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Duncan won't seek 2nd term

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan announced this morning he will not seek a second term in office.
 Duncan cited personal reasons for why he will not stand for re-election.
 "When I ran for office, I was

really reluctant to do so, but I was contacted by several people to step forward and serve the community, and that's what I did," Duncan said. "I never intended to serve more than one term."
 Duncan, who defeated incumbent mayor Russ McEwen in the 2010 municipal elections,

cited three milestones as his major contributions to the community during his term in office.
 "When I ran for mayor, I made three promises — I would work to lower taxes, I would work on the city's infrastructure and I would help give citizens a greater voice in the community," he

said. "During my term, we've lowered the tax rate below the effective rate each year, we've invested millions of dollars in our infrastructure, particularly in water treatment and streets and sewer lines and we've had three elections which allowed
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Perry proposes returning any excess taxes

WILL WEISSERT
 Associated Press
 AUSTIN, Texas — Gov. Rick Perry will use his State of the State address to call for amending the Texas Constitution to allow the state to return tax money it collects but doesn't spend back to its citizens, according to an excerpt of the speech released to The Associated Press.
 Perry, who is scheduled to deliver the speech to a joint session of the Legislature, will tell lawmakers that he has "never bought into the notion that if you collect more, you need to spend more."
 "Today, I'm calling for a

mechanism to be put in place so when we do bring in more than we need, we'll have the option of returning tax money directly to the people who paid it," the governor plans to say. "Currently, that's not something our constitution allows. We need to fix that."
 The Republican has for weeks called on the Legislature to cut taxes and continue to hold down government spending — even though Texas' economy is booming. He'll also use the speech to give a specific dollar amount he'd like to see in tax reductions.
 Proposing a constitutional

"Today, I'm calling for a mechanism to be put in place so when we do bring in more than we need, we'll have the option of returning tax money directly to the people who paid it."
 —Gov. Rick Perry



Texas Gov. Rick Perry today is advocating amending the state constitution to return taxpayer funds if they aren't used.

amendment requires two-thirds support of both the Texas House and Senate, and it then must be approved by a majority of voters. Republicans control both chambers of the Legislature but would need Democrats to get two-thirds support — something that seems highly unlikely.
 While he has made cutting taxes his chief mantra since lawmakers headed back into

session on Jan. 8, calls to limit government spending are nothing new for Perry. Last April, he unveiled a "budget compact" that proposed a constitutional amendment limiting state spending increases to only enough to cover the cost of population growth and inflation. That issue hasn't yet been taken up by the Legislature.
 Tuesday marks the seventh

time Perry has given the State of the State since taking over for George W. Bush as governor in December 2000. Two years ago, he declared there would be "no sacred cows" immune to deep budget cuts as the state struggled with a \$27 billion budget deficit amid an economy still feeling the effects of The Great
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Veterans Outreach Benefits event slated in San Angelo

Herald Staff Report
 SAN ANGELO — The West Texas VA Health Care System invites all veterans and their families to attend the Veterans Outreach Benefits Event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.
 It will be held at Fort Concho, in the commissary building, Henry O. Flipper at Burgess Street, San Angelo.
 Representatives will be available with information about VA healthcare enrollment, VA Home Loan assistance, VA Vet Center, Texas Land Board, Texas Veterans Commission claims assistance, Texas Veterans Commission employment services and the Texas State Veterans Cemetery. Other topics will include legal information

assistance and referrals, Small Business Administration, Education Enrollment Assistance, Mortgages and Housing Information, Low Income Subsidy Programs and Aid and Attendance.
 Veterans are invited to come with their questions about VA benefits and bring their DD214, if available.
 For more information, contact Laura Serrano at 325-659-6560, ext. 104.
 The outreach event is sponsored by the Texas Veterans Commission, Tom Green County Service Office, Concho Valley Workforce Development Board, Workforce Solutions, West Texas VA Health Care System, Veterans Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and VA Office of Rural Health.

IN TEXAS Gas prices rise 1.6 cents

Special to the Herald
 Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 1.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.16/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.
 This compares with the national average that has increased 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.31/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.
 Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 14.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 6.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.
 The national average has increased 4.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 6.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.
 "The national average has picked up in the last week on the apparent start of refinery maintenance season," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.
 "Refinery production has taken a hit in the last week as companies begin looking towards the summer driving season, utilizing this time of year for maintenance and any upgrades before gasoline demand races higher for the summer season," DeHaan said.

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Obituaries

Doris (Tex) Evelyn Maneval

Doris (Tex) Evelyn Maneval, 88, beloved wife of Percy (Shorty) Maneval, passed away Jan. 24, 2013, in Lynden, Wash. She has gone home to the loving arms of her Lord and Savior. She was born Nov. 23, 1924, in Hermleigh, Texas, to the late John Trousdale and Vera (Pounds) Gross. After high school graduation, Doris attended Dorn Business School in Dallas, Texas. While attending business school, she met and fell in love with her husband. On Jan. 19, 1944, Tex and Shorty married at the chapel on March Field Army Air Corp Base in Riverside, Calif., during WW II. She worked at a tech supply on base but having a lot of talent they wanted her to be secretary to a higher officer. When Shorty came back from overseas, she moved to Big Spring, Texas, to the Big Spring Air Force Base where he was stationed. After Shorty was discharged on Oct. 26, 1944, they came back to Lynden, Wash., and five children were born.

Tex worked at United Control, the superintendent's office for Carnation School District, Whatcom County treasurer's office, the Juvenile Detention Office in Bellingham, Wash., and secretary/bookkeeper for Meridian School District.

Shorty and Tex enjoyed 50 years of square dancing. She was treasurer for the Washington State Square Dance Association, co-chaired the Wash-

ington State "Lynden Spree in 93," and was awarded the Illa Williams Trophy. Together they RV traveled, went on cruises and enjoyed missionary work in Mexico. Tex enjoyed volunteering at St. Joseph Hospital for about 12 years.

Tex is survived by her beloved husband of 69 years, Shorty; children, Nancy (Jim) Herrick of Meridian, Idaho, Patricia (John) Fuller of Custer, Wash., Peggy (Bill) Grinnell of Snohomish, Wash., Richard (Andree Powell) Maneval of Bellingham, Wash., and Barbara (Daniel) Cutts of Port Hadlock, Wash.; grandchildren, Michelle (Dan) Radonski, Jeffrey, Jason, Jared Baron, Justin (Amy) Baron, Andrew (Sarah Zaylor, fiance) Fuller, Kimberly (Mike) Hendricks, Brenda (Lee) Cooper, Ryan Jacobsen, Lisa (Sean) Yunt, Joshua (Maggie) Pezzullo, Carol (Erin) Anderson, Ross (Robyn) Herrick, and Sharon (Geoff) Wilson; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; siblings Bettie of Jacksonville, Texas, and LaVerne of Big Spring, Texas; and Donald of Riverside, Calif.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Feb. 2, 2013, at Lynden Community Church at 2 p.m. with a reception following.

Memorials may be made to the Gideons or Lynden Community Church "Missions." You are invited to share your memories and condolences in the online guest book at www.gilliesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Gillies Funeral Home of Lynden, Wash.

Paid obituary

Dorothy J. (Dottie) Jones

Dorothy J. (Dottie) Jones left this life on Sunday night, Jan. 27, 2013. She was born in Paxton, Ill., to Clarence "Kie" and Emily Heater Johnson on June 10, 1931. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Clemont R. (Clem) Jones of Big Spring; three sons, Dana Jones and wife Tammi of Big Spring, Brian Jones and wife

Tracy of Denton and Mark Jones of Justin; two granddaughters, Stacy Thigpen and husband Robert of Gainesville, Ga. and Emily Jones of Denton; and a grandson, Kie Jones of Big Spring.

She is also survived by two sisters, Karen Dingle of Bombay, N.Y., and Sandra Lehman and husband Rodney of Berne, Ind.; and one brother, Stephen H. Johnson and wife Denise of San Antonio, Texas.

After following her Air Force husband, Clem, around the globe, they were stationed at Webb AFB, liked Big Spring and its people and stayed.

She graduated valedictorian of her class at Howard College. Dottie retired from St. Mary's Episcopal School after 25 years of teaching. She said many times it was the joy of her life to teach children. She also loved oil painting and teaching her Sunday school class for more than 40 years. She and her family have been members of First Baptist Church since 1968.

She was a faithful wife and mother and loved her family and friends, of which she had many. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Visitation will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29. Graveside services will be held at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mark Lindsey and Chaplain Cherise Felty officiating.

The family suggests donations in her memory be made to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Gilbert Webb

Gilbert Webb, 87, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 23, 1925, in Dialville, Texas, to Venie and Matthew Webb. He married Alice Ann Ashley, March 24, 1950, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death June 7, 2005. He was a life-

time resident of Big Spring and a member of East Fourth Baptist Church.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps in Europe. He was a mechanic on the B-17 and B-25 bombers. He was a field maintenance supervisor at Webb Air Force Base until it closed.

He is survived by two sons, David Webb and his wife Rebecca of Austin and Paul Webb of Big Spring; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Police/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOHERTZ, 38, Midland, was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to drive in a single lane and failure to appear.
- DONALD WILLAM BRYANT, 49, 447 Armstrong, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- KIRSTEN TAHSAY LEWIS, 28, 1401 Lincoln, was arrested on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.
- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 66, 1512 Wood, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and a warrant from another agency.
- ANGELA ROSE MCKNIGHT, 32, 1114 Mulberry, was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid and disregarding a stop sign.
- PRINCESS MARIE TREVINO, 24, 3607 Hamilton, was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and failure to appear.
- DANIEL CORBY, 44, 4104 Muir, was arrested on charges of expired motor vehicle registration, displaying fictitious license plate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of W. Seventh.

Because of computer problems, a booking report from the Howard County Sheriff's Office was unavailable this morning (74 prisoners were reported in the county jail).

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported the 1100 block of S. Austin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at N. County Road 17

and W. County Road 7. One person was transported to SMMC.




- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Madison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Madison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of N.W. Third.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 3600 block of Bethel. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Lindberg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Eubank. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Jr. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5700 block of the south service road of Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person was transported to SMMC.

Evelyn Hall McGuire

Evelyn Hall McGuire, 86, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2013, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 1/30	Thu 1/31	Fri 2/1
		
58/36	58/35	68/39
Windy with a few clouds from time to time. High 58F. Winds WSW at 25 to 40 mph.	Abundant sunshine. High 58F. Winds WSW at 25 to 40 mph.	Plenty of sun. High 68F. Winds WSW at 25 to 40 mph.
Sunrise: 7:42 AM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM
Sunset: 6:17 PM	Sunset: 6:18 PM	Sunset: 6:19 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	65	38	windy	Kingsville	91	53	t-storm
Amarillo	51	26	rain	Livingston	78	44	t-storm
Austin	80	43	t-storm	Longview	73	45	t-storm
Beaumont	76	51	t-storm	Lubbock	54	30	windy
Brownsville	85	59	windy	Lufkin	77	46	t-storm
Brownwood	71	42	t-storm	Midland	58	37	windy
Corpus Christi	85	53	t-storm	Raymondville	88	56	windy
Corsicana	71	43	t-storm	Rosenberg	78	48	t-storm
Dallas	72	44	t-storm	San Antonio	86	45	t-storm
Del Rio	76	47	windy	San Marcos	82	43	t-storm
El Paso	48	31	windy	Sulphur Springs	70	45	t-storm
Fort Stockton	57	38	windy	Sweetwater	61	37	windy
Gainesville	71	38	t-storm	Tyler	74	45	t-storm
Greenville	69	41	t-storm	Weatherford	72	39	t-storm
Houston	77	49	t-storm	Wichita Falls	69	35	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	60	pt sunny	Minneapolis	34	13	mixed
Boston	39	33	cloudy	New York	45	41	pt sunny
Chicago	59	38	rain	Phoenix	55	38	sunny
Dallas	72	44	t-storm	San Francisco	59	45	sunny
Denver	34	14	sn shower	Seattle	46	44	rain
Houston	77	49	t-storm	St. Louis	65	44	t-storm
Los Angeles	63	46	sunny	Washington, DC	57	47	pt sunny
Miami	80	68	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



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Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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Rural school officials: Give Texas teachers guns

JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Superintendents of three small rural school districts that allow some teachers to carry guns told Texas lawmakers Monday that the practice provides a critical measure of safety for students in the event of a campus shooting, but a law enforcement expert said it also could put those teachers at “high risk” of being mistakenly shot by responding officers.

Lawmakers are grappling with the idea of allowing more non-law enforcement personnel to bring guns into classrooms in the wake of last month’s shootings at a Connecticut elementary school. The rural school officials testified during a joint hearing of the Senate education and agriculture, rural affairs and homeland security committees — the first such hearing to take public testimony on the matter.

David Thweatt, superintendent of Harrold Independent School District near the Oklahoma border, said some teachers and administrators who have concealed handgun licenses are allowed to bring their weapons to class. The goal, he said, is to minimize the damage a gunman can do inside a school in the time it takes police officers to arrive.

“If you can stop it in its inception, you have an obligation to do that,” Thweatt said.

The Van school district east of Dallas voted last week to allow concealed handguns in classrooms. Superintendent Don Dunn said it was in direct response to the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in which 26 people were killed, including 20 children.

Although each of the Van district elementary, middle and high school campuses are within 2 miles of the Van police department, officials calculated it would take at least five minutes for police to respond to an emergency call of a shooter on campus.

“We are completely defenseless during that five-minute gap. At least we have a chance to protect our kids,” Dunn said. “We are not the police. We are not asking them to be the police. We are asking them to fill that gap until the police get there.”

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is pushing a plan to provide state-paid special weapons, tactics and response training for teachers and administrators if school districts ask for it. That idea has been opposed by the Texas State Teachers Association. The state’s largest teachers group said educators should not be asked to double as a pro-

fessional security force.

But lawmakers heard from another expert who argued teachers with guns drawn could find themselves the targets of police answering an emergency call.

“They are at high risk of being shot. That’s the reality of the scenario and the danger police officers are in,” said Pete Blair, associate professor of criminal justice at Texas State University and researcher for the school’s Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training program.

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw, while saying Texas should be proactive in trying to protect students, had a similar warning that armed teachers could find themselves being shot at by police. Officers are trained to “neutralize the threat,” McCraw said.

“Anytime you arrive on the scene and you as a police officer are, you are taught and trained to look for anybody with a weapon,” McCraw said.

Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, which held the joint hearing with the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security, suggested the teachers would likely be in a defensive position and not roaming the

halls with a gun drawn to be mistakenly targeted by police.

The testimony Monday signaled a division between small, rural districts and larger urban ones on letting more guns in classrooms. Representatives from Dallas and Austin schools, which have their own police departments, said school safety should be left to school, city and county law enforcement.

Three Houston-area lawmakers want to set up special taxing districts to pay for school security. The districts could use the money for anything they want related to security, from surveillance cameras and metal detectors to armed security.

That plan has been criticized as unfair to poorer school districts, which may not be able to raise as much money as wealthier ones, and from fiscal conservatives who reject the idea of creating new taxes.

Lawmakers also are considering a measure to allow concealed weapons license holders to bring their guns into college buildings and classrooms. A similar bill failed to pass in 2011, but supporters say gunfire last week at Houston-area community college shows the need to allow students to defend themselves. Three people were wounded and one man has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Immigration overhaul?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Side by side, leading Democratic and Republican senators pledged Monday to propel far-reaching immigration legislation through the Senate by summer providing a possible path to citizenship for an estimated 11 million people now in the U.S. illegally.

The senators acknowledged pitfalls that have doomed such efforts in the past, but they suggested that November’s elections — with Hispanics voting heavily for President Barack Obama and other Democrats — could make this time different.

Passage of the emotionally charged legislation by the Democratic-controlled Senate is far from assured, and a taller hurdle could come later in the House, which is dominated by conservative Republicans who’ve shown little interest in immigration overhaul.

Obama will lay out his own proposals today, most of which mirror the Senate plans.

Besides the citizenship provision, including new qualifications, the Senate measure would increase border security, allow more temporary workers to stay and crack down on employers who would hire illegal immigrants. The plans are still short on detail, and all the senators conceded that months of tedious and politically treacherous negotiations lie ahead.

But with a re-elected Obama pledging his commitment, the lawmakers argued that six years after the last sustained congressional effort at an immigration overhaul came up short in the Senate, chances for approval this year are much better.

“Other bipartisan groups of senators have stood in the same spot before, trumpeting similar proposals,” said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

“We believe this will be the year Congress finally gets it done. The politics on this issue have been turned upside down,” Schumer said, arguing that polls show more support than ever for immigration changes and political risk in opposing it.

“Elections. Elections,” said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

“The Republican Party is losing the support of our Hispanic citizens. And we realize that there are many issues on which we think we are in agreement with our Hispanic citizens, but this is a pre-eminent issue with those citizens.”

Obama got 71 percent of the Latino vote in November compared to 27 percent for Republican Mitt Romney.

The president will endorse the Senate process during an event in Las Vegas today, administration officials said.

Obama will outline a similar vision for overhauling the nation’s immigration laws, drawing on the immigration “blueprint” he first released in 2011.

The blueprint focuses on four key areas: a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., improved border security, an overhaul of the legal immigration system and making it easier for businesses to verify the legal status of workers.

PD captain exonerated of ex-wife’s homicide

CINCINNATI (AP) — A former Ohio police captain who has spent nearly 15 years in prison in his ex-wife’s killing was exonerated Tuesday by a judge who said that new DNA test results proved his innocence and that no reasonable jury would have found him guilty if that evidence had been available at trial.

Doug Prade should be set free because the new DNA results are “clear and convincing,” said Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge Judy Hunter in Akron.

Hunter could have ordered a new trial for the 66-year-old Prade, or found that the DNA results weren’t strong enough and allowed his conviction and

sentence of life in prison to stand.

It was not immediately clear when Prade would be released from the central Ohio prison where he has been jailed, and his attorney was not immediately available for comment, except to say in an email that she was “thrilled.”

“This has been a long time coming,” wrote attorney Carrie Wood, who works for the Cincinnati-based Ohio Innocence Project and has been working for years to get Prade freed.

Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh vowed to appeal, saying in a statement that Hunter’s findings were “a gross misapplication of the law.”

DUNCAN

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voters to make the decision on major projects — on term limits, the wastewater treatment plant and the (Economic Development Corporation).”

The EDC election, in which voters defeated a proposition to allow the corporation’s tax money to fund public improvement projects, instead of being earmarked solely for economic development purposes, was a source of controversy and, Duncan said, more than a little bit of misunderstanding.

“A lot of people thought I wanted (the proposition) to pass,” he said. “My vote was for that, but what I most wanted was for the community to make that decision ... and I’m happy with the decision they made.”

Duncan, who vowed to continue working vigorously for the community until his term expires in May, thanked Big Spring citizens for their support during his three years in office.

“I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Big Spring for giving me the opportunity to serve,” he said. “It has been an honor and a privilege to represent you over the past (three) years and I assure you, I will continue to work hard for the remainder of my term.”

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Recession.

Lawmakers responded by passing deep cuts across-the-board, including slashing \$5.4 billion from public schools.

The economic picture has since brightened substantially, with sales tax receipts up, unemployment down and the oil and gas industry humming. Yet early draft budgets proposed in the Texas House and Senate were so austere that they would leave about \$5.5 billion in projected state revenue unspent and do nothing to restore the 2011 cuts.

Perry has also said he’d support tapping the state’s cash reserve, or Rainy Day Fund, to pay for water infrastructure projects — given that Texas continues to grapple with frequent, punishing droughts. The fund has a projected balance of \$12 billion, and proposals being consid-

ered by the Legislature would use up to \$2 billion of that on meeting the state’s future water needs.

One thing Perry is not expected to say during his address is if he will seek a fourth full term as governor. Perry has held his post longer than anyone in Texas history and is also the longest-serving governor in the country, but he says he won’t announce his plans until this summer.

That’s a world of difference from his 2011 State of the State, when Perry was looking to position himself for a presidential run. He entered the contest for the Republican nomination

in August 2011 and immediately became the front-runner. But his campaign flamed out nearly as quickly amid a series of public gaffes that made the governor a national punch-line.

Perry also hasn’t ruled out another try at the White House in 2016, though it’s unclear if his running for governor again would help or hurt such a bid.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Let us find peach on earth, dear Lord, if that be your will.

Amen

Plaudits to Phil Mickelson

Welcome to an America with liberalism in full ascendancy as golfer Phil Mickelson apologizes for doing nothing wrong while the Obama administration lambasts its opponents for justly demanding it apologize for doing plenty wrong on Benghazi.

Welcome to a land where the gravest problem threatening the nation is spending, where the Democratic president refuses to cut, where the Democratic Senate lawlessly refuses to pass a budget and where Democrats thwart congressional GOP efforts to enact spending and entitlement reform, yet the public is conned into believing that Republicans are the problem.

Welcome to a culture in which the political left is frighteningly intolerant toward dissenting views yet convinces many that right-wingers are the close-minded ones.

Welcome to a society in which the left increasingly celebrates licentiousness and the abandonment of traditional standards of morality yet holds itself out as the guardian of society's progressive moral order.

Frankly, I don't know whether the majority of Americans have fundamentally changed, whether ignorance, apathy and/or a sense of helplessness have seized too many right-thinking Americans, whether the Saul Alinsky-fied Democrats are just superior at propaganda or whether the Republican political class, out of frustration or lack of conviction, has given up.

I'm not sure the American people are as liberal as it seems, if for no other reason than liberals still conceal their true intentions or disguise them in such platitudinous language that we never have a true referendum on liberalism.

President Obama's inaugural speech was a bold reaffirmation of his radical liberal prescription for the country but wrapped in the veneer of constitutional-

The second time around

The Obama administration initially billed France about \$18 million to cover U.S. military support for its mission in Mali, while Canada offered similar services at no cost. Wall Street Journal columnist Bret Stephens expressed shock at this alleged nickel-and-dime, noting that \$18 million is pocket change to a Washington spending over \$10 billion a day.

Stephens has a point, but look at it another way. Canada can pay for such minor defense needs even more easily than we can, because the United States pays for all its major ones. Europeans likewise enjoy a strong defense, largely courtesy of the United States. This reality undermines the neocon charge that America is going soft like Europe, letting its military weaken to expand comforts such as health coverage. Europe's getting both but paying for only one.

President Obama subsequently agreed to rip up the bill. That said, a clear message that America will no longer be the world's enforcer while other nations sit back in their eighth week of paid vacation seems a good start to the second term. Obama's appointment of former Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel as defense secretary also underscores his determination to change the terms of the deal with other rich countries on

ism. That this ruse partially succeeded is borne out by the sincere assessment of some intellectually honest liberals that his speech signaled a call for moderation.

I'm not convinced the American people are shunning conservatism, if for no other reason than conservatism lacks effective political leaders to clearly articulate the case for conservatism, such that we never have a true referendum on conservatism.

Yet liberalism is prevailing in the halls of government and in our culture, and with its victories, liberals are getting cockier, more aggressive and less tolerant.

The prevailing majority, under the demagogic leadership and political power of President Obama, is bullying and beating down its dissenters and willing to trample on the Constitution anytime it interferes with their ends.

Is this the America our forefathers established and sweat blood to preserve? Is this really the America we want to bequeath our children? Is its rapid descent, the orchestration of which is being led by a president who doesn't believe in its founding principles, a foregone conclusion?

The recent kerfuffle involving golfer Phil Mickelson is illustrative of the enormous upheaval we are witnessing in America today.

Mickelson complained that he is paying nearly two-thirds of every dollar he makes in taxes. He innocuously implied he may move from California to reduce his state tax burden.

The sports media, which are every bit as shamelessly liberal as their counterparts in the political media, savaged Mickelson for daring to complain about paying his "fair share." After they shamed him, Mickelson apologized — regrettably — saying he should have kept his thoughts to himself.

Why? Is dissenting opinion not allowed? Is he a reprobate for believing it's excessive for government to confiscate two-thirds of every dollar he makes?

It's no one else's business how

much Mickelson makes. Do we want a free nation, or do we prefer one in which state planners can control how much we make and, to paraphrase President Obama, tell us when we've made enough money? Do we want to substitute for the American dream the maxim, "Feel free to try to succeed in America, but if you do, you'll immediately be demonized and cut down to size"?

Should we applaud a culture that lacks the moral courage to discourage envy and covetousness and instead champions them? This is liberalism, folks. This is the left's ideal America.

Mickelson neither advocated lower taxes nor announced a newfound interest in political activism. He simply discussed his own situation. He didn't ask for government relief. He merely announced he may exercise self-help and remove himself from that oppressive jurisdiction.

For that — for daring to announce he may exercise a freedom he still has, namely to relocate, for refusing to bow to the collective — the freedom haters on the left unleashed on him their wrath.

Congratulations, liberals. You are not only skewering the American dream but also trying to smother the American spirit in patriots who are refusing to abandon that sacred dream.

I pray that we have more Phil Mickelsons willing to voice their opinion, but I would hope that, when challenged, they would stick to their guns (pun intended) and fight back.

Things look bleak for freedom lovers today, but this fight is far from over. Let the Mickelson experience serve as a lesson of both how to speak up and how not to retreat when attacked.

Half-plaudits to Phil Mickelson — but only half.

Fight on, patriots.

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FROMA HARROP

matters of defense. Hagel wants coalitions to share these duties.

As an aside, making the case that this or that costs only 0.0018 percent of \$10 billion — so what's the big deal? — has always been an odd approach. (Welfare advocates also make these kinds of arguments.) If the U.S. government sent Froma Harrop a check for \$5 million, that would be a mere 0.0005 percent of the day's outlays. But doing so makes no sense, much to my regret.

Meanwhile, President Obama's vow to pursue a liberal agenda in the second term is, contrary to conventional discourse, a good way to work across the aisle.

The debates over health care and raising the debt ceiling got so nasty, in part, because Obama wouldn't draw lines and defend them. Republicans couldn't tell how far he'd compromise, fueling hopes on the fringes. Had Obama refused in 2011 to make raising the debt ceiling part of budget talks — as he does now — Republicans would be better off today. Threatening the full faith and credit of the United States as a negotiating tool didn't win them many friends.

Republicans have since smartened up. Rather than replay the creepy drama of two years ago, they've put off the debt-ceiling vote for three months. (They're still toying with it, but not terrifying world markets.) Republican Speaker John Boehner now tells the Democratic-majority Senate that it had better get off its duff and present the House with a budget avoiding deep automatic

spending cuts. Sounds like a reasonable request.

Other items on Obama's "aggressive" liberal agenda should not be regarded as aggressive — or even liberal. Immigration reform could be doable, as more Republicans recognize that legalizing the status of otherwise law-abiding illegal residents in this country is politically astute. And restoring order in the program could include favoring immigrants with the skills American business needs. That the Obama administration has already begun enforcing the immigration laws should make this a golden moment to win broad support for comprehensive reform.

Global warming should not be a liberal-versus-conservative thing. The climate change pushing floodwaters into Brooklyn also scorches crops on the Texas panhandle. Anyhow, many solutions to global warming would also enhance energy independence, and who'd object to that?

This may be optimistic, but the furies wreaking havoc in Obama's first four years seem tuckered out. May an era of new thinking commence.

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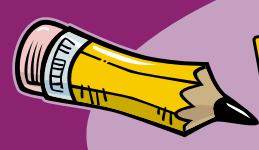


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Kid Scoop Together:

FUNNY FILLER

Ask a friend to give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read your silly story aloud.

Fragrant Finish

Last summer, our state fair held

an onion eating contest. All of

the contestants sat in front of a

long _____ and had

NOUN

a plate piled high with onions.

They had 10 minutes to

_____ as many onions

VERB

as possible. But to make it even

more challenging, each person

had to wear a hat made out of

_____!

ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN

After the first two minutes,

many of the contestants

couldn't eat any more of the

_____ onions. Soon

ADJECTIVE

only two _____ were

PLURAL NOUN

left in the contest. The audience

began to _____ loudly.

VERB

After eating five onions, Lori

Foster gave up, promising that

next year she would _____

VERB

her way to the championship.

The winner was Hal Etosis,

with a total of six and a half

_____ onions. He

ADJECTIVE

asked for some mints to freshen

his _____ breath.

ADJECTIVE

When he did, the fresh flowers

decorating the stage wilted!

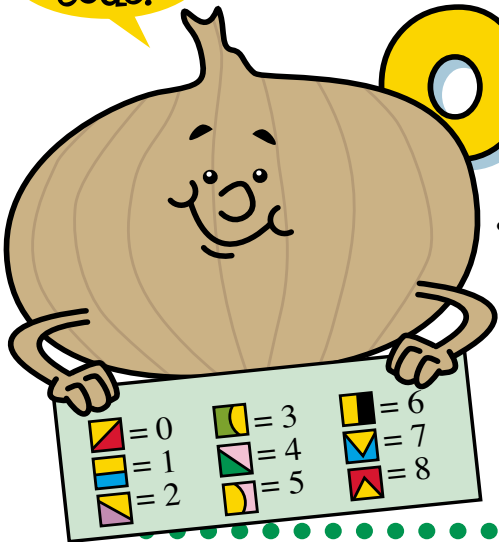
Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoop-doku™

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

T			
E			T
A		T	
R	T		
S	T		

Use the code!



HARVEST OF THE MONTH

ONIONS

Did you know...

The average American eats about pounds of onions per year.

The largest onion on record weighed pounds, ounces.

There are colors of bulb onions: yellow, white and red. Yellow onions make up about % of the world's onion crop.

SOURCE: National Onion Association

Pickled Red Onions

- 1 red onion
- 1 dried chile pepper
- 3/4 cup vinegar
- 3 tsp sugar
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 pinch of salt
- 5 dried cloves

With an adult, heat vinegar, salt, seasonings and chile until boiling.

Add sliced red onions, then let simmer for about a minute.

Remove from heat and let cool completely.

Refrigerate the onions and liquid. Use with grilled meats and in salads.

Replace the missing words.

Nothing to Cry About

If you've ever _____ an onion, or been in a kitchen when someone else does, you know that onions can bring _____ to your eyes.

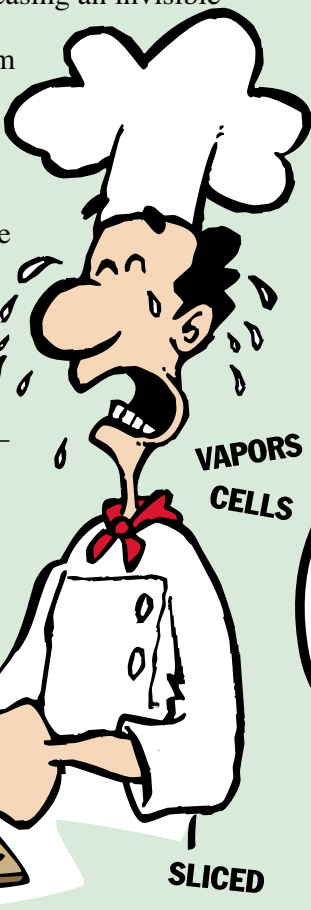
Cutting an onion breaks down the onion's _____, causing acids inside to mix, releasing an invisible gas. This gas reacts with the water in your eyes, causing them to _____ and tears to flow.

No More Tears

One of the secrets _____ use to avoid all those tears is to chill the onion before cutting it. This _____ down the chemical reaction, allowing the chef to slice up the onion and get it _____ without tears.

Another way is to cut the onion under water. This keeps those stinging _____ submerged.

SLOWS _____ **COOKING**
STING _____
TEARS _____
CHEFS _____



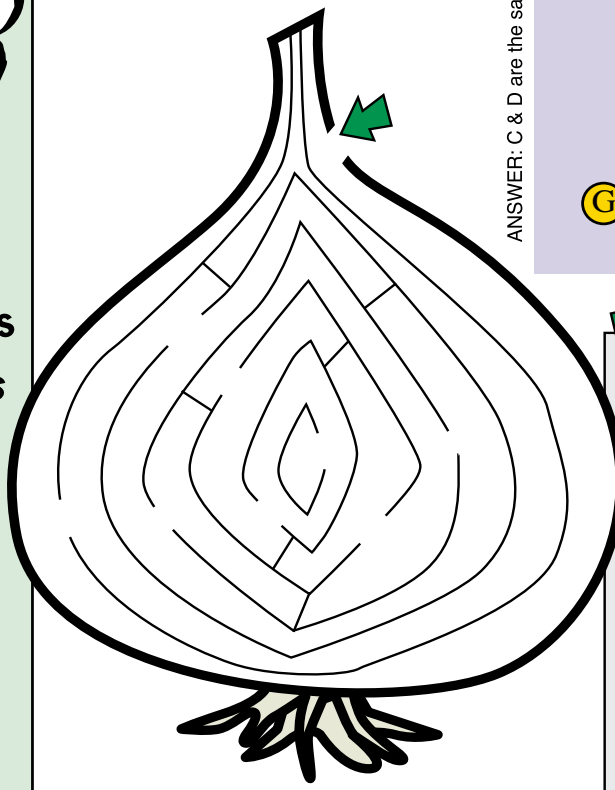
VAPORS
CELLS

SLICED

It's Only Natural

One of the best ways to get rid of "onion breath" is to chew a little fresh parsley.

Can you find your way to the center of this onion in under 30 seconds? GO!



ANSWER: C & D are the same.

Extra! Extra! Searching and Searching

Look through the newspaper for ten or more words with an **ing** ending added. Rewrite the word without the ending.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Onions add flavor to countless recipes from soups to salads to main courses and side dishes, too. Cross out the word ONIONS each time it appears below to reveal more about this multi-layered veggie.

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ONIONSPONIONSAONIONSCONIONS
KONIONSEONIONS DONIONSWONI
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MONIONSIONIONSNONIONSCONION
SAONIONSNONIONS DONIONSF
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- REACTION
- ONIONS
- FLAVOR
- RECORD
- YELLOW
- BRIGHT
- BREATH
- VAPORS
- TEARS
- AVOID
- ACIDS
- SLOWS
- BULB
- FLOW
- CRY

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

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Measuring Madness

Measure two pictures in today's newspaper. What is the TOTAL area of both pictures? Now find three smaller pictures and calculate the area. Do the two larger photos have a greater area than three photos combined?

Standards Link: Math: Measurement.

Why did the kid sleep with a ruler?

ANSWER: He wanted to know how long he could sleep.



Write On!

Chopping Onions

Write a legend that tells why chopping onions makes people cry.

Bird Poop: Diminishing sandhill cranes

Before the turn of our new century, their numbers were a common sight during winter. During the first week of November, their arrival was assured.

Massive flocks would glide over town toward One Mile Lake. And in the west, the horizon was often filled with those depending upon Natural Dam Lake for a night's rest.

Yearly, we handled four or five casualties of power lines, gunshot wounds, and traps. Our garage housed not only our vehicles. Boxes large enough to accommodate these annual visitors were stored in anticipation.

When the phone rang that second day of February, the caller's concern was not unexpected. The location was.

Having chased the birds through plowed fields north of town, and searched for an errant whooping crane supposedly in a bumper crop of cotton near St. Lawrence, we were amazed to learn that one of the birds had met misfortune atop Scenic Mountain.

"East Tubb Road," the woman repeated. "Its wing looks peculiar."

Telling her we'd come and get it, I noticed the puzzlement on Art's face as he had heard only half of our conversation. "What's it doing up there?" he wondered aloud. "Maybe it hit a guy wire," was my only plausible answer.

With nets, and a box that barely fit inside

our vehicle, we headed south on 87. After turning on to Boykin, we enjoyed once again the rise in terrain and the view it afforded of Big Spring. The natural change in elevation had been nature's gift to our area.

Looming ahead were the transmitting towers. During the day, their presence was largely ignored. At night, the blinking red lights were a constant reminder of danger.

Outside on her porch, a woman waited as we left the pavement and neared her home. Once out of the car, we could appreciate her location. A rocky hillside, native plants and silence surrounded her place.

Leading us to the back of the property, she pointed toward a large pen. An open gate had allowed her to usher a sandhill crane into the protective enclosure. Huddled against one corner of a three-sided, slant roofed shed, the bird seemed content to forage in some quickly strewn hay.

Seeing the way the crane held its wing brought to mind a favorite word, seldom used. "Discombobulated!" Almost twisted, it was truly in a state of disorder.

Many wing injuries to these birds result in compound fractures. Often the tips of wings are missing. But this was different. Down-right awry!

After looking at each other in disbelief, we eased toward the crane. After I grabbed its long bill and flailing legs, Art gathered its one good wing close to its side. With his other hand he protected the errant extremity.

Carefully lifting the bird, we carried it to our vehicle. Both of us

had realized there was no way we could get the crane in our box.

Either we'd have to cut an area out of the box to accommodate its injured wing, or the crane and I would ride in the rear area. We chose the latter.

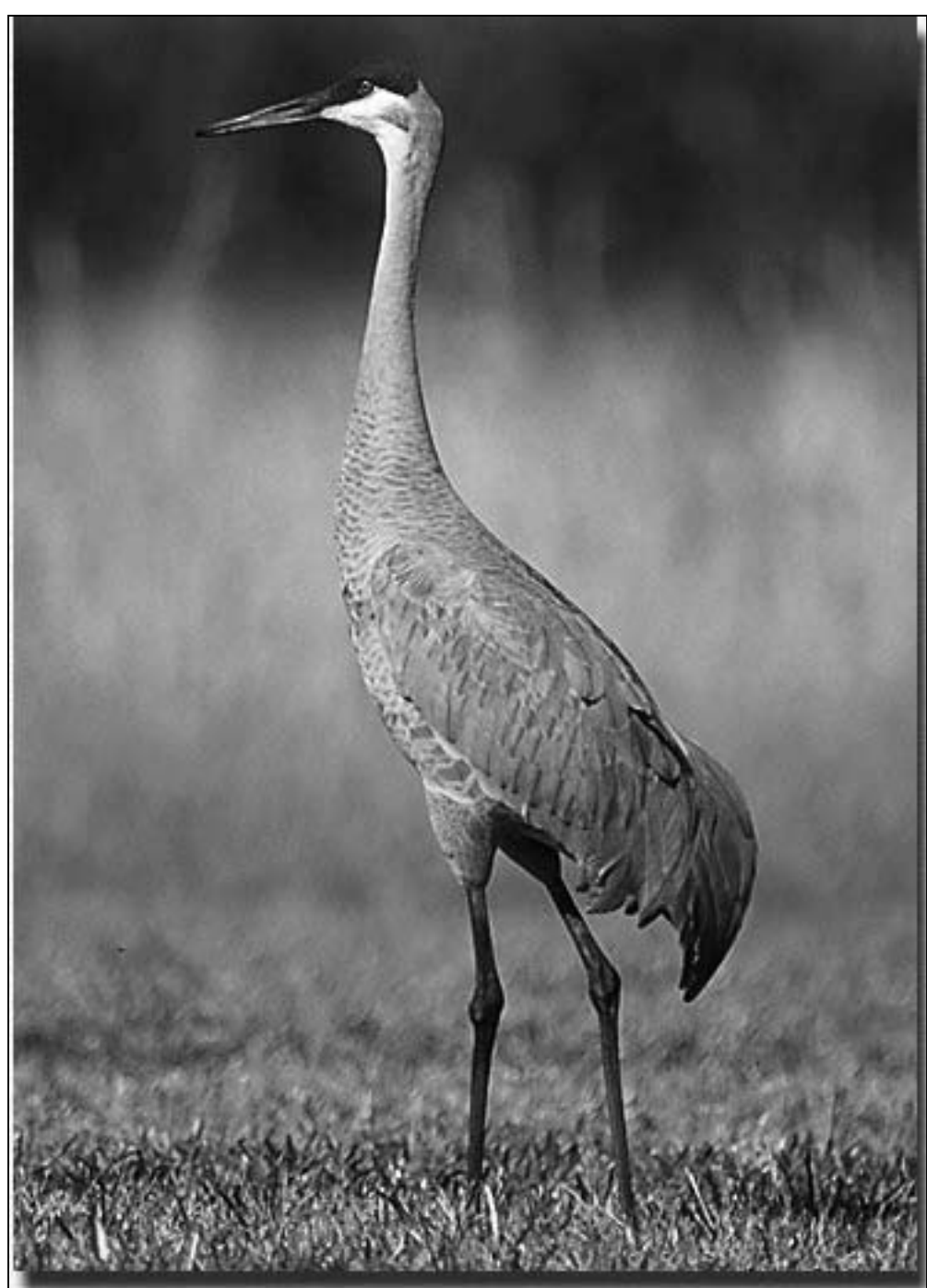
As I leaned against the back seat, my left hand held the beak while my right hand supported the injured wing. Wrapped around the bird's body, my legs kept its one good wing stationary while the weight of my feet kept its legs pressed against the floor. Although it wasn't sporting, my efforts would have been the envy of any professional wrestler.

On the way home, Art kept looking back and asking if I was all right. As long as I could maintain that one position, the bird had all of my attention.

Once in our garage, Art fashioned a box in which the crane could ride comfortably. With every spare towel we had for cushioning, the bird was placed in our makeshift accommodation and secured with rolls of gauze. A hood was placed over its head to simulate night and calm it.

After delivering the crane to the Eos Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland, an initial glance at the bird caused Midge Erskine to comment, "Out of joint." Calling her vet, she promised to let us know his findings.

A call later that day was promising. With its wing back in place, the crane would be given a chance to recover. Questionable would be the long sustained flights it needed during a daily search for food. If that seemed improbable, placement in an educational environ-



Courtesy photo

Nearly four feet high, the sandhill crane is striking in its layered coat of gray feathers. The patch of red skin on its forehead is a sign of maturity and means the bird is at least two, maybe more, years old. Easily flying 40 miles or more in a day in search of food, it readily eats mice, frogs, lizards and snakes. When crops are available, it dines on grain sorghum, wheat, peanuts and some corn.

ment would be considered.

Greeted with worldwide fanfare, the new century has brought additional struggles for sandhill cranes and other wildlife. Fires and drought have changed their migratory routes and wintering areas.

In the 1970s, nearly 7,000 cranes accepted One Mile Lake as their winter safe haven. The

western skies were black with 35,000-40,000 cranes headed to Natural Dam Lake. What we once considered commonplace is now remembered and appreciated even more.

Today, to see even a few of the graceful gray birds whose lineage dates back to prehistoric times is rewarding. Six-foot wingspans lend a graceful essence

to our fall and winter sunsets. Their ancient bugling, or call, reminds us of what we have lost, what we long to hear, and heightens our appreciation of their ancient rituals.

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Age is all about your age

Isn't it strange how we view aging?

When I was a kid my grandpa turned 60 and I remember

thinking, wow, he's really old! Today as I think of someone 60, I think of someone in upper middle age. A

new Pew Research Center & Social & Demographic Trends survey on aging finds a sizable gap between the expectations that young

and middle-aged adults have about old age and the actual experiences reported by older Americans themselves.

These disparities come into sharpest focus when survey respondents are asked about a series of negative benchmarks often associated with aging, such as illness, memory loss, an inability to drive, a struggle with loneliness and depression, and living on fixed incomes. In every instance, older adults report experiencing these disparities at lower levels than younger adults report expecting to encounter

them when they grow old. At the same time, however, older adults report experiencing fewer of the benefits of aging that younger adults expect to enjoy when they grow old, such as spending more time with their family, traveling more for pleasure, having more time for hobbies, doing volunteer work or starting a second career.

These generation gap perceptions also extend to the most basic question of all about old age: When does it begin? Survey respondents ages 18 to 29 believe that the average person becomes old at age 60.

Middle-aged respondents put the threshold closer to 70 and respondents ages 65 and above say that the average person does not become old until turning 74.

Other potential markers of old age, such as forgetfulness, retirement, experiencing bladder control problems, getting gray hair, or having grandchildren are the subjects of similar perceptual gaps. For example, nearly two-thirds of adults ages 18 to 29 believe that when someone "frequently forgets familiar names," that person is old. Less than half of all adults ages 30 and older agree.

However, potential markers such as failing

health, an inability to live independently, an inability to drive, or difficulty with stairs engender agreement across all generations about the degree to which they serve as an indicator of old age.

So, to what age would you like to live? The average response is 89. One-in-five would like to live into their 90s, and 8 percent say they'd like to surpass the century mark. One survey found that the average desired life span was 92.

In another area it's interesting to note that there's one realm of modern life, the adoption of information technologies, where old and young behave very differently. Just four in 10 adults ages 65-74 use the internet on a daily basis, and that share drops to just one-in-six among adults 75 and above. By contrast, three-quarters of adults ages 18-30 go online daily.

The generation gap is even wider when it comes to cell phones and text messages. Among adults 65 and older, just 5 percent

get most or all of their calls on a cell phone, and only 11 percent use their cell phone to send or receive a text message. For adults under age 30, the comparable figures are 72 percent and 87 percent, respectively.

It's also interesting to note that religion is a far bigger part of the lives of older adults than younger adults. Two-thirds of adults ages 65 and older say religion is very important to them, compared with just over half of those ages 30 to 49 and just 44 percent of those ages 18 to 29. Moreover, among adults ages 65 and above, a third say religion has grown more important to them over the course of their lives, while just 4 percent say it has become less important. The majority say it has stayed the same.

I guess Yogi Berra would respond: the past just ain't what it used to be!

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Texas Briefs

Cargill plant closure leaves some praying for rain

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — The impending closure of a Cargill Beef plant that employs 2,000 people has residents here praying for rain.

Cargill announced earlier this month it would close its plant in Plainview due to a tight cattle supply following years of drought. The severe lack of rain forced ranchers to sell off millions of animals they couldn't afford to feed, then leaving them to hold on to the relatively few cattle they had left.

The closure could devastate Plainview, a town of 22,000 people north of Lubbock.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports more than 300 people held a prayer rally Monday. One pastor called out for rain as attendees raised their hands in the air.

Others said they hoped the plant closure would open new opportunities elsewhere.

Judge to decide whether Texas teen tried as adult

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A judge is expected to decide whether a South Texas 17-year-old charged with attempted murder in a federal agent's shooting will stand trial as an adult.

State District Judge Jesse Contreras said he would announce his decision Tuesday in Edinburg regarding the teen, who was 16 when the shooting occurred. Hidalgo County prosecutors have argued that the boy should face the charge as an adult because of the seriousness of the crime. The defense says it was a mistake made by a boy.

Special Agent Kelton Harrison of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was shot before dawn July 3 in Hargill, a rural community northeast of Edinburg. Officials say the teen, an older brother and his father pursued and shot Harrison while he was conducting surveillance in the area.

Worker killed when trench collapses on him

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — A trench freshly dug in for a North Texas water line collapsed on a member of the construction crew, killing the worker.

A statement from city spokeswoman Dana Baird-Hanks says the accident happened about 4 p.m. Monday on Farm-to-Market Road 3537 in Frisco. The rapidly growing town of 125,000 is 25 miles north of Dallas.

The accident closed the heavily traveled road through the Monday commuting rush. The worker's identity hasn't been released.

Randy Travis to enter drunken-driving plea

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — Country music star Randy Travis is expected to enter a guilty plea this week in a drunken-driving case in North Texas, where he was arrested over the summer naked after crashing his Pontiac Trans Am.



Travis

Details of the plea agreement will be released following Travis' court appearance Thursday in Sherman, Grayson County District Attorney Joe Brown said Monday. He said the singer will plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge that is punishable by up to two years in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

His defense attorney, John Nix, said a sentence of probation is expected and that Travis is "looking forward to putting this behind him and moving on."

Authorities have said a Trans Am registered to the 53-year-old singer veered off a roadway near Tioga, a town about 60 miles north of Dallas where the entertainer lives, and struck several barricades in a construction zone the night of Aug. 7. Investi-

gators said Travis was found naked and combative at the scene, and his blood-alcohol level was more than 0.15. The legal limit for driving is 0.08.

Travis also had faced a charge of retaliation for allegedly threatening officers, but that charge is no longer on file with the court.

Travis' lawyers have previously said the singer has a great deal of respect for law enforcement and has stopped drinking alcohol.

The August accident was among a string of recent run-ins with the law for Travis.

Police in suburban Dallas cited Travis following an Aug. 23 incident in a church parking lot in which he allegedly intervened in an argument involving a woman he knows and her estranged husband. Nobody was hurt. He pleaded not guilty to simple assault in that matter and has a jury trial scheduled for March.

Travis also was arrested last February in Denton County, northwest of Dallas, for public intoxication. That case is no longer on file with the county court and appears to have been dismissed.

2 injured in fire at East Texas oil storage

VAN, Texas (AP) — Two people are reported hurt in a fire at an oil storage facility in East Texas as firefighters work to prevent the blaze from spreading.

Van Zandt County Emergency Management Coordinator Chuck Allen says authorities were called before 3 a.m. Tuesday about an explosion at the facility north of Van. Allen says the two people injured were smoking on top of the storage tanks when one of them exploded.

Both victims are 24 years old. Allen says one is on life support.

Two of the facility's five oil storage tanks are on fire.

World at a Glance

Boy Scouts considering retreat from no-gays policy

NEW YORK (AP) — Facing diverse and ceaseless protests, the Boy Scouts of America is signaling its readiness to end the nationwide exclusion of gays as scouts or leaders and give the sponsors of local troops the freedom to decide the matter for themselves.

If approved by the Scouts' national executive board, possibly as soon as next week, the change would be another momentous milestone for America's gay-rights movement, following a surge of support for same-sex marriage and the ending of the ban on gays serving opening in military.

"The pulse of equality is strong in America, and today it beats a bit faster with news that the Boy Scouts may finally put an end to its long history of discrimination," said Chad Griffin of the Human Rights Campaign, a major gay-rights group.

Under the proposed change, which was outlined Monday by the Scouts, the different religious and civic groups that sponsor Scout units would be able to decide for themselves how to address the issue — either maintaining an exclusion of gays, as is now required of all units, or opening up their membership.

Southern Baptist leaders — who consider homosexuality a sin — were furious about the possible change and said its approval might encourage Southern Baptist churches to support other boys' organizations instead of the BSA. The Southern Baptists are among the largest sponsors of Scout units, along with the Roman Catholic, Mormon and

United Methodist churches.

No alarm, no escape: Focus turns to Brazil nightclub's safeguards

SANTA MARIA, Brazil (AP) — There was no alarm, no extinguishers, no sprinklers and almost no escape from the nightclub that became a death trap for more than 200 Brazilian college students.

As investigators began poking through the rubble and families mourned their dead, questions abounded as the university city in southern Brazil tried to understand how the Sunday morning blaze that killed 231 people could have been sparked in the first place, then rage rapidly out of control.

Why was there only one door available for exit and entry? What was the flammable material in the ceiling that allowed the conflagration to move so quickly? And, more pointedly, why was a band playing at the club allowed to use pyrotechnics inside the building?

Police were leaning toward the band's pyrotechnics as the cause of the blaze during a party at the Kiss nightclub organized by several academic departments at the Federal University of Santa Maria. Inspector Antonio Firmino, who's part of the team investigating the fire, said it appeared the club's ceiling was covered with an insulating foam made from a combustible material that ignited with the pyrotechnics.

NKorea all set for N-test but confirming it will be virtually impossible

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea appears all set to detonate an atomic device, but confirming the explosion when it takes place will be virtually impossible for outsiders, specialists said Tuesday.

The best indication of a test will be seismic tremors and abnormal radiation in the air, but even that can be masked if North Korea wants to. In all likeli-

hood the first word of the test will come from Pyongyang itself, just as it happened when the country conducted nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009.

Last week, North Korea warned a third nuclear test is planned to protest toughened international sanctions meant to punish it for firing a long-range rocket in December. The world sees the launch a ballistic missile test banned by the U.N. while Pyongyang says it only shot a satellite aboard the rocket into orbit as part of a peaceful space development program.

Governor promises Washington will try to keep legal weed out of other states — but how?

SEATTLE (AP) — No one is suggesting checkpoints or fences to keep Washington state's legal pot within its borders.

But Gov. Jay Inslee insists there are ways to prevent the bulk diversion of marijuana to the black market, including digitally tracking weed to ensure it goes from where it's grown to where it's sold.

It's not just about being a good neighbor. Inslee is trying to persuade the Justice Department not to sue to block Washington state from licensing pot growers, processors and sellers.

How well such schemes can keep pot from being diverted isn't clear.

Colorado has rules aimed at keeping its medical marijuana market in line, but police say it nevertheless reaches the black market.

Egypt's army chief warns of 'the collapse of the state'

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's army chief has warned of "the collapse of the state" if the political crisis roiling the nation for nearly a week continues.

The warning by Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, also the defense minister, comes as the country sinks deeper into chaos and lawlessness. Attempts by the Islamist president to stem a wave of political violence appear to have made no headway.

Some 60 people have been killed in the unrest that began last Thursday.

El-Sissi's warning came in an address to military academy cadets on Tuesday. His comments were posted on the armed forces' official Facebook page.

"The continuation of the conflict between the different political forces and their differences over how the country should be run could lead to the collapse of the state and threaten future generations," he said.

Report: Unemployed people pay millions in needless fees under state-run payment-card programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jobless Americans are paying millions in unnecessary fees to collect unemployment benefits because of state policies encouraging them to get the money through bank-issued payment cards, according to a new report from a consumer group.

People are using the fee-heavy cards instead of getting their payments deposited directly to their bank accounts. That's because states issue bank cards automatically, require complicated paperwork or phone calls to set up direct deposit and fail to explain the card fees, according to a report issued Tuesday by the National Consumer Law Center, a nonprofit group that seeks to protect low-income Americans from unfair financial-services products. An early copy of the report was obtained by The Associated Press.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The One and Only Hope

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 3 2
♥ A Q 9 7
♦ Q 6
♣ K 5 3

WEST
♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ K J 8 5
♦ 7 3
♣ A 9 7

EAST
♠ 5
♥ 10 2
♦ A J 10 9 8 2
♣ J 10 8 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 7
♥ 6 4 3
♦ K 5 4
♣ Q 4 2

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

Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

In many deals, declarer must make assumptions about the location of certain key cards because if they are distributed otherwise, there is no hope for the contract.

Today's deal occurred in an IMP Pairs event at a national tournament. North-South did well to reach three notrump rather than four spades, a contract that had virtually no chance as the cards lay.

West led the seven of diamonds

to dummy's queen and East's ace, and South won the diamond continuation with the king. At this point, declarer had only six winners — four spades, a heart and the diamond already taken.

To have any hope of making the contract, he needed to score three additional tricks in clubs and hearts without allowing East — who was marked by his pre-emptive bid with the rest of the diamonds — to gain the lead. South therefore had to assume that East did not hold either the ace of clubs or king of hearts.

Acting on this assumption, declarer cashed the A-K-Q of spades and then led a club toward the king. West had no choice but to follow low. After the king held, South crossed to the jack of spades in order to lead a heart to the queen.

When the heart finesse succeeded, declarer cashed the ace of hearts and played a third heart. West took the jack and king, but was then forced to lead a club from the A-9, handing South the game-going trick with the queen.

Once declarer made the necessary assumptions and proceeded accordingly, there was no way the defenders could escape.

Tomorrow: Keep your eye on the ball.
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Howard College's Karim York, a 6'9" sophomore from Del Valle, Texas slam dunks the ball during Monday's 89-74 road win against New Mexico Military Academy. The outing marked the first of a four-game road stint for the Hawks (19-3, 5-2).

Mayor Landrieu: New Orleans deserves Super Bowl spotlight

BRETT MARTEL
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — A 20-story-high mural of the Lombardi Trophy, affixed to the glass exterior of a bustling hotel that was once a shattered symbol of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, rises like a beacon above the expansive white roof of the Superdome.

The Super Bowl is back in the Big Easy, finally, after 11 years, giving New Orleans a spotlight of global proportion to showcase how far it has come since Katrina left the city on its knees and under water in August of 2005.

"The story is much, much bigger than the Super Bowl," Mayor Mitch Landrieu said Monday afternoon. "This is a story about the resurrection and redemption of a great American city."

"The Super Bowl gives us an opportunity to reflect on where we've been and where we're going."

From 1970 to 2002, New Orleans was a regular host of the Super Bowl and hopes to become one again. This Sunday, when the Baltimore Ravens meet the San Francisco 49ers in the Superdome, the Crescent City will host the NFL's marquee game for the 10th

time, tying Miami for the most of any city. If all goes well, it hopes to get back in the rotation.

Jay Cicero, president of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, said his group will ask the NFL for permission to put together a bid for the 2018 Super Bowl, coinciding with the city's celebration of its 300th anniversary.

It is that history, which produced a colorful culture driven by a mix of European, Caribbean and African influences, that makes New Orleans such an attractive Super Bowl city, noted political consultant James Carville said.

"This is not just a city. This is a culture," said Carville, who lives in New Orleans and serves as the co-chairman of the Super Bowl host committee with his wife and fellow political pundit, Mary Matalin. "We have our own food, our own music, our own social structure, our own architecture, our own body of literature. By God, we have our own funerals."

Carville pointed out that Dallas spent about \$38 million to host a Super Bowl two seasons ago, that

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Usually chatty Ravens quiet before Super Bowl

DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — The Baltimore Ravens' reputation for trash-talking arrived at the Super Bowl before they did.

While the Ravens were en route from Baltimore to the Big Easy, the San Francisco 49ers were already preparing for war of words with the chattiest team in the NFL.

"Most teams don't really talk that much, but I've heard stories about them talking a lot," San Francisco guard Alex Boone said. "Guys have told me not to get into it with them. We're not here to get into a yelling match."

That might change a bit

Sunday when both teams play for the NFL championship at the Superdome.

The Ravens developed their swagger years ago under coach Brian Billicko, who rarely backed away from a microphone and made no effort to put a muzzle on his players, most notably Shannon Sharpe and Tony Siragusa — both of whom are now being paid to blab as television commentators.

Baltimore's current coach, John Harbaugh, doesn't encourage such brashness. But he won't stop it, either. After the Ravens beat New England to win the AFC championship, Baltimore safety Bernard Pollard insisted that Patriots quarterback Tom

Brady should be fined for a leg-up slide even though Brady apologized afterward.

Linebacker Terrell Suggs topped that in an interview with Yahoo Sports, calling the Patriots "arrogant" and telling them "to have fun at the Pro Bowl."

Now that he's on football's biggest stage, Suggs has taken it down a few decibels, judging by his tone at Monday's media interviews. Here's a bulletin: He said nothing the 49ers might consider clipping from a newspaper and pinning to the bulletin board for motivation.

"I'm going to talk to you guys with the obligated time that I'm supposed to talk to you guys ... and I'm going to

stick to that," Suggs said.

Asked if he might say something juicy later in the week, Suggs replied, "Nothing I do is scripted. You've got to wait and see what I come up with."

It might be worth the wait, although Harbaugh seems to think Suggs and the rest of the team will resist the temptation.

"Our guys are class guys. We'll play with character, we'll play with class," Harbaugh said. "We'll be a tough, hard-nosed football team. That's the way we'll play. Before the game, after the game."

That's not what the 49ers

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Rockets hand Jazz worst home loss in history, 125-80

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Houston Rockets had plenty of trouble getting to Salt Lake City as a blizzard left them grounded for a while in western Colorado.

Once they arrived, they made the Jazz pay, rolling to a 125-80 victory on Monday night and handing Utah the most lopsided home loss in franchise history.

The Rockets, after recently suffering through a seven-game slide, are out of that funk. They have now won three straight and four of their last five.

"That's the way we have to play," Houston coach Kevin McHale said. "We have to play with pace. We have to move the ball. The ball can't

get sticky. It's got to go from side to side. And guys just got to make plays."

James Harden continued to do most of the damage, scoring 25 points despite sitting the entire fourth quarter with the rest of the Rockets starters.

Harden, selected as an All-Star for the first time recently, has averaged 27.2 points in his last five games.

When he wasn't driving the lane, the Rockets were pouring in 3-pointers.

They hit 16 of 34 on the night to tie their season high for shots made beyond the arc.

But it was their pace that floored the Jazz, outscoring Utah 26-2 on the break.

Woods shines at Torrey Pines

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods never looked so irritated winning a golf tournament so comfortably.

His record eighth victory at Torrey Pines was all but over when Woods ripped a 5-iron from 244 yards over the corner of a bunker and onto the green at the par-5 13th hole, setting up a two-putt birdie that gave him an eight shot lead in the Farmers Insurance Open.

At least he had plenty of time to savor this victory. The final five holes felt like they took forever.

Woods twirled his club on the tee and leaned on it in the fairway as the final round dragged on. He lost rhythm and appeared to lose interest, and it showed. A bogey from the bunker on the 14th. A tee shot that caromed off a euca-

lyptus tree on the 15th hole that led to double bogey. A tee shot he popped up on the 17th hole that left him 50 yards behind the other players and led to another bogey.

"It got a little ugly at the end," Woods said. "I started losing patience a little bit with the slow play."

No matter. It only affected the margin, not the outcome. Woods had to settle for an even-par 72 that gave him a four-shot win over defending champion Brandt Snedeker and Josh Teater, who each had a 69.

Only a week earlier, he missed the cut in Abu Dhabi, in part because of a two-shot penalty assessed after his second round for taking an illegal drop. Woods had never missed the cut on the European Tour.

Local Sports Calendar

TODAY

Boy's Basketball

- Abilene Wylie (No. 5) at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m., Steer Gym.
- Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
- Forsan at Plains, 8 p.m.
- Sands (No. 9) at Loop, 8 p.m.
- Grady (No. 10) at Wellman-Union, 8 p.m.
- Garden City (No. 14) at Bronte, 8 p.m.

Girl's Basketball

- Abilene Wylie (No. 17) at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m., Steer Gym.
- Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Plains (No. 5), 6:30 p.m.
- Sands at Loop, 6:30 p.m.
- Grady (No. 9) at Wellman-Union, 6:30 p.m.
- Garden City (No. 13) at Bronte, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Men's Basketball

- Howard College at Clarendon College, 7:45 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Partly Cloudy Cosmos

Gray clouds and fog obstructing the sun can make us forget what life looks like when bathed in golden rays. That's why sunshine can feel like a magic surprise no matter how many times we've seen it before. To prepare for Jupiter's change of direction tomorrow, stay flexible. History can be a poor predictor. Keep hope and wonder alive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A band that's a one-hit wonder in one country sometimes has a string of hits in another country. Similarly, be careful not to prejudge the talent you see today based on too limited a sample.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The person who owns little can move on a moment's notice. Sometimes you fantasize about being that person, but right now you have to admit that it's nice to be surrounded by beautiful stuff you call your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The ones who say it's always better to see the bright side are underestimating both the risk of blind optimism and the daunting permanence of the word "always." Ten percent skepticism might serve you well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't toil unnecessarily in the harsh elements. That's like

skiing uphill. It's possible, and some skiers do it, but usually only when they have no other choice. Look around for the equivalent of a ski lift.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're even better now than usual at reading people, so you can tell which ones like you, need you and want you. Even so, you'll act as if you don't know for the sake of social grace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Avoid spending too much time with those who don't value you, because in doing so, you are depriving your real fans and loved ones of your sweet attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Developing more passion and positivity doesn't mean you have to be exclusively upbeat. There's something to be said for authenticity now. You'll find your comfort zone and stretch from there toward joy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It may feel to you like someone is deliberately trying to hold you back from living your ideal life. This is not the case. Rather, it is a sign that you should find more birds of your feather so you can get your flock on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Keep investigating, especially by asking friends what they think. Thanks to the research you do in the next three days, you'll suddenly have brilliant ideas regarding the next steps of your project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The old computer science adage suggests "garbage in, garbage

out" — a phrase that applies perfectly to your current creative situation. Your productivity depends heavily on your choice of media consumption.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may realize that it's on you to deliver a massive amount of work today, most of it prescribed by you. You drive yourself harder than anyone, and you'll be pleased with your own performance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've lived your life by a simple success principle: What you focus on grows, what you ignore shrinks. Sometimes you are not even aware that you're using this spiritual law, but today you will be fully cognizant of it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 29). Your expectations of yourself change as you realize that you're capable of more. February marks a breakthrough involving your health and self-care. With new vibrancy, you attract friends and partners in March. April is your chance at a role you've long had your eye on. There's a surprise check in September. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 22, 34 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "In my recurring dream, I am asked to act a part in a show in which I haven't memorized the lines. I spend most of the dream backstage, anxiously wondering in the moments before the opening curtain how I'm supposed to get

hold of the script and memorize it in seconds. There are usually distracting people around to make the task even more impossible. What does this mean? I'm a Leo who wants to win in my dream and in my life, but both cases seem to have me up against the odds."

Performance is an integral part of a Leo's life, and it makes sense that you would dream in this context. It would seem that in your waking life you feel regularly unprepared and put on the spot. Perhaps you are uncomfortable with the role you've fallen into. Do you have a new job, relationship or family status? It sounds like you're in transition and feeling anxious about whether or not you have the tools to do what this role demands. How can you help yourself to feel more confident and able? Do you need training? Is there a support system you could tap into? You deserve to set yourself up for success.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Oprah Winfrey built an empire around her own intimate and honest style of communicating. The mogul and philanthropist was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in the sign of Aquarius. Symbolized as the water bearer, Aquarius is the great humanitarian of the zodiac, finding a deep sense of purpose in bringing people what they need.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am an associate in a law firm with two offices. Each office has three associate attorneys and is managed by a partner.

During my first year, I was the only associate in my office, and I received a Christmas bonus.

The second year, we hired two additional associates. I was devastated when all of the staff but none of the associates received a bonus that year, as I'd planned to use the money to buy gifts for my family.

I wasn't surprised last month when, once again, the associates received nothing.

I did discover, however, that all of the associates in the other law office received bonuses.

I understand that a Christmas bonus is not something I am entitled to receive, and if I bring it up to my boss, it would make me sound selfish

and greedy.

We do get extra money each month if we exceed a specific number of billable hours.

However, that is a part of my compensation agreement and a variable portion of my salary, not a bonus.

I also think my boss has decided that the office staff, most of whom are single parents, need the bonus more than the associates do.

But my law degree came with six figures of student loan debt.

This is less about the money than it is about the disparate treatment, especially between the two law offices. Is there any way to bring this up to my boss for next season without sounding like a spoiled child? — **Struggling Young Professional**

Dear Struggling: We understand why this seems unfair, but unless



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merit additional pay at the end of the year, or whether something about your performance has been disappointing. Beyond that, you're out of luck.

Dear Annie: My friend "Harry" has had an on-again, off-again girlfriend for the past year.

They have broken up many times, but claim they're right for each other. Most of our friends think their relationship is a waste of time.

Well, now they are on again, but this time it is different. Harry is totally head over heels, but she isn't into him so much. I used to talk to him every day, and now I barely get a "hello."

His girlfriend says I'm "bugging" him and never lets him hang around long enough to talk to me.

We all know it's only a matter of time before it ends badly. How can I

help Harry realize what's going on? I want my friend back. — Worried in California

Dear California: Unless there is abuse, it is pointless for you to involve yourself in Harry's relationship. He could benefit from counseling to work on the reasons he pursues such a self-destructive romance, but until he admits that he makes bad choices, your words will have little effect. Since the relationship is likely to end sooner than later, you will have other opportunities to discuss this with him.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"WE'RE BUILDIN' A SANDCASTLE OUT OF SNOW."

1-29

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Yes, according to my medical opinion, you ARE hungry."

1-29

HAGAR

"YOU KEEP YOUR NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE YEAR AFTER YEAR..."

"...AND WHAT DO YOU GET FOR ALL THAT EFFORT???"

"A VISIT TO THE NOSE DOCTOR?"

1-29

BLONDIE

"BOY, SCHOOL IS REALLY TOUGH THIS YEAR... ESPECIALLY MY BIOLOGY CLASS..."

"THE BOYS ARE STUDYING GIRLS, THE GIRLS ARE STUDYING BOYS, HOW WE THINK, WHAT MAKES US TICK, ALL THAT..."

"SO FAR, EVERYBODY'S FLUNKING."

1-29

WIZARD OF ID

"WIZARD! I NEED YOUR HELP! WHAT IS IT, COUNT?"

"IT'S MY SON! HE'S LOST THE WAY OF THE VAMPIRE"

"ROB! COME DOWN HERE!"

"WHERE DID I GO WRONG?"

1-29

AGNES

"I THINK MY GIFT IS MY COMMANDING PRESENCE... I SORT OF TAKE OVER A ROOM WHEN I ENTER... IT IS A VERY SPECIAL GIFT."

"HAVING A GIFT SUCH AS MINE IS A VERY HUGE RESPONSIBILITY. IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR ME TO USE IT FOR ANYTHING EVIL."

"WE GIFTED DONT WANT YOU POOR GIFTLESS LED ASTRAY."

"AGNES! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?"

1-29

HI AND LOIS

"I'M HAVING MY BOOK GROUP OVER TONIGHT."

"I'LL MAKE MYSELF SCARCE."

"YOU CALL THIS YOUR 'MAN CAVE'?"

"IT'S THE BEST THIS MAN CAN DO."

1-29

THE OTHER COAST

"HEY, PAT, WAKE UP."

"HUH... WHAT?"

"IT'S YOUR TURN TO DIG IT OUT."

"I HATE WINTER."

1-29

SNUFFY SMITH

"POOR URIAH !! HE JEST TOLD ME ONE'A THEM MUSICAL BIRTHDAY CARDS WENT HAYWIRE !!"

"AN' IT GOES TO TH' LAST HOUSE ON HIS ROUTE !!"

"WHO LET TH' DOGS OUT?!"

1-29

BEETLE BAILEY

"DOING CROSSWORD PUZZLES, I LIKE TO START IN THE MIDDLE AND WORK TO THE CORNERS"

"YOU HAVE INTERESTING WAYS OF DOING THINGS"

"GREGG! MORE WALKER"

"THEN THERE'S BEETLE, WHO HAS INTERESTING WAYS OF NOT DOING ANYTHING"

1-29

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2013. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 29, 1963, poet Robert Frost died in Boston at age 88. On this date:
In 1820, Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle.
In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.
In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published in the New York Evening Mirror.
In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.
In 1863, the Bear River Massacre took place as the U.S. Army attacked Shoshone in present-day Idaho. The New York Stock & Exchange Board changed its name to the New York Stock Exchange.
In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.
In 1929, The Seeing Eye, a New Jersey-based school which trains guide dogs to assist the blind, was incorporated by Dorothy Harrison Eustis and Morris Frank.
In 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.
In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married in Las Vegas.
In 1963, the first charter members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio (they were enshrined when the Hall opened in September 1963).
In 1979, President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.
In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., killing security guard Robert Sanderson and critically injuring nurse Emily Lyons. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Noel Harrison is 79. Author Germaine Greer is 74. Actress Katharine Ross is 73. Actor Tom Selleck is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bettye LaVette is 67. Actor Marc Singer is 65. Actress Ann Jillian is 63. Rock musician Tommy Ramone (Ramones) is 61. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 60. Rhythm-and-blues/funk singer Charlie Wilson is 60. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 59. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 57. Actress Diane Delano is 56. Actress Judy Norton Taylor ("The Waltons") is 55. Rock musician Johnny Spampinato is 54. Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis is 53.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Be worthy of
- 6 Venetian blind part
- 10 Church service
- 14 Give a speech
- 15 Sore all over
- 16 "Alas!"
- 17 Extravagant one
- 19 Intend
- 20 Get a look at
- 21 Come to a close
- 22 Cougars and kangaroos
- 24 Boeing 787, e.g.
- 25 Piece of pasta
- 26 In ___ of (instead of)
- 29 Drumming sound
- 33 Eve's spouse
- 34 Molecule part
- 35 Toss
- 39 Balkan native
- 40 Backyard barbecue site
- 42 ___ Cod, MA
- 43 Vietnam capital
- 45 Quiet period
- 46 High cards
- 47 Resold tickets illegally
- 49 Blow off steam
- 50 Engraved with acid
- 53 Weed-removal tool
- 55 Rips into
- 57 Topeka's state: Abbr.
- 58 Me, in Paris
- 61 Prefix for sphere
- 62 Major progress

DOWN

- 65 Short news piece
- 66 "So what ___ is new?"
- 67 Flip-chart stand
- 68 Karate move
- 69 Cabbage salad
- 70 Swap
- 10 Underground Kentucky attraction
- 11 Leading the pack
- 12 Little
- 13 Taste or touch
- 18 Lure into crime
- 23 Castle surround
- 24 Seafood serving
- 26 Mascara
- 27 Brainstorm destination
- 28 Be worthy of
- 30 In any way
- 31 Add together
- 32 "A miss is as good as ___"
- 36 Speed contest
- 37 "Yes, we're ___" (store sign)
- 38 Sunset direction
- 41 Passé
- 44 Frosts, as a cake
- 48 Old sayings
- 50 Code of conduct
- 51 Comb features
- 52 Walk-on role
- 54 Beginning stage
- 56 No later than, for short
- 57 Was sure of
- 58 Butte relative
- 59 Newspaper essay
- 60 Castaway's home
- 63 Free ___ bird
- 64 Driveway coating

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Cowboys to look at drunken driving after arrests

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are looking for ways to improve how the team handles drunken driving in the wake of two high-profile arrests and the car crash death of a practice squad player, a team official and former Cowboys star said Monday.

Calvin Hill, who played six seasons for the Cowboys and is now a player development consultant, issued a statement Monday. Hill said the team understands the consequences of drunken driving, especially since it had "recently experienced the most tragic of circumstances regarding the issue."

Nose tackle Josh Brent faces an intoxication manslaughter charge in a Dec. 8 crash that killed his friend and practice squad member Jerry Brown. And last week, fellow Cowboys lineman Jay Ratliff was arrested after sideswiping a semi-trailer truck. Ratliff is charged with driving while intoxicated.

Blood-alcohol tests released by police say both Brent and Ratliff were well above the legal limit.

Hill did not name Brent, but said the team had communicated with Ratliff and was watching the legal process.

"The critical goal is to effect the decision making process in the hours before the wrong decision is made," Hill said. "Our player assistance programs in the areas of preventing incidents such as these are at the highest level in professional sports, but we are always looking to do better and for ways to improve."

The NFL Players Association offers a safe ride program to players, and every player's membership card carries contact information for it. Players can either set up a full night with a driver in advance or call for a ride home when they need one.

The NFL can discipline players for violating alcohol laws.

SPOTLIGHT

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Indianapolis spent about \$25 million a year ago, and that New Orleans spent about \$13 million.

"I wish that I could tell you that it's because we're just so much more efficient," Carville said. "The truth of the matter is we don't have to create anything in New Orleans. It's here. It's been here for 294 years. We just have to take what we have, shine it up a little bit, add a little something here and there — but 294 years of history and culture stand on its own."

Of course, Carville was not counting the billions of dollars spent in the past seven-plus years to rebuild New Orleans since Katrina pushed tidal surges through crumbling levees and flooded 80 percent of the city.

Extensive renovations to the Superdome, done in several phases during six years, ran about \$336 million, transforming the stadium to a facility better equipped to host a Super Bowl than it was back in 2002. The lower bowl has all new seats, wider concourses and more concession areas, not to mention exclusive "bunker" clubs for those who pay top dollar. There are four high-end club lounges around the second deck which did not exist before the storm. The smaller suites ringing the stadium have all been remodeled and more have been added to total 152.

The faded gray siding that lined the stadium when the Super Bowl was last played there has been replaced. The dents from flying

storm debris are gone and it has been restored to its original, glistening champagne color, which serves as the canvass for nightly light shows. The roof was completely rebuilt and there is now a public plaza called Champions Square adjacent to the dome, where part of a shopping mall used to be.

There are more restaurants in the metro area than before Katrina. Hotels throughout downtown have been renovated and some new ones have gone up, adding more than 4,000 more rooms than there were in 2005.

The 1,200-room Hyatt Hotel, with the signature giant Lombardi Trophy mural, finally reopened a little more than a year ago after a \$275 million renovation. During Katrina, hundreds of its windows blew out, leaving shredded curtains flapping in the wind. Now it is home to new restaurants and rebuilt convention space.

"The city looks great," said Jerry Romig, the Saints' 83-year-old public address announcer, a lifelong New Orleans resident who has been involved in some capacity in the previous nine Super Bowls. "It's never looked better."

He also takes issue with the idea that sympathy for New Orleans' suffering played a role in NFL owners awarding the city this Super Bowl.

"The New Orleanean's attitude is they would be very upset if the NFL was going to throw you a bone because you went through a hard time," Romig said. "The New Orleanean would think, 'We should get this game every year because we're the best place for it.' ... We've got everything that's

necessary to make it a success and that's being shown better this year than past years."

Pockets of the city still bear obvious scars from Hurricane Katrina, most notably in eastern and low-lying portions of the city — like the lower Ninth Ward — where many homes were wiped out and many residents were too poor to rebuild.

So-called "Katrina tours" are still offered, with vans carting the curious to areas where they can see the remnants of the devastation — abandoned, crumbling homes and schools, and streets overgrown with weeds and brush.

When the city was bidding for the 2013 Super Bowl, it floated the idea of a Super Saturday of Service, whereby volunteers could undertake community projects to improve the city. This Saturday, restoration work will be done on five properties run by the New Orleans Recreational Department, including a high school football field where the Archie Manning's sons once played. After Sunday, the field will be the new home of the turf used in the Super Bowl.

Despite the community's ongoing needs, New Orleans has proved repeatedly in recent years that the heart of the city can successfully stage major national events. It hosted college football's BCS national championships in 2008 and 2012, an NBA All-Star game in 2008 and an NCAA men's Final Four in 2012.

"This is just another huge example of how the people of this city, who were 15 feet under water, are now on top of the world," Landrieu said.

RAVENS

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have heard.

"Talk is cheap. I'll leave it at that," linebacker NaVorro Bowman said.

"We've all got to play with those pads on. That's what does the

talking for us."

Linebacker Ray Lewis does much of the talking for the Baltimore defense. After leading the unit in an emotional chant following each pregame workout, Lewis yells the signals on the field and usually has something bold to say to an opponent he's dropped to the turf.

"Ray and Suggs, they like to talk a lot but they're great players, so it's kind of warranted," 49ers fullback Bruce Miller said.

"I think that's just the way they motivate their team," San Francisco cornerback Tarell Brown added. "Everybody feeds off that. Whatever works for them, that's good."

When Lewis told his teammates earlier this month that he was going to retire after the current postseason, Suggs thought the team's vocal leader was merely gearing up for another speech.

"He always talks to the team before the game, the middle of the season and going into the playoffs," Suggs said. "I thought it was another day at the office, but he said some key words.

It struck me. He said maybe it was time to start doing something else and it just kind of puzzled me and then it hit me. It really focused our team, not only to get it done for him, but just how precious this time and these moments are. You don't get these opportunities every day."

Lewis may be the most prolific talker on the team, but he's not the only one who enjoys yapping.

As soon as they got off the plane from Baltimore, Suggs, Ray Lewis, Ed Reed, Matt Birk, Ray Rice and Joe Flacco were made available to the media.

While Lewis discussed, among other things, his pending retirement, his family and his love for God, Reed talked about everything from his training habits

to his experience as a punt, pass and kick participant in New Orleans more than two decades ago.

None of it was going to get the 49ers riled up before Sunday's game, which is just the way Harbaugh likes it.

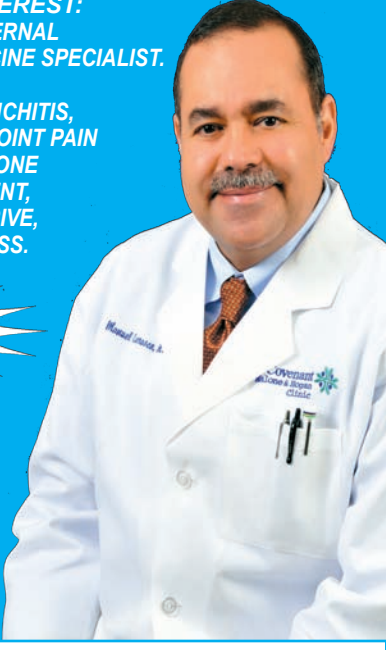
"I think we're very respectful of our opponents," the coach said.

"We always have been, and our opponents have respected us over the years. The team we're playing is built the same way. We've got a lot of respect for the 49ers. We've got a lot of respect for their coach, the coaching staff, their players, and I expect it to be played in that way."

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Big 12 A.D.s weigh pros and cons of 10-team conference

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Big 12 athletic directors spent several hours Monday discussing the pros and cons of maintaining their 10-team configuration or eventually making additions to the conference — or maybe doing something in between.

League commissioner Bob Bowlsby repeated what he has said before “that our current composition is terrific for us” but the ADs went through plenty of “what-if” scenarios to be prepared for any eventuality in what has been an ongoing shift of conference affiliations.

The Big 12 has lost four

members to other leagues while adding West Virginia and TCU.

Among the possibilities is an alliance with other conferences, including the ACC, and Bowlsby said there appears to be unanimous support for the idea.

“We talked about those kinds of things, and I think there are some ways that you can get some of the benefits and some of the value of larger configuration without actually adding members,” Bowlsby said.

Bowlsby didn’t get into specifics and wouldn’t say what other conferences could be

in the mix. Pac-12 and SEC officials have indicated they have had no such discussions with the Big 12.

All the Big 12 athletic directors agreed to defer questions to Bowlsby, but several seemed encouraged by their discussions when asked what was accomplished.

The primary items on Tuesday’s agenda are football scheduling and bowl alliances.

Their first day was reserved for discussing the makeup of the league, and Bowlsby said that was “talked completely through for about three hours.” Bowlsby said there

were a whole bunch of different financial and geographical and scheduling possibilities discussed.

“I think that it’s possible to make a considered decision to stay at the most favorable structure and that’s where we have been,” Bowlsby said. “But having said that, I don’t think we ever want to be in a position of being un-nimble, and by that I mean it’s a changing environment and we have to be prepared to respond to that changing environment, and this meeting is certainly going to help us do that.”

Bowlsby said there is evi-

dence that dictates the league stay at 10 schools, and other that suggests getting bigger.

“We have evidence on both sides of it,” he said. “But I don’t know that any of it is compelling enough to cause change right now.”

Forbes recently projected revenue conferences would generate this school year through network television deals, bowl games and NCAA tournaments.

The Big 12 is expected to earn \$262 million, which averages to \$26.2 million for each of the 10 schools — the highest per-team average of any conference.

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