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Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Chairman Stacy Barr holds the just-released tickets to the April 27 Cars, Stars and Handlebars reverse raffle event. Each \$100 donation gives the ticket holder and one guest entry to the evening of fun and food and musical entertainment at the Hotel Settles and the opportunity to take home a new vehicle. The event begins at 5 p.m. Tickets are available from the following locations: Western Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, State National Bank, Lone Star Bank, Compass Bank, Prosperity Bank, Hotel Settles and Klasic Kleaners. And from any Cars, Stars and Handlebars board member: Stacy and Mark Barr; Leslie Elrod Hobbs and Justin Hobbs; Noel and Brenna Hoff; Jeanie and Richard Knocke; Justin and Sara Myers; Scott and Erin MacKenzie; Raul and Dalia Benavides, Iris McDuffie, Quade Weaver, Buddy and Ann Duncan and Steve and Brenda Bodine. For more information, call the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office at 432-268-7535 or email Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us



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Egg hunts, concert on the way

Herald Staff Report

It's going to be a busy weekend in Big Spring with a lot of bunny hopping and music.

- Friday, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will hold its 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. on the facility's grounds. Free to the public, the event will feature Easter egg hunting in three age groups as well as food, drinks, games and more.
- Saturday, the fun continues at Comanche Trail Park. First Church of the Nazarene will hold its annual free Easter egg hunt beginning at 11 a.m. at the Old Settler's Pavilion. In addition to the "hunt," those attending will be treated to hot dogs, drinks and children's games.
- Saturday evening, Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will feature the music of ABBA during an 8 p.m. performance at the Municipal Auditorium.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$8 for students and are available at the Heritage Museum, Blum's Jewelers and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets will also be sold at the door the night of the show. A handicapped entrance is on the east side of the auditorium. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor and musical director of the orchestra, said, "The music of ABBA just makes you feel good."

The audience will hear such ABBA favorites as "Mamma Mia," "Dancing Queen," "Fernando" and "The Winner Takes It All." The orchestra will be joined by Jeans 'N' Classics performers Peter Brennan on guitar, Jeff Christmas on drums, Don Paulton on keyboards and Daryl Stacey on electric bass. Lead vocalists are Katalin Kiss, Stephanie Martin, Kathryn Rose and Lis Soderberg.

Sunday is Easter and many churches in the Crossroads area will have various activities, in addition to special services.

Mountain run, walk nears

Event time has changed to afternoon, resolving conflict with health fair

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Running and walking enthusiasts from all over the Permian Basin will test their meddle against one of the area's biggest challenges — the historic Scenic Mountain — on April 13, as Big Spring State Park

prepares to host the 15th annual Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk.

Registration for the event is under way for the 5K and 10K contests along the facility's hills and slopes.

"You can run around a flat track all day long and not get anywhere near the effect you get from running the hills and slopes of Scenic Mountain," said Ron Alton, manager of the Big Spring State Park. "You really can't find the kind of hills that we offer with this run anywhere else. I've heard runners refer to one of the hills on the run as Terminator Hill. The steep grades really offer a challenge to runners."

Alton said the event has continued to grow during the past several years.

"We've really been fortunate. Several people have stepped up and really helped us make the Master the Mountain a success in the community and it's grown considerably during the past several years," Alton said. "This year we'll be having the 5K run, 5K walk, 10K run and 10K walk. There will be awards given for first, second and third place male and female finishers in each run."

Entry fee for the run — which is slated to get under way at 1 p.m. with registration from 10 a.m. until noon — is \$20 before April 13

and \$25 the day of the event, and includes a commemorative T-shirt.

And while the races seem to draw the serious competitors, Alton said the beauty of the mountain draws just as many people for the walking division.

"You don't have to run to be a part of the fun," said Alton. "We get a lot of people who participate in the walk just because of the beauty of the park and the view from the 200-foot bluff is just unbelievable. Whether you're running hard or just walking along, it's hard to ignore the beauty from there."

Alton said the Fun Run doubles as a fundraiser for the State Park, and helps show the state just how important the park's role is in the community.

"The state really looks at events like these when it comes to the state parks and the funds each one is allocated," he said. "So this run is really important — not just to the health of the runners and walkers in and around the community, but to the longevity of the park itself."

Alton said he hopes people take a very special reminder about exercising away from the annual event.

"I started running about 10 years ago, and it's had a tremendous impact on my health," said Alton. "You can't believe the amount

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House tackles sweeping school graduation plan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A coalition of 22 industry trade organizations said Monday it strongly supports a bill to reduce standardized testing and increase emphasis on career training in high schools statewide, endorsing the high-profile proposal a day before the Texas House is scheduled to debate it.

Jobs for Texas, which says it represents 300,000 Texas employers and more than 6 million jobs, wrote to all 150 state representatives saying House Bill 5 "will give students greater flexibility to pursue their interests and will allow schools to develop relevant, up-to-date programs that reflect the demands of Texas employers."



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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- BOBBY REED, 49, 8705 Gillem Road, was arrested on a warrant for assault.
- RYAN ANTHONY MOSTY, 22, 1412 Tucson, was arrested on three warrants from another agency.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of W. 16th.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2400 block of Driver Road.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of N.E. 12th.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and the 2000 block of S. Gregg.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (76 inmates were reported in the county jail):

Take Note

Family Medical Center and Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host a meet and greet at Hotel Settles in the Cosden Room from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday. The community is invited to come meet four new providers: Sheri Nichols, FNP; Jody Roberts, FNP; General Surgeon Dr. Eric Koch; and Internal Medicine Dr. Krishn Mohan. Refreshments will be provided and the event is free.

The County Fair Board is looking for volunteers to cross stitch a square for the Howard County Fair Quilt. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for information or drop by the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry to pick up a square.

The Prom Closet, located at Christy's Salon, 100 E. Third, is making recycled prom dresses available to young ladies who might otherwise not be able to afford one. The closet is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or you may call contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3537 to make an appointment or for more information.

March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. March 8, 2011, the United States Senate declared March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." The West Texas VA Health Care System is proud to host the 2013 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program. The program will be held at 6 p.m. March 28 at the Big Spring Country Club, 2401 Driver Road. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of Community Relations at the West Texas VA Health Care System, 432-264-4824.

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www.westexags.com

Healthy Woman's April event will be "Let's Talk about Feet" following the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Healthy Fair on April 13. Dr. Robert Hayes will be presenting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. The event is free to the public. Call to reserve your seat at 432-268-4842.

Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals. Bring it or come and go. It is after all a picnic.

Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between

- BOBBY JOE REED, 49, was jailed on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- FABIAN DANIEL RIOS, 17, was jailed on a parole violation warrant.
- CALVERT DWAIN JAMERSON, 30, was failed on a warrant for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance and 14 traffic warrants from Tarrant County.
- RYAN ANTHONY MOSTY, 22, was jailed on two warrants from Midland County and one warrant from Kerr County.

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2100 block of Morrison.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.

Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432-268-7730.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.




Obituaries

James Houston Barclay Sr.

James Houston Barclay Sr., 89, of Reno, Nev., formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, March 22, 2013, in a Reno nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

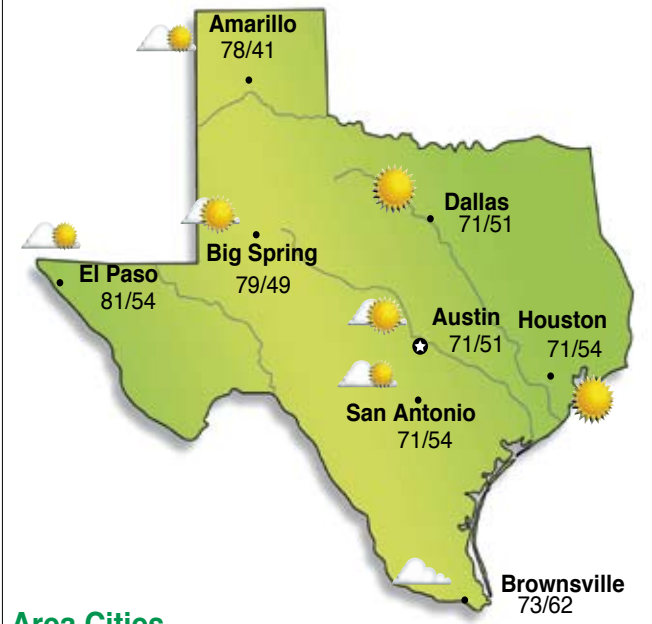
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

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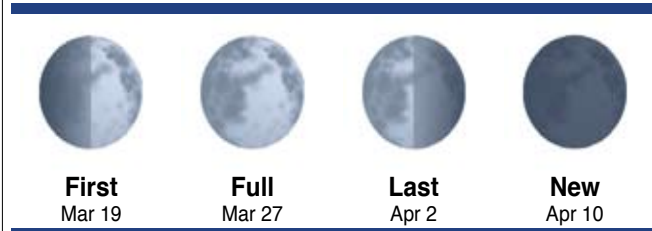
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	74	51	mst sunny	Kingsville	76	62	cloudy
Amarillo	78	41	pt sunny	Livingston	71	46	sunny
Austin	71	51	mst sunny	Longview	68	46	sunny
Beaumont	67	47	sunny	Lubbock	80	43	pt sunny
Brownsville	73	62	cloudy	Lufkin	72	46	sunny
Brownwood	75	51	windy	Midland	79	52	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	72	63	pt sunny	Raymondville	75	61	cloudy
Corsicana	69	49	sunny	Rosenberg	71	54	sunny
Dallas	71	51	sunny	San Antonio	71	54	pt sunny
Del Rio	76	59	windy	San Marcos	72	51	mst sunny
El Paso	81	54	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	67	49	sunny
Fort Stockton	82	51	mst sunny	Sweetwater	75	50	windy
Gainesville	68	46	windy	Tyler	69	48	sunny
Greenville	67	47	sunny	Weatherford	71	48	windy
Houston	71	54	sunny	Wichita Falls	74	48	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	56	32	sunny	Minneapolis	39	25	pt sunny
Boston	50	35	mst sunny	New York	48	35	pt sunny
Chicago	44	27	pt sunny	Phoenix	82	58	pt sunny
Dallas	71	51	sunny	San Francisco	61	52	pt sunny
Denver	52	35	mst sunny	Seattle	60	46	rain
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► **Texas briefs**

Officials to announce \$91M center

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State leaders will announce the launch of a \$91 million vaccine manufacturing center at Texas A&M University that will create thousands of jobs while protecting the country against future biological threats and influenza pandemics.

Gov. Rick Perry, A&M System Chancellor John Sharp and others are gathering Tuesday morning at the Capitol to discuss the collaboration involving A&M, global pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline and the federal government.

Details of the manufacturing center were first released in July but the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently gave federal approval to establish the center, which will be built in College Station.

State officials say the facility will anchor a larger development and manufacturing complex that's expected to generate \$41 billion in expenditures in the state over the next 25 years.

Man guilty in shootings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A gunman faces up to life in prison for wounding a South Texas woman who rejected his advances and killing a fitness club worker escorting her to her car.

Yu Masaki on Monday pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and to murder in the January 2012 gunfire outside a San Antonio health club.

Police say Juan Carlos Escamilla was fatally shot while walking Margaret McCombs to her vehicle because she feared for her safety. Masaki had been barred from the fitness club because of his "extremely aggressive advances" toward female members.

A judge ordered sentencing delayed until June pending a background check. A defense attorney says Masaki, who does not have a plea deal, was born in Colombia and grew up in Japan before becoming a U.S. resident eight years ago.

2 men get prison in cocaine ring

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and must forfeit \$6 million for helping run a cocaine ring with ties to Illinois and Pennsylvania.

A federal judge in Laredo on Monday sentenced 43-year-old Laurencio Montes in a case involving drug money laundering by the Zetas cartel.

Montes and 28-year-old Jose Luis Gonzales in October pleaded guilty to conspiracy to launder drug proceeds. Gonzales was sentenced Monday to five years in prison and must forfeit nearly \$3 million.

Both Laredo men were indicted in 2011. Prosecutors say Montes helped organize the ring. Gonzales recruited truck drivers to haul the cocaine to Dallas, Chicago and Philadelphia for distribution.

Investigators seized about \$21 million from trucks, other couriers and stash homes in Texas

and Illinois.

Feds to give homes to Habitat

DALLAS (AP) — Federal authorities are turning over four former gang-owned properties in Dallas to the local Habitat for Humanity.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, Police Chief David Brown and U.S. Attorney Sarah Saldana are expected to attend a Tuesday transfer ceremony.

Saldana's office says the properties used to belong to the Gator Boyz street gang, which purchased them with money from drug trafficking. Prosecutors say that in addition to drug dealing, gang members lived up to their group's name — walking an alligator on a leash down the street and terrifying neighbors.

The gang's leaders are now serving multi-year prison sentences.

Demolition on the properties is expected to begin after the ceremony.

Perry to attend values rally

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is expected to lead a rally in support of traditional values at the Texas Capitol.

Conservatives who oppose abortion, gay rights and premarital sex are scheduled to gather at noon today.

The event is organized by a group called "Texas Values."

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The bill is sponsored by Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock, a Killeen Republican who chairs the chamber's Education Committee. So far, there has been relatively little public opposition to the bill, though scores of proposed amendments will make for a long day of discussions.

"Our students and their parents deserve more flexibility to choose courses that interest them and will prepare them to thrive in higher education and the workplace," the letter said. It urged House members to support the bill and follow Aycock's lead on voting for or opposing amendments.

The measure would reduce from 15 to five the number of standardized tests that high school students must pass to graduate, leaving exams only in English reading and writing, Algebra I, biology and U.S. History. It also modifies curriculum requirements so students can choose one of five coursework pathways to get a diploma.

"It gives the flexibility for kids who don't necessarily want to be a nuclear scientist to find a job," Aycock said, promoting his bill to a group of reporters last week.

Others, though, say the bill dumps down curriculum. Former U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige, an ex-

superintendent of Houston schools, is urging lawmakers to "say no to these kinds of efforts to lower the standards in Texas schools."

"Our children and our schools need high standards of learning, and abandoning strong accountability and assessment is wrong for Texas," Paige said in a statement Monday.

Similar concerns have been voiced by powerful lobbying group the Texas Association of Business and a collection of mothers around the state who oppose easing testing standards.

While advanced math and science would no longer be required to graduate, the bill lets students work toward a "distinguished" degree by completing Algebra II and an upper-level science course. Aycock says those who earn distinguished degrees would qualify for admission into any public Texas university under existing laws which already call for automatically accepting the top 10 percent of each graduating class.

Texas Wind Insurance Association delays decision on receivership

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association board of directors voted on Monday to delay deciding whether the company that provides severe weather coverage to homeowners and businesses along the coast should go into receivership.

The association best

known as TWIA has been in serious financial trouble for years and is \$183 million in the red, mostly because of lawsuits filed after Hurricane Ike. The Texas Department of Insurance presented the board with a resolution for it to request rehabilitation through receivership, which is a legal status similar to bankruptcy that is intended to allow businesses to reorganize.

The association is the insurer of last resort for 266,000 homeowners and businesses who cannot find commercial insurance because of the risk of hurricanes or severe storms. TWIA relies on premiums and assessments placed on Texas insurance companies to subsidize the coverage because of the high risk of catastrophic losses.

Following major hurricanes and mismanagement, though, many question whether TWIA can provide coverage if another hurricane strikes because of recent court losses. The Legislature overhauled the association in 2011, but the problems persist.

Before the board met Friday, a bipartisan group of lawmakers from the 14 coastal counties wrote to the board demanding that it reject receivership, and six elected officials from the coast testified in person that it would create financial havoc in their communities. Receivership would freeze all ongoing lawsuits, make it more difficult for the

association to find funding and delay payouts to policyholders who suffer losses.

While the board has raised premiums on homes and businesses along the coast, the letter from four Democrats and two Republicans pointed out that the board has not raised the assessments on insurance companies since 2008. When TWIA's executive director recommended hiking the assessments to finance the payouts for Hurricane Ike, the five board members appointed by the insurance companies rejected the proposal while the four members representing consumers approved it.

State Rep. Reynolds charged with felony barratry

Prosecutors say Democratic state Rep. Ron Reynolds has been charged with illegally soliciting court cases for the second time in the past year.

Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon said Monday that Reynolds is charged with barratry, which is more commonly described as "ambulance chasing." Ligon said the Houston-area Democrat was aware of the charges and driving back from Austin toward his home district.

At Reynolds' office in the Capitol, an aide who declined to give her name said the office had no immediate comment.

The 39-year-old Reynolds is an attorney who

faced similar charges in Harris County last year. Those charges were dropped, and Ligon said his investigation is unrelated to that case.

Ligon said the ring-leader of the scheme was the owner of a chiropractor clinic.

Bill to expand care for disabled clears Senate

A bill that Republican leaders say would provide Medicaid services to 12,000 additional people with disabilities has cleared the Texas Senate.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Sen. Jane Nelson on Monday described the measure as one of the signature health care measures in the Texas Legislature this session. They say the bill redesigns Medicaid long-term services in Texas by more accurately assessing the needs for people with mental and developmental disabilities.

Nelson said the state will now be able to "zero in" on the best care for those patients. The chairwoman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee added that the bill carries widespread support from advocacy groups.

The bill now goes to the Texas House.

Ceremony breaks ground for Vietnam monument

Vietnam veterans have broken ground on a monument at the state Capitol.

At a ceremony on Monday, hundreds gathered

to help turn over the dirt.

Lt. Gov David Dewhurst and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson told their fellow veterans, "welcome home."

Planning has been under way since 2005. Private donors have contributed \$1.3 million, according to the monument's organizing committee.

More than 3,400 Texans died in the Cold War conflict, which spanned nearly two decades. The United States unsuccessfully fought to protect South Vietnam from takeover by the communist forces aligned with North Vietnam.

The bronze monument will stand 14 feet tall, featuring a sculpture of infantry figures.

At the ceremony, dog tags with the names of the dead were dedicated. The tags will be entombed at the monument.

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of energy that it creates. It sounds funny, but exercise breeds energy. At the end of the run, you're so tired you can barely stand up, but the next day you have even

more energy."

The 1 p.m. start represents a time change from previous years, when the event was held in the early morning hours. However, officials have moved the start time so that it does not conflict with the Chamber of Commerce's Health

Fair, which is held on the same day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For more information on the "Master the Mountain" Fun Run and Walk, contact Alton at 432-263-4931. To register online, visit www.permianbasinevents.comspringherald.com

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 Procession of the Cross in the neighborhood - 6:00 p.m.
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 p.m.

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March 31
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Bird Poop: An owl learns how to hunt

A calendar isn't needed to know when spring begins. To step outside at dawn, and hear birds blend into a choral delight of varying lengths, is to experience late March or early April at its finest. Adding to that are colorful arrays of orange, pink, gray, and blue on awakening horizons.

Camping in luxury at a lake had promised that cool mornings and mild afternoons would afford a stay worth remembering during Spring Break. When the man parked his vehicle the previous evening in its designated area, he anticipated rising early the next day to observe a sunrise mirrored on the surface of the water.

Before most campers were up and about, he would enjoy the sights and smells that only morning can offer. Old growth trees within and surrounding the park offered their own sensory pleasures. Through their leaves, the sounds of a gentle breeze were welcome. Created from piles of autumn leaves, the aromas of humus were heady with morning dew.

Alone with his thoughts, his walk had taken him from one end of the RV park to the other. What he had not expected upon his return stood placidly at the base of a weatherworn tree. Disappearing within the bark of the massive trunk, the bird's coloration was a perfect camouflage.

Glancing upward, the man could see no evidence of a

nest anywhere in the massive foliage. Looking back down at the bird, he wondered where its siblings and mother might be.

Once again, his eyes searched far above and found nothing. Following limbs back to the trunk, he suddenly realized what he had overlooked. High above the ground was a hollow in one side of the massive tree. Whether caused by the loss of a limb or possibly lightning, the hole was large enough to accommodate the comings and goings of a parent owl.

With no ladder or means of accessing the cavity, the man could not return the youngster to its natural home. Because of a series of phone calls and transfers, we finally received the nestling great horned owl.

The bird had progressed from a fuzzy, downy white to a dingy, buff color. Evident were mottled shades of brown; its feathers were starting to burst out of their protective sheaths.

In the month ahead, the feathering-out of its wings, tail, back, and most of its bottom would be noticeable. Its head would be the last to sport wisps of down among its feathers.

Since nestlings usually stay at the nest site for several more weeks, this youngster needed a non-releasable, surrogate parent. The maternal instincts of an adult could be shared with this small being so desperate for the attention only one of its specie could provide.

At South Plains in Lubbock, volunteers were relieved that no injuries had occurred to the nestling. Although it had fallen some fifteen feet, the accumulation of decaying leaves had pro-

vided it with a soft landing.

From Lake Nasworthy, a few weeks later, volunteer, Diane Tracy, would again bring another young great horned owl to us. Although it had left a nest on its own and was considered a fledgling, the young raptor was also still dependent upon its parents. While learning how to hunt, it would continue to be fed by them. Unfortunately, it had strayed into unfamiliar territory.

Its nocturnal wandering had left it exposed to human activity. Finding such a youngster had led to the assumption that it could not care for itself. If the opportunity had lent to its being safely placed near where it was found, the next night could have resulted in its calling its parents and rejoining their efforts at raising it. Since this often was not possible, or understood, fledglings were often unnecessarily removed from their natural environment.

Another delivery to Lubbock was necessary. At least with this youngster, it was nearly fully feathered. Resembling its parents, the owl sported the typical mottled brown feathers above while being heavily barred below. Its ear tufts and white throat were noticeable. While with us for a few days, its large yellow eyes had watched our every movement.

With time, the "lake owls" would no longer be as passive as they had been when first found. Later, after delivering some young doves and an injured water bird to the wildlife center, we were taken to a large mew. Greeting us with menacing screams, popping bills and flapping wings, our twosome seemed ungrateful for what we had done.



Courtesy photo

A helpless ball of down, and emerging feathers, this nestling or a fledgling great horned owl matures into a formidable being that lives up to its name. From weighing a few ounces and being the size of a chick, it develops into a three pound flying wonder with a wingspan of four feet.

Once in the flight facility, they progressed to flying the full length of their quarters with ease. Taller roosts were mastered.

During the night, the birds would be lured to live mice held captive by the sides of a large container. As their hunger dictated, the owls could swoop down to catch their prey. This was a preliminary necessity. Their release would result in their hunting and killing rabbits, rats, skunks and opossums so necessary to their diet.

The popular lake area, from which our two charges had come, had offered rolling hills, open fields and stands of towering trees. Although more arid in its offering of scrubs and occasional mesquites, their canyon country release site would teem with an abundance of wildlife for their future.

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

The story behind a favorite beverage

I got interested in some research over Spring Break and found some interesting information — so let's play a guessing game and see if you can figure this one out.

A pharmacist by the name of Caleb Bradham of New Bern, N.C., had a soda fountain in his drugstore. He served his customers

refreshing drinks that he created himself. His most popular beverage, which he created in the summer of 1893, was something he called "Brad's drink," made of carbonated water, sugar, vanilla and rare oils.

In 1898, he added a couple of new ingredients which would aid in digestion and boost

energy.

He then changed the name of his popular drink. In 1903, he moved the bottling from his drugstore to a rented warehouse. That year, he sold 7,968 gallons of the syrup.

The next year, the drink was sold in six-ounce bottles, and sales increased. In 1909, automobile race pioneer Barney Oldfield was the first celebrity to endorse the drink, describing it as "A bully drink ... refresh-

ing, invigorating, a fine bracer before a race." The advertising theme "Delicious and Healthful" was then used over the next two decades.

In 1926, the drink received its first logo redesign since the original design of 1905. In 1929, the logo was changed again. Then in 1931, at the depth of the Great Depression, the company entered bankruptcy. This was in large part due to financial losses incurred by speculating on wildly fluctuating sugar prices as a result of the World War I. Bradham had gambled on the fluctuations of sugar prices believing that sugar prices would continue to rise but they fell instead, leaving him with an overpriced sugar inventory.

Assets were sold and Roy C. Megargel bought

the company but was unsuccessful, and in the same year, the assets were purchased by Charles Guth, the president of Loft Inc. Loft was a candy manufacturer with retail stores that contained soda fountains. Guth reformulated the popular soft drink and struggled to make it more successful but failed and offered to sell it to the Coca-Cola Company but they refused to offer a bid.

Since he had initially used Loft's finances and facilities to establish the drink's success, the near-bankrupt Loft Company sued Guth for possession of the company. A long legal battle then ensued, with the case reaching the Delaware Supreme Court and ultimately ending in a loss for Guth.

About this time, the

drink gained popularity with the introduction of a 12-ounce bottle and with a new jingle: (This drink) hits the spot — Twelve full ounces, that's a lot — Twice as much for a nickel, too — (This drink) is the drink for you."

The company encouraged price-watching consumers to switch, obliquely referring to the Coca-Cola standard of 6.5 ounces per bottle for the price of a nickel, instead of the 12 ounces of their drink sold at the same price. This was at a time of economic crisis, the campaign succeeded in boosting the company's status and profits doubled.

Have you guessed it yet? If you are thinking Pepsi you got it right. The company was named Pepsi Cola on Aug. 28, 1898, and then changed to Pepsi in 1963. You know the rest of the story.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.



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ANSWERS

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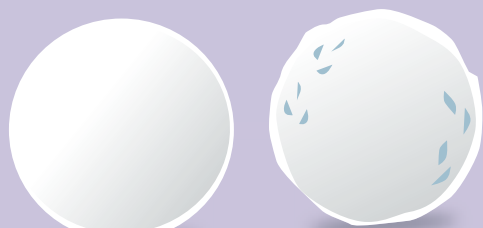


YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE STEM ZONE

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. Chevron and the United States Golf Association (USGA) are bringing science to life by showing how STEM studies play a big role in the game of golf. This page is the second in a series of special Kid Scoop pages created through this partnership.

FUEL FOR THOUGHT

WHICH IS THE BETTER GOLF BALL?

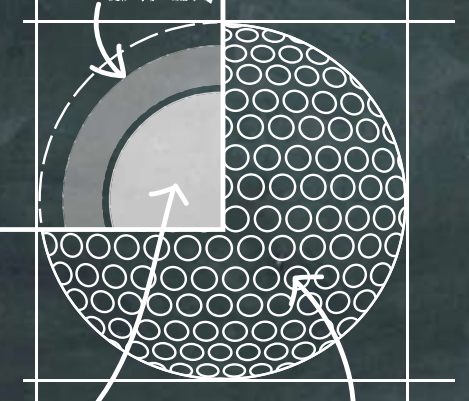


a. Shiny, smooth ball or b. Used, dinged-up ball

Through the years, players discovered that golf balls with dings and dents flew farther. Those bumps and dents reduce wind resistance causing balls to travel farther.

ANATOMY OF A GOLF BALL

THIN, STRONG AND STIFF PLASTIC LAYER

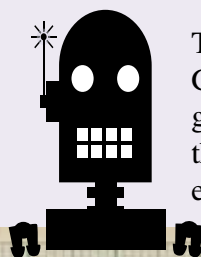


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RULES OF THE BALL

USGA rules say that a golf ball can weigh no more than 1.62 oz (45.93 grams), and have a diameter no less than 1.680 in (42.67 mm).

Golf balls can't go any farther than 317 yards (289.9m) when hit at 120 mph by the USGA's test robot, and they have to go the same distance no matter how you line them up.



The USGA Test Center uses a robot golfer to test more than 30,000 golf balls each year!

Scientist's Notebook

In the quest for speed and distance, the materials used to make golf balls have changed over the centuries. The first golf balls were hard wooden balls. These were used until the early 17th century.



1618: A new type of ball was created by stuffing a wet leather pouch with goose feathers. As the leather and feathers dried, the leather shrunk and the feathers expanded to create a hard, compact ball.



1848: The Rev. Dr. Robert Adams discovered he could make a hard ball from the sap of the Gutta-percha tree. The rubber-like ball became known as a "guttie." Players discovered that older, nicked and dented gutties flew farther than smoother, new ones. The "Hand Hammered Gutta" ball was invented. A consistent pattern of dents was hammered over the ball surface.



1898: Coburn Haskell worked with the BF Goodrich Company to create a ball with a solid rubber core, wrapped with a high-tension rubber thread (like a long rubber band) and coated in a Gutta-percha cover.



TODAY: Modern golf balls have a three-layer design: a solid, bouncy rubber core, a plastic-like layer that is strong and stiff and a thin, dimpled outer layer.

Use the information above to determine which of the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.

- A smooth golf ball travels farther than one with nicks and dents. TRUE FALSE
- A "guttie" is a nickname for a golf ball made of tree sap. TRUE FALSE
- Golf balls used in pro tournaments today have multiple layers. TRUE FALSE
- Early golfers hand-carved their own golf balls. TRUE FALSE
- Feather-stuffed golf balls travel farther than rubber ones. TRUE FALSE

STEM Connection:

Imagine if you could buy a rocket-propelled golf ball. This would allow a player to get a better score even with poor golf skills. Technology would eliminate the need for a player to develop skill, which would take the fun out of golf!

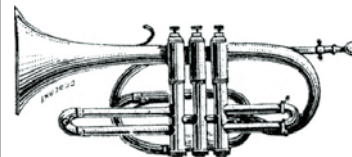


Extra! Extra!

STEM in the News

Look through the sports section for photos of equipment – helmets, cleats, clubs, etc. Cut out one example and write a brief summary about the object's purpose and importance to the game.

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

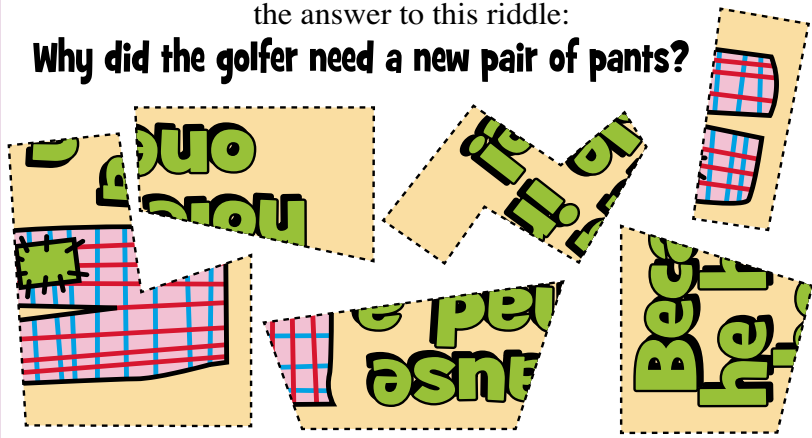


YES YES

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cut out these shapes and assemble them to reveal the answer to this riddle:

Why did the golfer need a new pair of pants?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

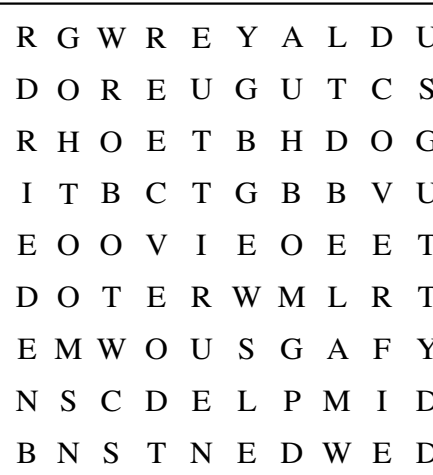
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Double Double Word Search

- DIAMETER
- ROBOT
- DIMPLED
- USGA
- WEIGH
- RUBBER
- LAYER
- GUTTY
- SMOOTH
- GOLF
- COVER
- DENTS
- DRIED
- CORE
- WET

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

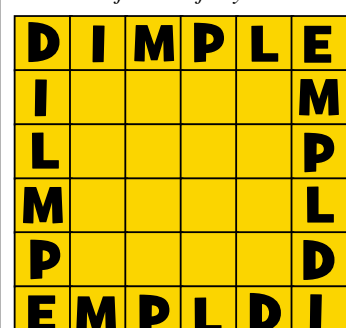


Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

ANSWERS: Yes, yes and yes.

Kid Scoo-doku™

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



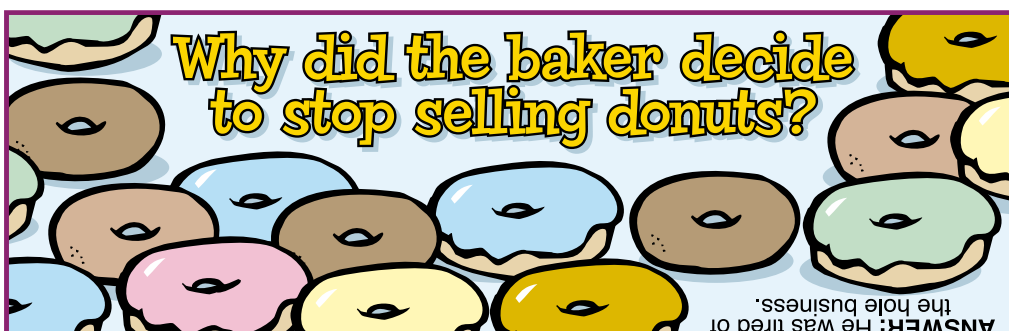
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You Make the Test

Select an ad for a product from the newspaper. Think about the "engineering" that might have been part of the product's design. What kinds of experiments may have been conducted to test this product?

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



Why did the baker decide to stop selling donuts?

ANSWER: He was tired of the hole business.

Write On!

Dimples

Why do golf balls have dimples? Write your explanation and discuss it with your teacher.



News in brief

Supreme Court takes up California gay marriage case as public opinion swings in favor of it

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is wading into the fight over same-sex marriage at a time when public opinion is shifting rapidly in favor of permitting gay and lesbian couples to wed, but 40 states don't allow it.

The court's first major examination of gay rights in 10 years begins Tuesday with a hearing on California's ban on same-sex marriage. On Wednesday, the justices will consider the federal law that prevents legally married gay couples from receiving a range of benefits afforded straight married Americans.

People have been waiting in line — even through light snow — since Thursday for coveted seats for the argument over California's Proposition 8.

The two California couples challenging the voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage in the nation's largest state are in Washington for the argument and are urging the justices to strike down not just the California provision, but constitutional amendments and statutes in every state that define marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

They envision the 21st century equivalent of the court's 1967 decision in *Loving v. Virginia* that struck down state bans on interracial marriages.

U.S. training Syrians in Jordan to boost anti-Assad forces, stem extremist sway, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — For months now, the United States has been training secular Syrian fighters in Jordan with the goal of bolstering the array of forces battling President Bashar Assad's regime while at the same time strengthening the hand of moderates among the country's fractured opposition, American and foreign officials said. They said the effort is ongoing.

The training has been taking place since late last year at an unspecified location, concentrating largely on Sunnis and tribal Bedouins who formerly served as members of the Syrian army, officials told The Associated Press. The forces aren't members of the leading rebel group, the Free Syrian Army, they said. The U.S. and others fear the growing role of extremist militia groups in the rebel ranks, including some linked to al-Qaida.

Officials said the operation is being run by U.S. intelligence. But those in Washington stressed that the U.S. was only providing nonlethal aid at this point, stopping short of a step that is being increasingly advocated by lawmakers in Congress but which the Obama administration opposes.

Others such as Britain and France are involved, officials added, though it's unclear whether any Western government is providing materiel or other direct military support after two years of civil war that, according to the United Nations, already has killed more than 70,000 people.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about the program.

Neighbors share excitement as 'hardworking' N.J. bodega owner wins \$338M Powerball jackpot

PASSAIC, N.J. (AP) — Pedro Quezada's neighbors see a lot of themselves in the winner of the \$338 million Powerball jackpot: hardworking, a family man, an immigrant, and someone who has known hard times.

That's why they're so thrilled that one of their own has finally struck it rich.

Quezada, 44, entered Eagle Liquors store, where his ticket was sold, late Monday afternoon. The Passaic store's owner ran Quezada's ticket through the lottery machine and, as a newspaper and television outlets recorded the moment, validated that it was a winner.

"This is super for all of us on this block," said Eladia Vazquez, who has lived across the street from Quezada's building for the past 25 years. Quezada and his family "deserve it because they are hardworking people."

Quezada told reporters in Spanish that he was "very happy" and that he intends to help his family.

Cyprus: Bankruptcy averted, but banks to stay closed until Thursday

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Cyprus ordered banks to remain closed for two more days over fears of a run by customers trying to get their money out, after striking a pre-dawn bailout deal Monday that averted the country's imminent bankruptcy.

The sudden midnight postponement of the much anticipated Tuesday bank opening by all but the country's two largest lenders was sure to hammer businesses already reeling from more than a week of no access to their deposits.

ATMs have been dispensing cash but often run out, and an increasing number of stores and other

businesses have stopped accepting credit or debit cards. The two largest lenders, the struggling Laiki and Bank of Cyprus, have imposed a daily withdrawal limit of 100 euros (\$130).

Cyprus clinched an eleventh-hour deal with the 17-nation eurozone and the International Monetary Fund early Monday for a 10 billion euro (\$13 billion) bailout. Without it, the country's banks would have collapsed, dragging down the economy and potentially pushing it out of the euro.

Under the deal, the country agreed to slash its oversized banking sector and inflict hefty losses on large depositors in troubled banks.

USDA Secretary Vilsack to announce expansion of program aimed at reducing rural poverty

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — U.S. officials are expanding a program intended to reduce poverty and improve life in rural areas through better access to federal funding.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack was expected in South Carolina on Tuesday to announce the expansion of the so-called StrikeForce initiative, which already operates in 10 states. The program will now also be available in the Carolinas, the Dakotas, Alabama and Virginia.

The goal of StrikeForce is to help farmers, food producers and other businesses get access to money for projects such as new wells, greenhouses, community gardens, kitchen space, and summer meals for low-income school children. The money is often hard to access due to complicated grant applications, requirements for matching funds, and limited staffing.

"You just don't have the technical wherewithal, technical assistance, in your city officials, council members, part-time mayors, even your city administrators, to know what the federal programs are," Vilsack, a former Iowa governor who is also an ex-mayor of a small town in Iowa, told The Associated Press this week. "Oftentimes these programs have matching requirements. For small communities operating by themselves, that is very difficult."

The USDA uses U.S. Census data to find areas with poverty rates higher than 20 percent. The agency then works with local officials and community-based organizations to publicize the program and reach out to potential applicants.

NJ professor undertakes apparently quixotic quest to become Iran's next president

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — The man who wants to be the next president of Iran sits in a hotel lobby, steps from his office and thousands of miles away from the country he wants to lead, a distance surpassed only by the hurdles he needs to clear even to land on the ballot.

Hooshang Amirahmadi, a bespectacled professor of public policy at Rutgers University, declared his candidacy for the Iranian presidency last year. He's now well into a quixotic quest that has taken him on fundraising jaunts from New York to California to Dubai and, finally, to Iran next month.

Amirahmadi, 65, has lived in the United States for 40 years, calling it "my country." He married his wife here, and his daughter was raised in New Jersey.

But he feels compelled to run for office in Iran to reconcile the conflict he and other Iranian-Americans feel within.

"I feel like, you know, it's not easy to be an Iranian originally and be here, and be a citizen of this country, and see the two sides of you fight each other every day," Amirahmadi said.


Sudoku Answer on Page 4

sudoku

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

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Valuable Convention

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A K		
♥	8 7 3		
♦	K Q J 10		
♣	10 7 6 3		

WEST			
♠	J 8 3		
♥	6 4 2		
♦	4		
♣	J 9 5 4 2		

EAST			
♠	7 6 4 2		
♥	A 5		
♦	A 9 7 3 2		
♣	K 8		

SOUTH			
♠	Q 10 5		
♥	K Q J 10 9		
♦	8 6 5		
♣	A Q		

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♥ Pass 2♦
Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — four of diamonds.
The defenders would find their task much more difficult if they had no signals to guide each other to the best method of defense. One of the more valuable signals available to them is known as the "trump echo."

When declarer is playing in a suit contract, it is often critical for a defender to know how many trumps his partner has. This problem can in many cases be solved by making use of the trump echo.

Here's how it works: Let's say a defender has the 6-4-2 of trumps. To indicate that he has an odd number of

trumps — usually three — he plays the four the first time trumps are led and the two the next time. (He would follow the same procedure if he were trumping a trick, ruffing with the four first.) As a corollary, if a defender plays the two first and later plays the four, he indicates holding an even number of trumps.

The trump echo can be very useful, as illustrated by today's deal. West led the four of diamonds, which East had no trouble reading as a singleton. Accordingly, East took his ace and returned the deuce, ruffed by West with the four.

West returned a low club, East's king losing to the ace. Declarer then led the king of trumps, West playing the two as East won with the ace. Without the trump echo, East would have had to guess what to do next.

If declarer — who had opened and rebid hearts — had started with six hearts, the only remaining hope was that West had the club queen, in which case East should return a club. But if South started with only five hearts, West could trump another diamond.

West's trump echo — he had ruffed with the four and then played the deuce — made the problem easy to solve. East returned a diamond, knowing full well that his partner had another trump, and the contract went down one.

Tomorrow: A 5,150-point decision.
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Guinn shoots 77 in girls' district opener, boys begin Thursday

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

A pair of Lady Steer golfers — Kelsie Guinn and Brianna Cobos — opened district play Monday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Guinn's score of 77 — one stroke higher than the first place score of 76 — puts her in medalist contention for a regional appearance as well as a second place standing overall in a competitive district.

"I was very proud of her," BSHS Golf Coach Chris Joslin said of the junior. "We talked about how she needed to do well on her home course and she played well and put herself in a position to do well in the next two rounds in district. She took care of business at home."

Sophomore Cobos shot a 104.

"She's been doing well," Joslin said. "She's been improving every week."

The Lady Steer squad resumes district action April 6 in Sweetwater.

As for the boys, every golfer from last year returns, which bodes well for Joslin as his team earned a state bid.

"I feel real confident," Joslin added.

"If we get off to a good start, I think we'll be fine. I feel real good because we got everybody back. But Snyder got everybody back, too and Wylie did everything tough."

The Steers will open district play Thursday in Snyder.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com



Photo submitted by Big Spring High School Journalism
BSHS Golf Coach Chris Joslin and junior Kelsie Guinn share a word during Monday's District 4-3A opener at the Big Spring Country Club.

Pony League sign-ups will be held April 6

Pony League sign-ups will be held Saturday, April 6 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex in Big Spring.

Ages 13-16 are welcome.

Cost will be \$80 per child and a birth certificate must be shown at time of registration.

For more information, contact Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

Holland pitches six innings, Padres win

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Derek Holland accomplished something Monday he's never done before: He got a hit.

The Texas Rangers' left hander had a two-out RBI single in the second inning of a 3-1 loss to the San Diego Padres on Monday.

It was Holland's first hit as a professional — albeit in an exhibition game — as he doesn't get many opportunities to bat in the American League.

After allowing three runs and six hits in six innings of his first start since returning from World Baseball Classic, Holland was pretty excited about his RBI. The next two at bats, where he struck out trying to get a bunt down, drown him nuts.

"I knocked the cover off the ball. It felt amazing," Holland said. "Honestly though, I was more disappointed that I couldn't get a bunt down. I need to work on that whole thing."

Holland didn't have any complaints about his pitching performance. He had command of all his pitches, including a changeup he'd like to use with greater frequency this season.

Holland threw 81 pitches in the game, 20 more in the bullpen and declared himself ready for the regular season. "I'm definitely ready to

go," he said after striking out seven and walking one.

"They got a few runs, but I felt really good out there. I threw all my pitches well and I got my pitch count up. Everything felt good."

Holland said he's in better position to start season than ever after representing Team USA in the World Baseball Classic.

"I rank the atmosphere just as high as the World Series," Holland said.

"It was an unbelievable experience, and it definitely made me better prepared for the regular season. I feel a step ahead of where I was last year at this time.

"I feel really good right now, and I'm glad to be back with my teammates. This is a family to me, so it was about interacting with them, and taking some flak for not winning the whole thing. The Dominicans on the team still won't let me forget that."

Jason Marquis allowed one run and six hits in six innings with four walks for the Padres. He worked out of several jams while throwing 91 pitches and kept the Rangers' offense at bay despite flu-like symptoms.

Elvis Andrus was 2 for 5 with a double for the Rangers, and extended his spring hitting streak to 14 games.

Nebraska ends A&M's season

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M wasn't necessarily bad Monday night. Nebraska was just better.

"I'm not sure Nebraska could play any better than they did," Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said. "They were magnificent."

Jordan Hooper scored 21 points and Lindsey Moore had 20 points and a season-high 10 assists to lead Nebraska to a 74-

63 win over Texas A&M in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The sixth-seeded Cornhuskers used two big runs in the first half to build the lead and never trailed in the second half to earn their first trip to the round of 16 since 2010 and second overall. Nebraska will face the winner of Tuesday's game between second-seeded Duke and No. 7 Oklahoma State in the regional

semifinals Sunday.

Nebraska (25-8) led by 16 before a 13-4 run pulled the Aggies within 64-57 with less than 3 minutes remaining. But Hailie Sample made a pair of layups before the Cornhuskers added six free throws to hold on.

Third-seeded Texas A&M (25-10), which won the national title in 2011, was led by Adrienne Pratcher's 17 points. The loss keeps

the Aggies from making the round of 16 for the first time since 2010.

"We played hard, but we didn't play hard enough," Pratcher said.

During A&M's late run, Courtney Walker scored the first four points and freshman Jordan Jones took over after that, scoring nine straight points. She made consecutive 3-pointers before

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Griner set for final home game

WACO, Texas (AP) — Brittney Griner has played in only one loss at home during her four seasons at Baylor. Junior point guard Odysseus Sims is still undefeated.

"I haven't really thought about it that way, but I have noticed we haven't lost a game," Sims said Monday.

Griner, the 6-foot-8 two-time All-American preparing for her last home game with the Lady Bears (33-1), quickly chimed in with a bit of a clarification.

"She lets us know that

she hasn't lost a game here," Griner said with a smile. "Don't let her tell a fib to y'all."

Baylor plays in the second round of the NCAA tournament against Florida State (23-9) on Tuesday night. It will be the last home game for Griner and four other seniors.

The defending national champion Lady Bears have won a nation's-best 56 in a row at home. With one more victory, they will be in the NCAA round of 16 for the fourth year in a row.

Since the senior trio of Griner, Jordan Madden and Kimetria Hayden got to Waco as freshmen together, Baylor is 71-2 at home. Griner didn't play in the last home loss, against Texas in the 2009-10 regular-season finale.

The Lady Bears have won every home game the past three seasons — since Sims arrived and when transfers Destiny Williams and Brooklyn Pop, the other seniors, started playing.

"You really forget

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Long road back to No. 1 for Woods

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods never questioned his ability, only his health.

Woods returned to No. 1 in the world by winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational, not surprising except if you consider where he was a little more than a year ago. He had not won a PGA Tour in some 2½ years. He missed most of the summer and two majors in 2011 because of injuries to his left leg and Achilles tendon. He walked off the course at Doral a year ago because of tightness in the same tendon. It wasn't until June that he felt good enough to hit balls on the range after a round.

Instead of a limp, he now has a swagger.

After making three straight bogeys to end his second round at Bay Hill,

he stayed on the range for close to an hour. When someone noticed his caddie walking away, Joe LaCava replied, "Going to get another bucket."

Woods was at full strength in the Arnold Palmer Invitational, and he looked as good as ever.

Maybe better.

Woods never let anyone get closer than two shots in the final round Monday, and when they did, he always had an answer.

Rickie Fowler drained a 40-foot birdie putt on the 12th hole at Bay Hill to get within two shots, and Woods followed with a birdie putt from 25 feet, sweeping the putter into the air with his left arm and marching to the cup as it dropped.

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

- Howard College at Western Texas College, Snyder, 2 p.m.
- Greenwood at Big Spring, Steer Park, 7 p.m.
- Coahoma at Denver City, 7 p.m.
- Forsan at Winters, 5 p.m.

Softball

- Greenwood at Big Spring, Lady Steer Field, 5:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Denver City, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Softball

- Howard College at Western Texas College, Snyder, doubleheader, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Hermleigh at Forsan, 5 p.m.

Golf

- Big Spring (boys) at Snyder, district opener.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Full Moon Eve

On the eve of the full moon in amorous Libra, love for love's sake seems like a fun thing to aspire to. When the discerning Virgo moon gives way to Libra's spell in the evening, it will be tempting to let go and invite romance to lead the way. Mars and Pluto square off in the night offering a backdrop of obstacles to thicken the plot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some won't want to poke around too much, believing it's better to leave well enough alone. But you're in the mood to stir things up. You want to know whether "well enough" could actually turn into "awesome."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Reach out to an unlikely candidate, and you'll likely make an interesting connection and possibly have a brilliant conversation, too. It's all part of your plan to master the art of living.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You prefer not to take sides when you don't have to. Just because you're diplomatic doesn't mean you're duplicitous. Neutrality is possible, if only for a limited time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are hurting people in your midst. You want to make another person feel better, but you don't know how. You really don't have to worry about what to say. Your kind intentions will

be felt. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes strangers meeting for the first time will act like people they are not. That's why anyone meeting you for the first time today will be in for a refreshing change. You give it straight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have everything you need to succeed today. You are creative, intelligent and well versed in the ways of the world. Power and money are not the aim; they are just a couple of the bartering tools you'll use.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The timing of events that do not come off as planned will be perfect nonetheless. A moment sooner or later would have produced entirely different results. Be thankful for your peculiar sense about these things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may think that what you're doing with the afternoon hours is insignificant, but if you didn't do it, there would be unforeseeable losses. We depend on one another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're among people who are trying to act cool, the best gift you could give is a foolish gesture to break the ice and bring everyone back to their humanity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you're not in the mood to give, don't give. Only that which you do freely will make a difference today. Better to do nothing and consolidate your powers than to waste your efforts by scattering them to the wind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To move forward with a relationship, misunderstandings and misperceptions need to be cleared up first. You'll do a brave thing: ask for candid feedback and calmly hear it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Many are jumping on a bandwagon that's headed for a dead end or possibly a cliff. Be discerning. Ask a lot of questions. Those who don't want to answer questions are hiding something.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 26). There are many kinds of travel. The next 10 weeks see you traveling with your emotions, going a great distance to bridge gaps between people. May features friends, parties and new connections. You'll find financing for a dream in July. Your gift for communication gets a new project launched in August. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 25, 49, 31 and 15.

MARS SQUARE PLUTO TEMPER-CONTROLLING TIPS: Tonight's square of Mars and Pluto promises to amplify the Libra full moon energy in strange ways. All of the wild impulses will want to be unleashed, and some shouldn't be. With Aries energy strong in the sky, there will be many instances in which we'd do well to stay calm and control our tempers. Here are a few tips if you feel yourself starting to get

swept into a moment of passion that is angry or negative.

— Remove yourself from the immediate surroundings. Walking out of a heated situation is like changing the channel. It's amazing how fast you can return to a steady state just through the magic of different scenery.

— Do physical work. Angry energy can be excellent fuel for exercise and other kinds of physical work.

— Relax and let it be. Everything doesn't have to be hashed out in one day. Wrongs don't need to be immediately righted; dues can wait to be paid; grievances can be aired later. Just because you perceive something as unsatisfactory doesn't mean you have to rush to solve the problem. Take a deep breath, calm down, and let it ride.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Fiery Aries Keira Knightley will star with leading man Mark Ruffalo in the musical dramedy "Can a Song Save Your Life?" On screen and off, since her engagement to James Righton, singer for the rock band Klaxons, music is a bigger part of Knightley's life. Her natal sun, Mercury and Venus are all in Aries, suggesting the star adds mega-wattage to anything she's a part of.

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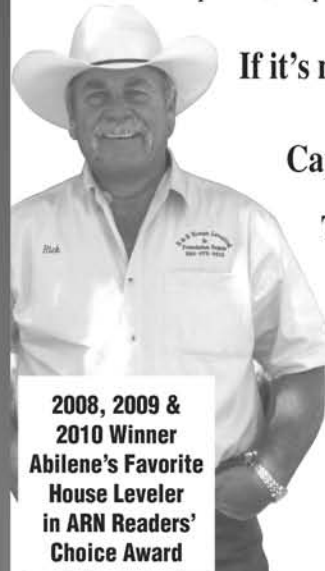
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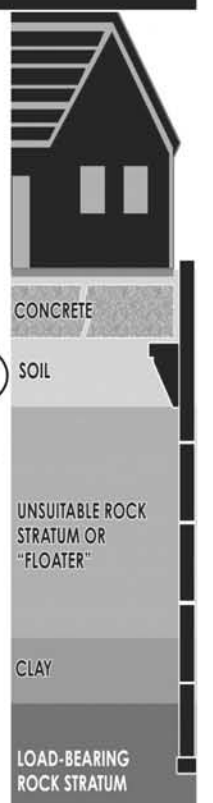
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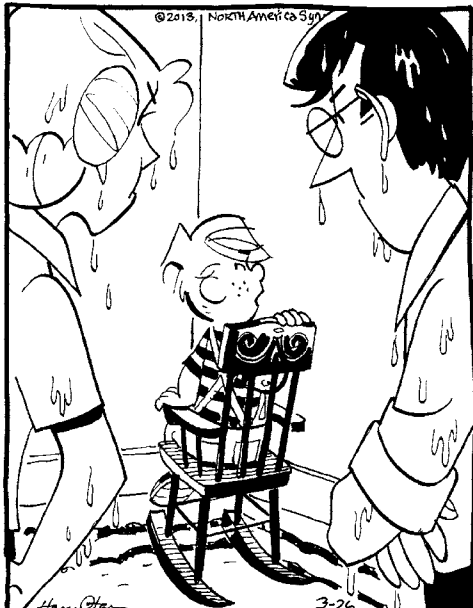


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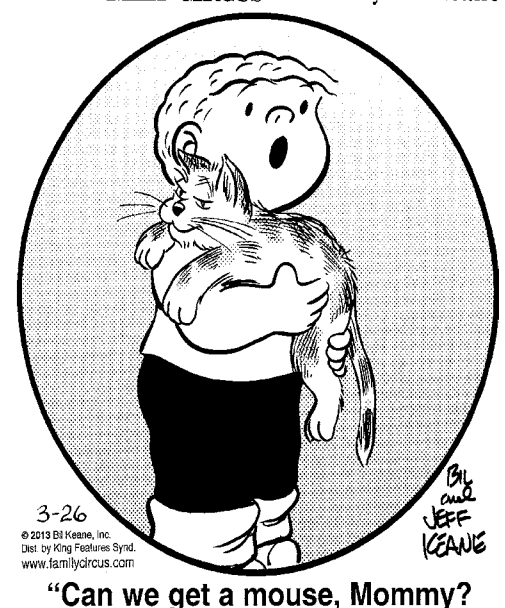
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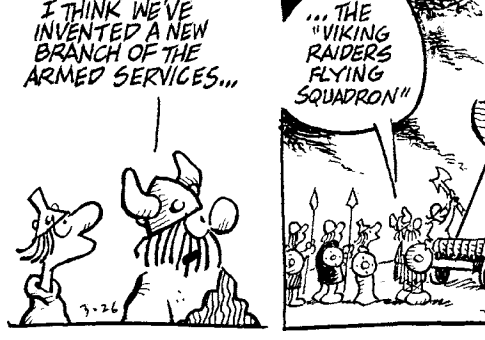
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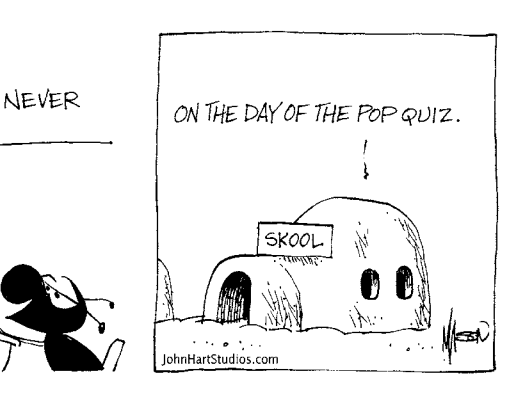
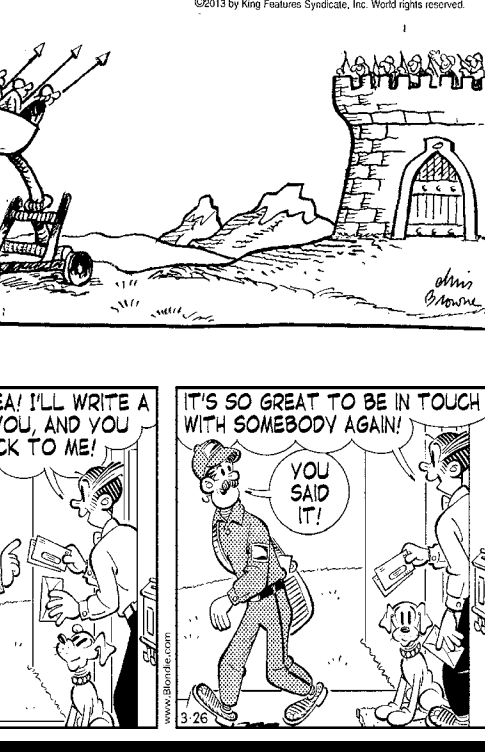


"Can we get a mouse, Mommy? I think Kittycat needs some exercise."

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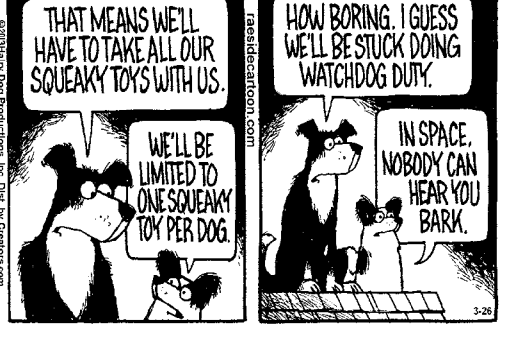
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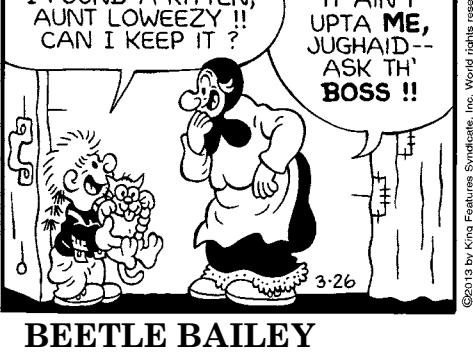
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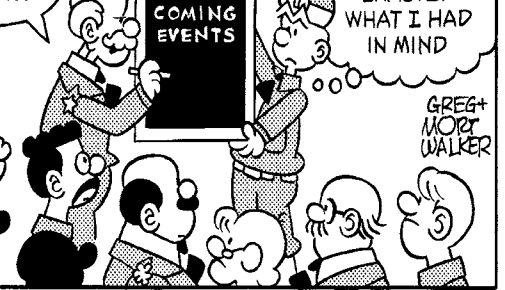
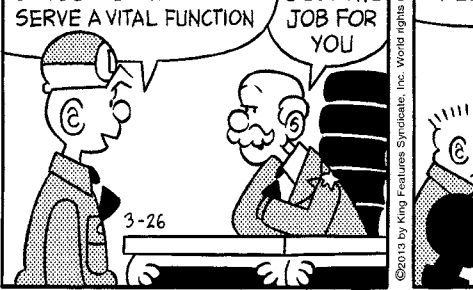
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 26, the 85th day of 2013. There are 280 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 26, 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gih) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

On this date:

In 1812, an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.

In 1874, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.

In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitan became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1937, a 6-foot-tall statue of the cartoon character Popeye was unveiled during the Second Annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas.

In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3.

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Baker v. Carr, gave federal courts the power to order reapportionment of states' legislative districts.

In 1973, English actor, singer, playwright, director, composer and wit Sir Noel Coward died in Jamaica at age 73. The soap opera "The Young and the Restless" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1988, Jesse Jackson stunned fellow Democrats by soundly defeating Michael S. Dukakis in Michigan's Democratic presidential caucuses.

In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 88. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 83. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 82. Actor Alan Arkin is 79. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (puh-LOH'-see) is 73. Actor James Caan is 73. Author Erica Jong is 71. Journalist Bob Woodward is 70. Singer Diana Ross is 69. Actor Johnny Crawford is 67. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 65. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 64. Actor Ernest Thomas is 64. Comedian Martin Short is 63. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 63. Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 63. Rock musician Monte Yoho is 61.

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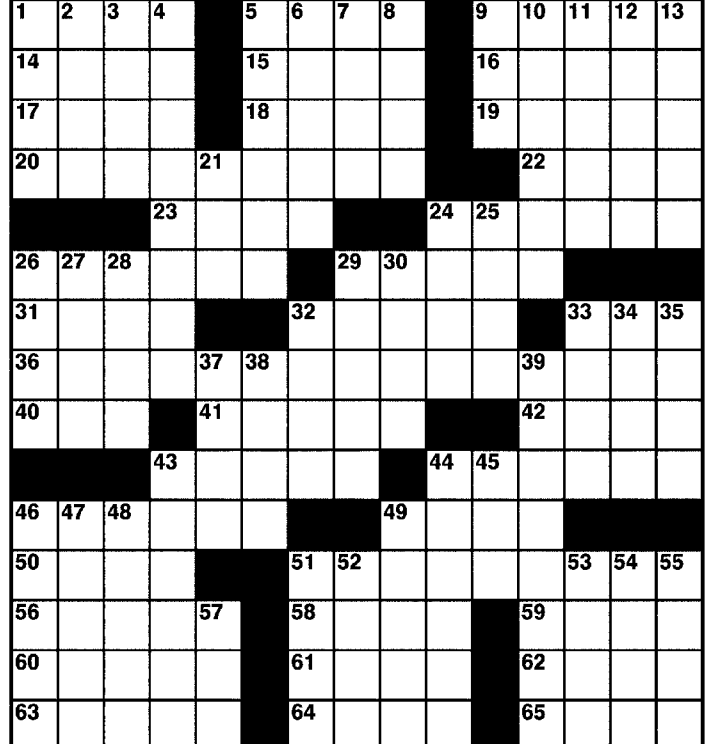
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Newsday Crossword

LAST LIGHT by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cherries' centers
 - 5 Grocery sacks
 - 9 Competed in the Indy 500
 - 14 Reverberate
 - 15 Skin cream ingredient
 - 16 Pleasant scent
 - 17 Fly high
 - 18 Lion sound
 - 19 Honeydew or cantaloupe
 - 20 Pungent garden plant
 - 22 Brief letter
 - 23 Marsh stalk
 - 24 Idolizes
 - 26 Fish-egg appetizer
 - 29 Behavior pattern
 - 31 Assist, as a criminal
 - 32 Desert haven
 - 33 Courtroom prosecutors: Abbr.
 - 36 Tempting fate
 - 40 Snakelike fish
 - 41 Coat with a hood
 - 42 One of the Great Lakes
 - 43 Residences
 - 44 Arabian Nights ruler
 - 46 Scrape roughly
 - 49 Sunrise direction
 - 50 Directed family
 - 51 Hollywood headliner
 - 56 Repairs
 - 58 Tied, as a score
 - 59 Assistant
 - 60 National bird
- DOWN**
- 1 Money in Mexico
 - 2 Computer-screen image
 - 3 Spicy Asian cuisine
 - 4 College club for women
 - 5 Hair cutter
 - 6 Audibly
 - 7 Hockey score
 - 8 Belgrade resident
 - 9 Lamb's dad
 - 10 "Am too!" reply
 - 11 Use crayons
 - 12 Overdo it on stage
 - 13 Copenhagen natives
 - 21 Teachers' org.
 - 24 Just __ (slightly)
 - 25 Dinner plate
 - 26 Part of Superman's costume
 - 27 Competent
 - 28 Outlet meat
 - 29 Birds of prey
 - 30 China's continent
 - 32 Storybook monster
 - 33 Garden soil
 - 34 Operatic song
 - 35 Observed
 - 37 Digital music player
 - 38 Birth-certificate entry
 - 39 Wasn't worried about danger
 - 43 Take care of people
 - 44 Virtuous
 - 45 Take advantage of
 - 46 Mountaintops
 - 47 Not very promising
 - 48 Mountain group
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 - 54 Man in Eden
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WOODS

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Even after Fowler bowed out with a 7-iron that came up short and into the water — and another shot in the water that led to triple bogey — on the par-5 16th hole, Justin Rose was still in the picture only two shots behind. From a fairway bunker, Woods hit 8-iron from

178 yards to the middle of the green for a two-putt birdie.

And that was that. Woods played it safe from the rough on the final hole and made bogey for a 2-under 70, giving him a two-shot win over Rose. He tied a PGA Tour record that had not been touched in 48 years. This was his eighth win in the Arnold Palmer Invitational in 16 appearances. Sam

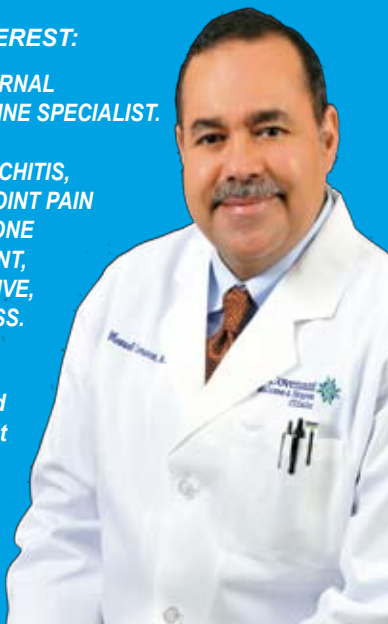
Snead won the Greater Greensboro Open eight times from 1938 to 1965. “If I get healthy, I know I can play this game at a high level,” Woods said. “I know I can be where I’m contending in every event, contending in major championships and being consistent day in and day out — if I got healthy. That was the first step in the process. Once I got there, then my game turned.”

It turned the corner on two wheels. Dating to that win at Bay Hill last year — the first for Woods on the PGA Tour since September 2009 — he has won six of his last 20 starts. Is he back? Woods never liked that question, perhaps because he’s never sure how far he’s going. And in his mind, golf is a game in which a player never arrives.

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GRINER

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how hard it is to play at this intense high level night in and night out and not have a slipup,” coach Kim Mulkey said.

“When you look at career of these seniors here, it’s pretty amazing that they can continue to play at such a high level regardless of the opponent. Now, I didn’t say we play good every night, but they do play hard every night — with a target on them.”

Baylor, the No. 1 overall seed, opened the NCAA tournament with an 82-40 victory Sunday night over SWAC tournament champion Prairie View.

Griner had 33 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks against the Lady Panthers. She also had her 15th career dunk, matching the total number of combined dunks

by the six other women who have done so in a college game.

Florida State had lost four of six games before its 60-44 win over Princeton in the NCAA tourney opener at Waco.

The reward for the Seminoles is facing Baylor for Griner’s home finale. After their victory Sunday, they stayed and watched the first half of the Baylor game.

“Our team is not intimidated by them. We’re excited, we’re prepared and we’re ready to play and give them a fight,” Seminoles senior guard Alex Deluzio said.

In her opening statement following the victory over Princeton, Seminoles coach Sue Semrau asked who was the writer who put his bracket in the local newspaper picking Princeton to win. She thanked him for the motivation.

There are certainly few people who would pick Florida State

over Baylor.

“Not many people picked Florida Gulf Coast over Georgetown either,” Semrau said Monday, referring to the No. 15 seed on the men’s side going to the round of 16.

“If I had to fill out a bracket and I was not part of my team every day, it’s a pretty good percentage that would go that direction. You go out and play, that’s why you play the game.”

Mulkey said she was disappointed that as of Monday there were still tickets remaining for the last chance to see Griner play at home.

“This building should be sold out. I don’t care if it’s an 8:30 game, I don’t care if it’s a school night,” Mulkey said. “It for sure is going to be her last game in this building. I can’t imagine sitting at home watching that on television and not coming out here.”

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A&M

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swiping the ball from Moore and hitting an off-balance layup. She was fouled on the play and knocked down the free throw.

But just as they had earlier in the quarter, Nebraska shut down A&M’s rally attempt.

“They made the stops that they needed to,” Texas A&M’s Kelsey

Bone said. “Every time we got a little life they did a good job of hitting the big shot.”

Moore and Hooper proved to be a potent combination in this one, and they combined for five 3-pointers. Hooper also had eight rebounds, three steals and a block, and Moore had six rebounds and a steal.

“I just thought we played with good poise,” Nebraska coach Connie Yori said. “We had a stretch where they

turned it up and we handled it.”

Sample was the only other Cornhusker in double figures with 10 points, and she led the team with 11 rebounds.

The Cornhuskers were helped by almost perfect free throw shooting, where they made 14 of 15. A&M got to the line only twice and made one of those shots.

It looked as though the Aggies were finally gaining some momentum when they scored four quick points to cut the lead to 10 with about 15 minutes left. But two minutes later they were down 56-40 after 3-pointers by Hooper and Moore.

Texas A&M’s 6-foot-4 star center Bone didn’t get into foul trouble like she did in the team’s opening round game, but she was still held below her 16.7 point average by finishing with 13 points and five rebounds.

“It’s a shame we couldn’t get the ball inside more than we did,” Blair said.

It could be the junior’s last game at A&M as she contemplates leaving school early for the WNBA draft. Bone said she’ll meet with her family and Blair this week before making a decision on the draft.

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