 39 No longer incognito
 44 Novelist Tyler
 45 Simpsons shopkeeper
 47 "No surprise"
 48 Holds, as a Hummobile
 49 Sharp criticisms
 50 More than you might imagine
 51 With 52 Down, totally uninformed
 52 See 51 Down
 53 Former Secret Service weapons
 54 Affect deeply
 55 Deprivation
 59 Big lug

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2013. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 18, 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted). In the U.S., a ban on the sale of pre-iced bread — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate Congress.

In 1871, William I of Prussia was proclaimed German Emperor in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1913, entertainer Danny Kaye was born David Daniel Kaminsky in New York City.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending World War I, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France.

In 1949, Charles Ponzi, engineer of one of the most spectacular mass swindles in history, died destitute at a hospital in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at age 66.

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston

Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1970, David Oman McKay, the ninth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at the age of 96.

In 1988, a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 80.

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Answer to previous puzzle

ARCS	BOWS	DELTA
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INSYNC	SKIN	ASH
DUB	LEANTO	
MAMA	BOOTLEGG	
ASAMI	SAO	DELIS
LINEBACKER	DENY	
ADEXEC	SAD	
YES	FLAB	CUBIST
DOUBLEHEADER		
PAPER	HOKA	SITU
ALONE	OKIE	ROTC
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