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Property rich Big Spring ISD?

Valuation increases might force district to give up some of its tax dollars

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Rising property valuations aren't just a headache for homeowners — even a taxing entity can feel the pinch. Significant valuation increases the past few years might finally push Big Spring

ISD into "property-rich" status, which would result in less state money for the district's budget and BSISD having to disburse some of its revenue to poorer schools across Texas.

The district's tax rolls increased from \$1.2 billion in

2011 to \$1.6 billion last year, prompting the Texas Education Agency to send BSISD a letter saying the district was approaching the property-rich threshold.

"It's not a final ruling by any means," BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said

of the TEA letter. "It's just a preliminary notice that we're teetering on the edge."

The thought that a school district in which more than 70 percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price meals would be considered wealthy might be laughable

to some, but such is the nature of school equity funding in Texas these days.

In response to lawsuits from poorer school districts, Texas adopted a system a few years ago in which districts

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HERALD file photo

Boys and girls enjoy the aquatic center, which opened last year at Comanche Trail Park. A dedication ceremony to rename the center after former mayor Russ McEwen will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The center will officially open Saturday.

This week in Big Spring

WEDNESDAY

Aquatic Center dedication

The Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center will be dedicated Wednesday.

A ceremony honoring the former Big Spring mayor will begin at 10 a.m. Officials note that Wednesday's event will not mark the opening of the aquatic center and that the ceremony will be a brief one.

Splash-In — the official opening of the waterpark — will be held Saturday. Details will be announced later this week.

FRIDAY

Messin' With The Masters

Messin' With The Masters, featuring interpretations of the old masters by local artists, will open Friday at the Heritage Museum with a wine and cheese reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Featured artists include Estelle Howard, Kay Smith, Linda Rupard-Irvin, Leada Wood, Sue Bagwell and Carole Berry.

Moon-Light Rave Run

The first of three Moon-Light Rave Runs will begin at 11:55 p.m. Friday in Big Spring State Park atop Scenic Mountain. Upcoming runs in the series will be held June 21 and Aug. 23.

Entry fee for the popular nighttime runs are \$20 each; however anyone signing up for all three pays just \$40. They also receive a high visibility green running shirt. Register online at www.permianbasinevents.com.

State hospital getting some help to attract interns

Herald Staff Report

AUSTIN, Texas — Big Spring State Hospital is among the entities selected by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to receive grants totaling \$770,765 to support internship programs in obtaining American Psychological Association ac-

creditation. The initiative aims to advance the mental health workforce in Texas by attracting well-qualified psychologists in training to the state and improving the psychological services being delivered to the people of Texas.

All four grantees currently have psychology internship

programs that are members of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers. Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, the Texas Child Study Center, and the Lone Star Psychology Residency Consortium — which consists of Big Spring State Hospital,

UT Health Northeast and Valley Psychological Services/Pinkerman & Gonzalez Psychological Associates in Edinburg — will use the grant to become APA-accredited. If successful, by 2016, the initiative will support the accreditation of four internship programs with 16 internship positions.

Each of these programs brings unique strengths to psychology training in Texas, officials say. Harris County Juvenile Probation Department and Texas Juvenile Justice Department offer training opportunities for psychologists in juvenile

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Snyder making plans for swing festival

Herald Staff Report

SNYDER — The West Texas Western Swing Festival is set for June 4-8 at Scurry County Coliseum.

The festival annually attracts 2,500 or more fans, many of whom arrive in RVs.

Following a welcome home Burgers and Beans Jam on June 4, the music begins each day at noon and continues until after 11 p.m.

The lineup features a dozen bands,

with each performing twice a day.

Bands will include:

June 5: Jimmy Burson, Amber Digby and Midnight Flyer and Mark Powell and Lariat.

June 6: Tommy Hooker, Landon Dodd and the Dance Hall Drifters, Jake Hooker.

June 7: Justin Trevino, Kelly Spinks and Miles of Texas, Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

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Obituaries

Paul 'Duane' Hillger



Paul "Duane" Hillger, 72, of Garden City died Monday, May 20, 2013, in a Big Spring hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at the Garden City Cemetery in Garden City, Texas.

He was born Sept. 12, 1940, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Linda Sue "Suzie" Lawson on Jan. 4, 1968, in Midland, Texas.

Duane was raised in Martin County and farmed in Martin and Glasscock counties all of his life. He loved sports and hunting. His kids and grandkids meant the world to him. Duane served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Suzie Hillger of Garden City; two sons, Dr. William Paul Hillger of Garden City and Weldon Wayne Hillger and wife Carissa of Midland; two daughters, Wendi Carol Kingston and husband Greg of Greenwood and Winette Ann Hillger of Stanton; one sister, Linda Stevens and husband Dan of Midland; six granddaughters, Patricia Kingston, Candace Kingston, Jennifer Hillger, Jayme Hillger, Jacque Fernandez and Melenda Lounett Hillger; and one grandson, Stetson Paul Hillger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim Paul and Clarene Hillger.

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

Paid obituary

Thomas R. Shirley



Thomas R. Shirley, 81, of Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, May 18, 2013, in Kingsland, Texas. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. James "Jakie" Shirley, Tom's brother, officiating.

Tom will lie in state at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from Tuesday until service time Thursday.

Tom was born Sept. 4, 1931, in Big Spring and married Lorraine Ludwig on Aug. 8, 1951, in Great Falls, Mont. She preceded him in death Sept. 25, 2009. Tom worked for the Cosden/Fina Refinery until his retirement in 1986.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Anne Law and husband Randy of Agency, Mo., and Karen Fraser and husband Steve of Kingsland; one son, Tom J. Shirley and wife Lori of Richmond; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, the Rev. James "Jakie" Shirley and wife Dottie of Salado, Texas; and one brother-in-law, Al Goodson of Texas City, Texas.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one sister, Ovella Goodson; and one brother, Don Shirley.

The family suggests memorials to Windchime At the Village, 216 Covenant Dr., Kingsland, TX 78639; and the Seton Highland Lakes Hospice, P.O. Box 1219, Burnet, TX, 78611; or the charity of your choice.

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

Robert 'Tito' Vasquez II



Robert "Tito" Vasquez II, 21, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 19, 2013, in Midland. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 14, 1991, in Eagle Pass to Dora and Roberto Vasquez. He moved to Big Spring in 2005 from Eagle Pass. He had been a cook at Taco Villa and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his mother, Dora Rodriguez and step-father Robert Baltazar, both of Big Spring; father, Roberto Vasquez of Eagle Pass; one daughter, Dora Sophia Ariselda Vasquez of El Paso; fiancée, Sonia Pina of Odessa; four brothers, Angel Vasquez, Rigoberto Vasquez, Ruben Baltazar and Jesus Rodriguez III, all of Big Spring; grandmothers, Sophia Rodriguez of Big Spring and Ariselda Cervantes of Eagle Pass; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

Dorothy Stanley

Dorothy Stanley, 87, of Midland died Tuesday, May 21, 2013, in a Midland nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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www.bigspringherald.com

Mary Deanda Gomez

Mary Deanda Gomez, 89, of Austin, Texas, died Thursday, May 16, 2013, at her home after a brief illness. Mary was born in Big Spring, Texas, and had resided in Austin since 1976.

Friends and family will remember Mary's passion for gardening and flowers. From an early "Victory Garden" in the 1940s in Big Spring through her residences in New Orleans, San Antonio and Austin, Mary always nurtured and cared for her gardens as well as her family and children.

She will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her daughter, Sophie Gomez M.D. of Yakima, Wash., and son, Fabian S. Gomez of Austin. Mary is also survived by two grandchildren, Edward John Gomez and Delilah Gomez; and two great-granddaughters.

Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at St. Louis Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Rd., Austin, Texas. Interment will follow in Austin Memorial Park, Austin, Texas.

Condolences may be sent to www.cookwaldenfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Mary Bernice 'Bun' Cason



Mary Bernice "Bun" Cason, 93, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 19, 2013, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Bill Ivins, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at the funeral home.

Bernice was born Aug. 10, 1919, in Durant, Okla. She worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 69 years. She was a member of the Big Spring Genealogical Society, an artist and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one brother, W.L. "Sam" Cason of Big Spring; several cousins; and a host of friends.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, William Lawrence Sr. and Ethyl Louise (Taylor) Carson; two sisters, Nina Vickery and Loraine Cason; and a nephew, Kenton Cason Vickery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring, TX 79721-1229.

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

Police blotter

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

- AMBER RENEE ROBINSON, 27, of 100 Brown, was arrested Monday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only).
- MITCHELL ALAN DUSH, 35, of 3600 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid – DWI related.
- JAMES LESLIE INGRAM, 45, of 1100 W. Second St., was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter.
- JOEY LEE GARCIA, 29, of Snyder, Texas, was arrested Monday on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS, 26, of 1606 Bluebird, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts), failure to use child safety seat system, driving while license invalid and a warrant from another agency.
- DANIEL DEJONG, 35, of Gloversville, N.Y., was arrested Monday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (two counts) and no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- LANE PAUL GAMMONS, 19, of 6309 Walter Rd., was arrested Monday on a citation for public intoxication.
- STEPHEN HEATH GREGORY, 30, of 3303 Cornell, was arrested Monday on a warrant for driving while intoxicated and a warrant from another agency.
- JOSEPH JAMES GARLAND, 20, of 7000 S.

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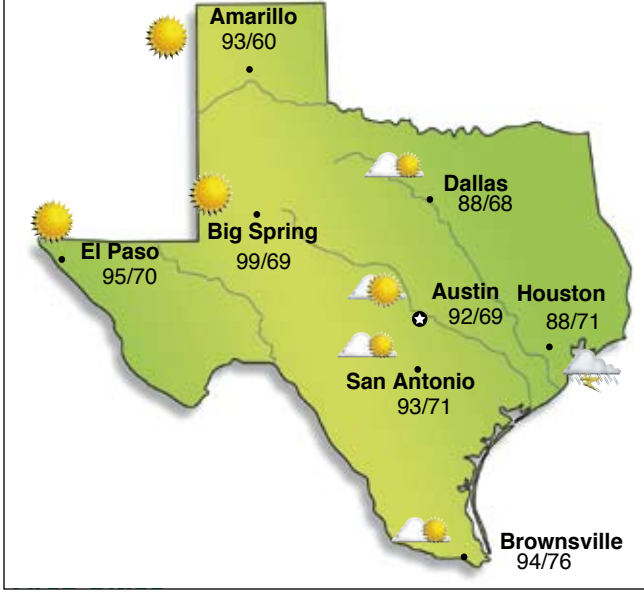
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 5/22	Thu 5/23	Fri 5/24
 99/69 Mainly sunny. Hot. High 99F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	 100/70 Partly cloudy. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.	 93/68 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM



Texas At A Glance



Service Rd., was arrested Monday on warrants for speeding and bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only).

• JORGE LUIS GOMEZ, 24, of 508 State, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.

• THEFT was reported:
In the 1000 block of E. Second Street.
In the 800 block of Pine Street.

• BURGLARY was reported in the 1700 block of W. Third Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• STEPHEN HEATH GREGORY, 30, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated and a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

• JOSEPH JAMES GARLAND, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a capias warrant for speeding and a charge of failure to appear.

• JOEY LEE GARCIA, 29, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• JAMES LESLIE INGRAM, 45, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• GARY MITREA, 53, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on warrants for arson and indecent exposure.

• JORGE LUIS GOMEZ JR., 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a Gaines County warrant for parole violation.

• DANIEL DEJONG, 35, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, violation of a promise to appear, no driver's license and failure to appear.

• KIMBERLY RIOS, 26, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500 and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, failure to use child safety seat system and violation of a promise to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Owens. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Ranch Road 33 and Sherrod Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriro-senbaum9488@msn.com
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1

p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't

want to. Flexible payment options.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.
- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.
- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Take Note

- The final Cub Scouts sign-up for the spring will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring Scout Office, located at 610 Scurry St. Cub Scouts is open to boys in grades kindergarten through 5. Sign-up cost for the remainder of the year is \$11.75. For more information, call 432-212-3577.
- The Big Spring High School boys and girls sports banquet will be held tonight in the BSHS cafeteria at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through the athletic office at the ATC for \$10 each. A full meal is included. For more information, call 432-264-3662.
- Healthy Woman and KBST are partnering to bring "Texting Can Wait" to Big Spring and Howard County. The event is scheduled for May 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the third floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse.

KBST will have a simulator on hand for those attending to test their texting and driving skills. The event is free to the public. For more information, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721..

- A benefit fund for the April Martinez family, who recently lost everything in a fire, has been set up at Prosperity Bank. Donations can be made to account number 3013914734. Ms. Martinez has four children ages 5 to 12.
- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.
- 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.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

BSISD

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that exceeded a certain ratio of property valuation per student would be required to send some of that money back to the state.

If Big Spring joins the rank of so-called property-rich schools, it would

make Howard County public school districts a perfect three-for-three in that regard — both Forsan and Coahoma have received that designation in recent years.

BSISD's problem is that enrollment has not kept pace with property valuation increases, Green said.

"Our enrollment has

increased, but not in proportion to the increases we've had on our tax rolls," she noted.

Aside from the other ramifications, the possible switch in designation also has put at least a temporary chill on some projects the district had planned for the near future.

Now on hiatus are

plans to construct new concession stands and restrooms at Memorial Stadium.

"We had planned to use reserve money for that," Green said. "But when we received estimates for the structure, none came in below \$1 million. When we saw those figures, we decided it would be best if

we just put that off for now and see how the financial situation firms up before we go any further."

BSISD should learn by July 15 whether it will switch to property-rich status, Green said.

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INTERNS

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justice that are otherwise difficult to find, the Texas Child Study Center provides innovative learning experiences in pediatric psychology, and the Lone Star consortium attracts interns to underserved, rural areas in the state.

"These grants come at a critical time for mental health in Texas, when there continues to be a persistent workforce shortage, especially in underserved areas, for psychologists and other mental health professionals," said Michele Guzman, Ph.D., assistant director of research and evaluation at the Hogg Foundation. "It is our belief that

these grants will foster new opportunities for clinical, counseling and school psychology students and attract well-prepared future psychologists to careers in Texas."

Having a number of APA-accredited internships in Texas is essential for the education and retention of psychologists in the state. Texas has only a little more than 5 percent of the 461 APA-accredited psychology internships in the U.S. and is among the states with the largest number of unaccredited APPIC-member programs. The APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) has affirmed that health service psychologists — clinical, counseling or school psychologists who provide

behavioral health and mental health services — should be trained in APA-accredited doctoral and internship programs. BEA has recommended that unaccredited internship programs become accredited by 2019 (State

FESTIVAL

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June 8: Larry Lange and the Lone Star Troubadours, Eddie McAlvain and the Mavericks

ment on Accreditation, November 2011).

These grants build upon the Texas Psychology Internships Initiative that was launched in 2011. With the addition of these awards, the foundation has committed almost \$3 million to strengthening psychology internships in Texas.

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OTHER VIEWS

Bombing points to needed changes?

We can't help but wonder what Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev were thinking about on April 12, three days before the Boston Marathon bombings they are accused of perpetrating, as FBI Director Robert Mueller rose many miles away to address an audience at the University of Virginia Law School. Terrorism was apparently on their minds; it was certainly on his.

“When I took office as director on Sept. 4, 2001, I had expected to focus on areas familiar to me as a prosecutor,” he said, according to an FBI transcript of his remarks. “Drug cases, white-collar criminal cases and violent crime.

A week after he took office came Sept. 11 — and a new mission for the FBI. “National security — that is, preventing terrorist attacks — became our top priority.”

Now Mueller and the FBI are facing months of what the New York Times calls “tough questions” from lawmakers about whether the agency fumbled Job One. It turns out that agents had questioned Tamerlan Tsarnaev two years ago, only to close the file without telling the Greater Boston police about him.

Given the carnage even the simplest of terrorist plots can produce, tough questions about how to do a better job of thwarting them are in order. But if the politicians who ask those questions focus on fixing blame rather than closing gaps — or suggest that anything short of preventing every act of terror indicates incompetence — that would be a disservice.

Mueller plans to retire as FBI director this fall, meaning his tenure will be remembered as beginning and ending with acts of terror. “It’s part of his legacy,” Lee Hamilton, the co-chairman of a commission that investigated 9/11, told the Times.

In between, according to the Times, Mueller achieved a great deal in refocusing the FBI on terrorism. He shifted 2,000 agents from chasing crooks to anti-terror efforts, dispatching some of them overseas and even into battle zones in search of information. Achieving this required significant cultural change, drawing what the Times described as “56 field offices, each fiercely protective of its turf” toward a new, shared mission.

Mueller also deserves credit for bounding this effort with a respect for the law and the constitutional rights all of us enjoy. According to the Times, Mueller’s opposition to the Bush administration’s aggressive electronic eavesdropping program ran so deep that he almost resigned over it.

Did the FBI err in losing sight of Tamerlan Tsarnaev? It certainly appears so, and with tragic results. But FBI agents have been charged with investigating, in the words of the Times account, even “the smallest terrorist tip” since 9/11. In the process, they have compiled lists of millions of names.

Is a perfect record possible? No.

Will the Marathon bombings point to needed changes? We suspect so.

Would that be a surprise? No, again.

“We as an organization must continually evolve,” Mueller told his law school audience, “. . . because terrorists and criminals certainly are evolving themselves.”

— *The Concord (N.H.) Monitor*

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Health care not consumer-driven

For years, conservatives have pushed for a health-insurance model emphasizing catastrophic coverage. It works as follows:

Consumers pay the cost of ordinary care, such as a checkup, a blood test or an eye exam. Insurance kicks in only for major crises — a heart attack, cancer requiring extensive treatment, a kidney transplant.

The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obama-Care, goes in the other direction by expanding Medicaid to more lower-income Americans. Medicaid picks up the bills for the “little things.”

Catastrophic coverage and other “consumer driven” approaches won’t work as the basis for health reform. But before we go into the reasons why, let’s put in a few good words for catastrophic coverage — and its cousin, the health savings account. An HSA marries a high deductible (paid before insurance starts picking up the big bills) to a tax-favored savings account from which people can tap money for smaller medical expenses.

What we most fear are medical “catastrophes” leading to bankruptcy or the inability to afford appropriate care. This kind of coverage protects against financial traumas. Meanwhile, asking consumers to dig into their pockets for routine care makes them more careful about spending.

Here’s the problem: You and I may nod in agreement over the merits of catastrophic coverage. We are informed, and our financial lives are organized. We make it our business to save for retirement. We budget for unforeseen expenses. We know not to rack up big balances on our credit cards.

Other, perhaps most, Americans don’t do these things. Or they would if they weren’t supporting families on low-paying jobs. Loss of work, death of provider or punishing education costs might leave no budgetary room for a doctor’s visit.

If the choice were buying textbooks for your child or skipping a physical, which would you do?

Yes, there are those who could easily afford health coverage and don’t buy it, preferring to roll the dice that nothing awful will happen. If they lose, they’re still let into the emergency room. The responsible ones will pay for their care.

When they’re old enough, they’ll have Medicare. And if conservatives have their way, forcing more means-testing into Medicare, those who didn’t protect their finances by buying insurance will pay less into the program than those who did.

ObamaCare does not get into the backstory of why people don’t have health coverage. What it does is make sure they get it.

At the same time, it addresses the wasteful spending problem that consumer-driven health plans are supposed to solve. ObamaCare just does it in different ways.



FROMA HARROP

The president adores the IRS

So, we are to believe that it is just a coincidence that tea party groups oppose the Obama administration and for 27 months, beginning in March 2010, the Internal Revenue Service didn’t approve even one tea party application for tax-exempt status?

Is it also a coincidence that during the same time period, dozens of liberal organizations involved in political advocacy practically saw their applications fast-tracked?

Do you now want to pause and consider whether I’m exaggerating? Feel free, but be advised that USA Today, no conservative rag, reported that “as applications from conservative groups sat in limbo, groups with liberal-sounding names had their applications approved in as little as nine months.”

But the IRS official responsible for granting the exemption status told reporters on a conference call that ideology was not involved. She said “progressive groups” were also selected for greater scrutiny based on their names.

But when asked to identify those groups, she demurred. “I don’t have them off the top of my head,” she said. Well, why not? Surely, she would have anticipated that such a question would be asked on the call.

IRS officials have attributed the agency’s extra scrutiny on conservative groups to a spike in their applications over the past few years, but a just-released inspector general’s report obliterates that excuse by revealing an even bigger spike in applications for tax-exempt status from labor organizations, which received no such scrutiny.

Now, with the Benghazi and Associated Press scandals raging, both President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder have denounced the IRS’ actions as “outrageous” and promised to hold those responsible to account.

Acting IRS Commissioner Steven Miller has already been cashiered.

But President Obama looked more “flat-affect” than outraged and seemed to be far more distracted than engaged, let alone angry, during his news conference denouncing the agency’s actions.

The administration wants us to believe that the two IRS employees in Cincinnati responsible for this wanton political discrimination were just “rogue” agents who became “overly aggressive.”

Well, let me ask you: Do you think President Obama would consider such agents “rogue” — as opposed to, say, “exemplary” — had this scandal not been exposed?

Also, I seriously doubt that this was either isolated or accidental. I think we’re just seeing the tip of the iceberg.

Cleta Mitchell, a Washington election attorney, told Newsmax that she has proof that high-ranking IRS officials in Washington were completely aware of the IRS’ effort to target conservatives in this process.

She said an IRS agent in Cincinnati told her that the applications for two of her conservative clients were being processed by officials in Washington, who would also decide whether to approve or disapprove.

In expressing her incredulity that the White House was out of the loop in this matter, Mitchell said: “We know the White House used the Department of Health and Human Services to try to silence critics about Obamacare. So if we know they used HHS, why wouldn’t they also use the IRS or other federal agencies to try to silence political critics?”

The administration knows that this kind of intimidation and obstruction works.

Reports have already been coming in that some tea party groups, which would have spent their money and efforts toward defeating Barack Obama’s reelection campaign in 2012, folded up their tents rather than endure the protracted harassment of the agency.

Despite the likely insincerity of Obama’s “outrage,” his public assertion that he is may at least serve the purpose of opening the public’s eyes to these abuses and how widespread they are.

We’ve already learned that the

For starters, the health care reforms promote primary care, whereby family doctors help patients avoid expensive specialists when they don’t need them. And it would start changing the way medical providers are paid.

Rather than charging a fee for every service, providers would be paid a set price to cover soup-to-nuts care for a particular condition. That would take away the financial incentive to over-prescribe tests and office visits. And because doctors don’t earn more if their care is substandard and the patient has to return, they have an incentive to do it right the first time.

Consumer-driven health care is still fee-for-service. Patients are the ones to decide when they are being sold too much or too expensive medicine. But how many of us can second-guess our doctor on what treatment we should have?

Doing so may be wise, or it may be dangerous. Thing is, average, or even above-average, Americans probably don’t know which. Consumers do participate in their health care decisions, but if they don’t trust their doctors to drive properly, they need to change doctors.

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Thomas More Society, a non-profit law firm, is representing two pro-life organizations that allege the IRS refused to grant them tax-exempt status because of their position on abortion.

The Coalition for Life of Iowa claims the IRS pressured it not to protest Obama-friendly Planned Parenthood.

The Thomas More Society reports: “In a phone call to Coalition for Life of Iowa leaders on June 6, 2009, the IRS agent ‘Ms. Richards’ told the group to send a letter to the IRS with the entire board’s signatures stating that, under perjury of the law, they do not picket/protest or organize groups to picket or protest outside of Planned Parenthood. Once the IRS received this letter, their application would be approved.”

Also, the IRS allegedly subjected Christian Voices for Life to “repeated and lengthy unconstitutional requests for information about the viewpoint and content of its educational communications, volunteer prayer vigils, and other protected activities.”

What other examples of such egregious abuses of power are we going to find as this investigation unfolds?

Please ask yourself: If the IRS were oriented toward harassing pro-left organizations, do you think Democrats and liberals would always be so sympathetic toward the agency?

Would Obama have assigned this agency the task of largely overseeing and enforcing Obamacare?

In light of these recent disturbing developments, is there any chance he will reconsider his ill-advised decision?

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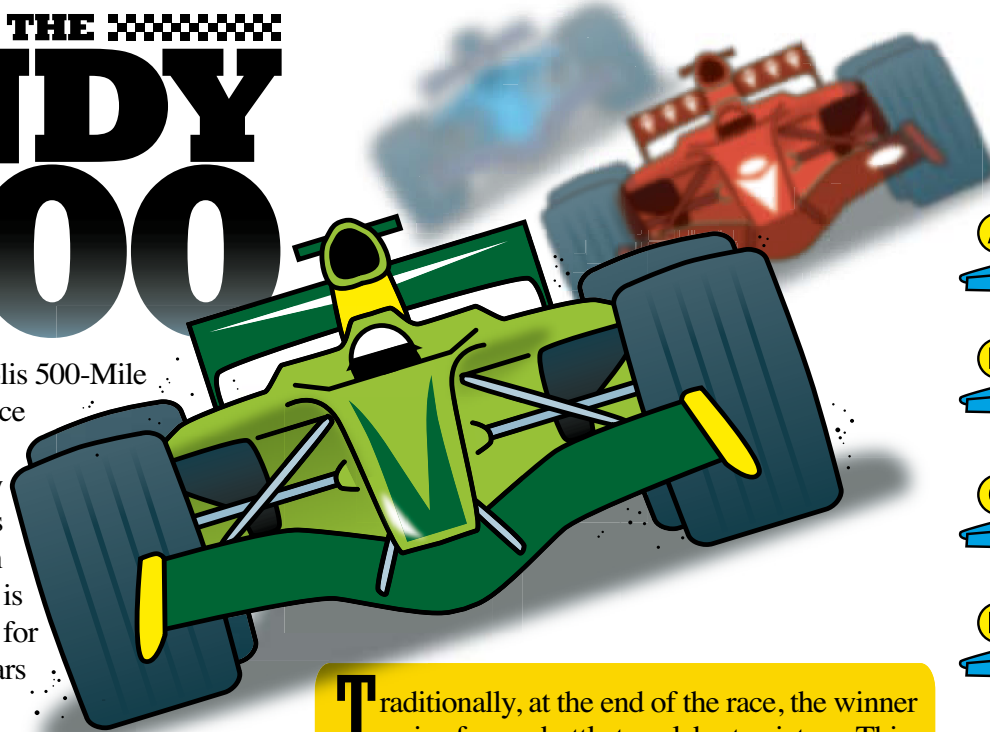
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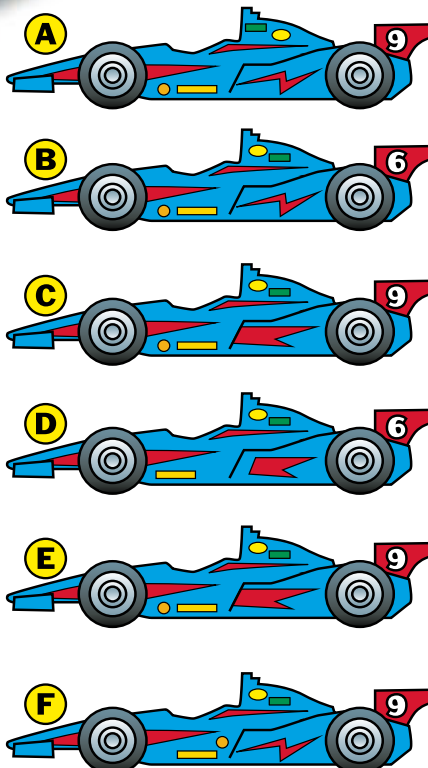
THE INDY 500

The Indianapolis 500-Mile Race takes place every year on Memorial Day weekend. Cars race around an oval track that is 2.5 miles long for 200 laps. 33 cars start the race. Indy cars have an open cockpit and are specially built for the race. They can reach speeds over 225 mph!

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the world's largest spectator sport facility, with more than 250,000 permanent seats. If laid end-to-end, the seats would stretch for 99.5 miles!

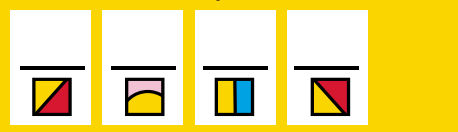


Look closely:
Can you find the two identical Indy cars?



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find the differences in common objects.

Traditionally, at the end of the race, the winner swigs from a bottle to celebrate victory. This started in 1933 after Louis Meyer requested a particular beverage after winning. Use the code to find out what Indy winners drink.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

MISSING WORDS CHALLENGE

Use the words below to replace the missing words in this article about the Indy 500.

BANNED TRACK ASPHALT BRICKS THIRD **TRACK SKIDDED FAST ROADS**

Indy 500 History

With the invention of the automobile, came the urge to see how _____ a car could go. The first car races were on country _____. In 1909, four American businessmen opened a closed racetrack near Indianapolis, Indiana. The _____ formed a huge rectangle 2.5 miles long.

The first 500-mile race was run in Indianapolis in 1911 and was called the “International 500-Mile Sweepstakes Race.”

The first years were filled with problems. Cars _____ on the first gravel and tar track. When the track was covered with _____, drivers complained it was rough and bumpy. Finally in 1922, the surface was smoothed with _____.

Female drivers were _____ for the first years from driving, reporting and even from being in the pit area and it wasn't until 1977 that a female driver participated. Danika Patrick came in _____ place in 2009.

The Indy 500 is watched on TV in more than 292 million homes around the world!

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

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word TRACK 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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RACE TRACK GAME

Cut out a car for each player.

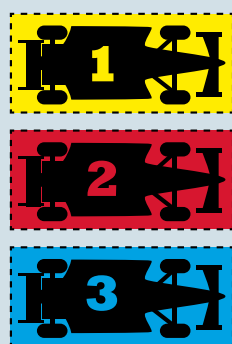
Take turns flipping a coin.

Heads moves your car forward one space.

Tails moves your car forward two spaces.

First one to reach the last space wins!

Who will win the most in 10 races?



	FLAT TIRE! Lose a turn.	TURBO BOOST! Move ahead one space.			
		OIL SPILL! Lose a turn.	TURBO BOOST! Move ahead one space.		
	TURBO BOOST! Move ahead one space.			COLLISION! Lose a turn.	

Extra! Extra! Race Action

Sports writers use lots of action verbs. Look at the sports pages of today's newspaper or newspaper's website. Find and list ten action verbs.

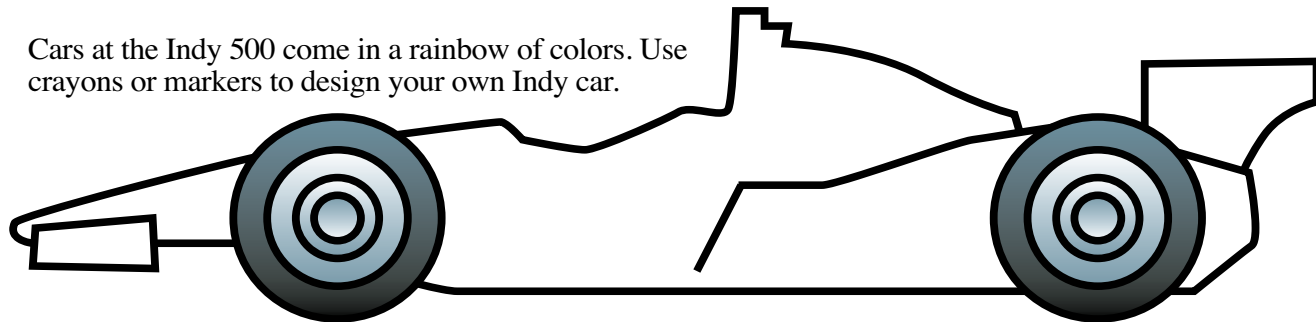
Standards Link: Writing: Identify verbs in writing.

Who is on the starting line?

Drivers line up on the starting grid in the order of speed rank they reached on the qualifying laps after two days of time trials. The driver that covers the track in the fastest time on the first day of trials wins the **pole position**,

which means they start the race at the front of all the other drivers. The 24 fastest drivers from the first day take the starting positions first. The fastest drivers on the second day take the other nine places.

Cars at the Indy 500 come in a rainbow of colors. Use crayons or markers to design your own Indy car.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many compound words can you make using the words below in five minutes or less?

ROAD ARM PET LAP FLAG PIT
CAR RACE STOP WAY TRACK
TOP STOP POLE

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify compound words.

Double Double Word Search

MEMORIAL SPEEDWAY POSITION INDIANA VICTORY TRIALS BOTTLE SPORT BOOST TURBO OVAL LAPS LINE DAYS TIME

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

I	N	Y	O	R	T	C	I	V	S
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P	B	N	E	T	D	A	Y	S	S
S	I	B	O	T	T	L	E	T	S

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Car Shopping

Use the classified ads to compare the cost of new and used cars. Find ads for five new cars. See if you can find ads for the same five cars used. Find the differences between the costs of new cars and the costs of used cars.

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

What kind of snakes can you find on a car?

ANSWER: Windshield vipers.



Write On!

You're the Teacher!

Write a math problem and provide the solution. Have classmates try to solve the problem.

Bird Poop: A trip of a lifetime

A more scenic portion of Interstate 20, the rolling hills around Sweetwater, offered a restful view. Endless straight roadways segued into a meandering that eased the monotony of a long drive.

Wondering what it must be like to roam those ridges and abrupt drop-offs, the motorist had only a moment to realize that an approaching shape might hit his car. With no time to veer into the other lane, he helplessly watched a bird clip his antenna.

In the rear view mirror, he was horrified to see it tumble toward the pavement.

Somehow, the bird finally managed a half-hearted glide to the edge of the highway.

By the time he could safely slow his vehicle to park on the shoulder, several automobiles and trucks had hurried by. Leaving his vehicle, he glanced back to the spot where he had last seen the bird. A small dark form remained dangerously close to the pavement.

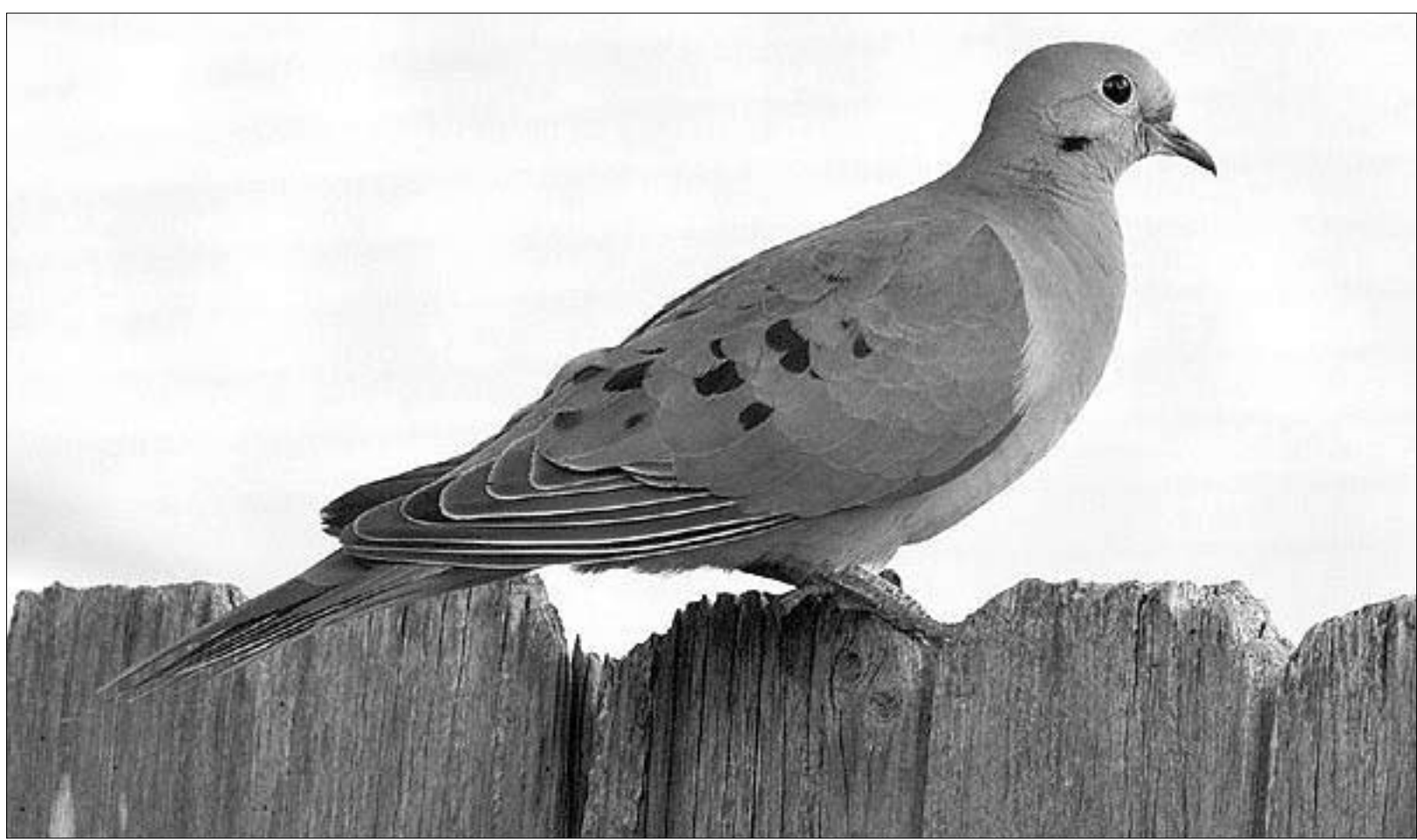
As more traffic rushed past him, he could appreciate what the bird must be experiencing. Turbulent gusts of wind buffeted his body with tiny bits of dust and gravel.

Walking on the edge of the roadway to soften the sounds of his approach, he was soon close enough to determine that he had hit a mourning dove. It didn't move.

In shock, the bird was motionless until his hands closed around its body.

Startled, it struggled against the warmth and strength it had suddenly encountered. When he called us four weeks later, the man said he just couldn't leave the bird there to die.

After taking it back to his vehicle, he found no obvious injuries. Dumping the contents of a cardboard box on the floor behind the pas-



Courtesy photo

Adaptable, the mourning dove is found near farms, cities, and in the open plains as well as the desert. Waste grains, corn, millet, peanuts, some insects, and snails are included in its diet. Fond of pine seeds, it will walk the length of a limb in order to pluck the seeds from the cone. To help in its digestion, the dove is often seen eating grit.

senger seat, he used the container as a nest box. Readily adapting to the softness of wadded paper towels and tissues, the dove closed its eyes and slept.

Once inside his motel room that evening, he allowed the bird to walk around on the floor. "It didn't try to fly," he added. Since his destination was Illinois, he realized the mourning dove would be a constant companion. The next morning, once he had acquired a larger box, linens, bags of bird feed, and bowls, he and his traveling companion continued their northward journey.

Along the way, the man completed his sales appointments. While he was accustomed to being "on the road," he wasn't exactly sure how the dove would adapt to such a hectic schedule.

Surprisingly, his passenger was content with riding in the large box. Their evenings in different accommodations didn't seem to matter. And as long as food and water were provided, the bird seemed

willing to "hit the highway" under such conditions.

Relieved to be returning to Texas after so many weeks on the road, the man learned of our rescue efforts at the truck stop on I20 and Hwy. 87. He was glad he had stopped for a cup of coffee. "Will you take the dove?" he asked. "It's starting to fly short distances."

When he pulled into our driveway, the large box could be seen in the back of his SUV. A light colored sheet was draped over the top.

Removing the bird from his container, the man handed me the mourning dove. After extending each wing and searching for breaks, I allowed the bird to flap its wings in protest.

Suggesting the dove could have suffered a hairline fracture, or soft tissue injury, such as bruising, I added that with time, it might fully recover from the traumatic blow it had sustained to a wing.

When I told the man I had,

at first, cringed at how many state lines he had crossed with a federally protected wild bird, he said he had not thought about it until he talked with a stranger at the truck stop.

In the days it stayed with us, the dove easily accessed the elevated perches of our longest cage. Having had to use its wings to reach those heights was a promising sign.

As I opened the top of its enclosure one morning, the bird proved it was nearly releasable. Easily flying to the top shelves in our double garage, it journeyed back and forth across the open space. Several days of this type of exercising convinced us that the dove was ready.

Living outside the city limits, a friend offered her fenced back yard and neighboring acreage as a release site. With numerous dove species coming to water at her pond, the mourning dove would have companions both for feeding and drinking. Nearby trees would offer

varying heights of branches.

Upon release, our dove appeared sleek and stately compared to the white-wings and collared doves. Its coloration of gray-brown was augmented by a black spot on each side of its face. Also adorning its wings were casually placed black dots.

Beneath, its buff colored belly was tinged with a very slight, pinkish hue. This lent a subtle contrast to its pink legs and feet. Noticeable only in flight, its long, wedge-shaped, or tapered tail was edged in white.

Having gained its bearings, the mourning dove suddenly rose swiftly into the air. In those precious seconds, we heard the gentle whistling of its wings as it flew to a nearby mesquite. The kindness and patience of the traveling salesman had insured its return to the wild.

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Parent's Corner: Big Spring fortunate to have Ritchey at BSHS

In my career I have had the opportunity to work in the field of education at the district, regional and state level and with state and nationally renowned educators.

I've worked side by side with many of these individuals and I fully believe that we have, right here in Big Spring, one of the finest I have ever had the opportunity to work with. He serves as our high school principal, Mr. Mike Ritchey. It is a difficult job and there are

only a few people who can really handle it.

There are certain characteristics of a high school principal that are special and that good principals must possess to effectively do their job. Each of these characteristics manifests



DARRELL RYAN

themselves in the daily duties of a principal and Mr. Ritchey possesses them all.

Let me bring out a few.

A principal must exhibit leadership. The principal is the instructional leader of his or her campus and a good leader has to take responsibility both in the successes and the failures of their school.

A good leader puts the needs of those under his authority, his employees and his students, as first and foremost.

A good leader always looks for ways to improve the campus and then figures out how to make those improvements no matter how difficult it might be.

A principal must also be good with people. I've never seen anyone better with people than Mr. Ritchey. He is able to connect with each person that he deals with and find common ground and earn their trust, but at the same time to set high standards and expectations and be fair and consistent. Nothing can take away credibility faster than being inconsistent in how situations are handled even though no two situations are the

same.

A principal must also be organized and prepared. Each day presents a unique set of challenges, for there is never a day this is predictable, and being organized and prepared is essential to meeting those challenges.

Another characteristic of a good principal is to be a good listener, which can disarm most difficult situations by showing others that you care enough to listen to what they want to say.

Not only does Mr. Ritchey have this ability but he is also a visionary. Education is ever-evolving; there is always something

bigger and better available. Mr. Ritchey is constantly looking for ways to improve his campus and considers this to be an on-going process.

I think we have one of the finest high school principals that I have ever witnessed doing the job and I consider it a pleasure and a privilege to have had the opportunity to work with him. He has done and is doing a fantastic job for Big Spring High School and we are so lucky to have him as one of our own.

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

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News in brief

Texas lawmakers approve part of water overhaul

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers have given final approval to an overhaul of the Texas Water Development Board as the state grapples with how to manage water resources amid drought and a rapidly growing population.

Monday's vote sends the bill to Gov. Rick Perry, who had urged lawmakers to pass a new \$2 billion fund to provide low-interest loans for water projects such as reservoirs and pipelines. Lawmakers have yet to vote on how to fund the project with just one week left in the session.

The bill changes the water development board, cutting the number of members in half and requiring regions to prioritize projects.

The overhaul only takes effect if Texas voters in November approve creating the new water fund, which would be called the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas.

Rainy Day Fund eyed for \$1.75B school payment

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A top House Republican says using the state's Rainy Day Fund is being considered for \$1.75 billion owed to public schools as part of a complex Texas budget package.

State Rep. Drew Darby said Monday that as the Legislature enters a final and furious week, budget writers want to settle the classroom debt by accessing a projected \$12 billion in emergency dollars.

Lawmakers in 2011 postponed the school payment as a gimmick to balance the budget.

A budget compromise between House and Senate negotiators calls for taking another \$2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund to jumpstart new water projects. The House was scheduled to consider a key bill surrounding those plans Monday night.

Darby is carrying a fees bill that is also part of the budget picture.

Texas House mulls new district for failing schools

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House is considering a proposal that would create special districts operated by turnaround experts to improve struggling schools.

The bill by Dallas Democratic Sen. Royce West cleared the Senate May 1. The House will likely vote on it on Tuesday — but has proposed enough changes to send its version to conference committee to be reconciled with what the Senate passed.

The measure would allow the state education commissioner to transfer a school into a new statewide "achievement district" for rigorous overhaul after two consecutive years of low student test scores.

Also up for House consideration is a proposal modifying how teachers are evaluated statewide. As originally filed, the bill tied evaluations to student test scores, drawing criticism.

But the latest version of the bill drops that provision.

House to vote on drug testing for welfare benefits

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers will be voting on whether to require some welfare recipients to take drug tests.

The Texas House is scheduled to vote on the measure on Tuesday afternoon.

Senate Bill 11 would require people enrolled in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to answer questions to see if they are at risk of abusing drugs. If they fail the screening, they'll be required to take a drug test.

If the person tests positive, state officials can suspend the person's benefits. There are measures that allow the person to challenge the results, and to make sure that children who rely on food stamps still receive their benefits.

The measure has already passed the Senate. If approved on Tuesday, the bill will go Gov. Rick Perry for his signature.

Bill bars future governors from Medicaid expansion

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The House has approved requiring any decision by a future Texas governor to expand Medicaid first be approved by the Legislature.

Republican Rep. Jeff Leach of Plano tacked an amendment Monday night

onto an omnibus long-term care bill. Approved 87-57, it bars future governors from unilaterally accepting increased federal funding by expanding Medicaid under the White House-backed health care law.

The measure must still be approved by the Senate.

Gov. Rick Perry says Texas won't expand Medicaid. But Leach's amendment ensures any other governor or state health commissioner can't move to do so without approval in the Texas Senate and House.

Democrats tried unsuccessfully to block Leach's amendment on parliamentary errors, and some Republicans argued against it.

But Leach said lawmakers "ought to be involved" in the decision.

House approves gun training for some teachers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House late Monday approved a plan to train some teachers who are already licensed to carry firearms for gunfights that could erupt in their classrooms.

With a simple voice vote and no debate, lawmakers passed a proposal drafted by Sen. Dan Patrick that would apply to traditional public school and charter campuses that don't already employ armed guards. Patrick, a Houston tea party Republican, chairs the Senate Education Committee and his bill sailed through that chamber on a 28-3 vote last month.

It must clear a final, procedural vote in the House before heading to the desk of Gov. Rick Perry, a fierce supporter of Second Amendment rights.

Several proposals to extend the reach of guns in schools have gained traction in the Texas Legislature, which meets every other year but opened its session mere weeks after 20 schoolchildren were killed in the mass shooting in Newtown, Conn. Supporters insist the measure is about promoting school safety, not increasing the concentration of guns in school areas. But opponents are wary.

Patrick's proposal directs the state to pay for 16 hours of instruction overseen by the Department of Public Safety. Two employees on each campus could take classes instructing teachers and other school personnel already certified to carry concealed handguns to first conceal children, then return fire.

All training would be voluntary and free to districts and participating employees.

Texas radioactive waste bill killed for error

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A bill that would have dramatically changed the rules for a radioactive waste dump died in the Legislature because of a parliamentary error.

Fort Worth Democrat Lon Burnam called the point of order Monday night, derailing it.

The measure would have allowed a West Texas nuclear waste facility to import materials with greater radioactivity from other states, while encouraging Texas companies to export lower-level materials. The facility in Anderson County was originally intended to only accept materials from Texas and Vermont.

Waste Control Specialists manages the facility and says it needs the changes to make the site profitable. The company's owner Harold Simmons is one of the state's largest political donors to Republican politicians. It was not clear if the bill could be attached to other legislation.

Firefighter dies in Dallas condo complex blaze

DALLAS (AP) — A veteran Dallas firefighter's body was recovered Monday several hours after he called for help because he was trapped in a condominium complex blaze.

Stanley A. Wilson, 51, had been a Dallas firefighter since 1985.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans says Wilson's body was pulled from the rubble after a frantic, hours-long search during the six-alarm blaze in northeast Dallas.

"From where they thought the firefighter was there was pretty much an assembly line of debris, coming where guys were just handing back debris," Evans said.

The fire was reported shortly before 3 a.m. Monday at the three-story condo complex, Evans said. A U.S. flag covered Wilson's body when it was located and removed from the complex

where fire destroyed 24 units.

Two firefighters were transported to a hospital with injuries that were not believed to be life-threatening. Five residents were rescued from the fire and two were treated for minor smoke inhalation, Evans said.

Authorities are trying to determine what sparked the fire, Evans said.

He declined to release details about the firefighter's call for assistance, saying it was a very sensitive matter to victim's family and to the department.

"It's not something that you'd want to hear, you'd want to forget it," Evans said, at times choking back tears during a news conference.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings called Wilson, married with two teenage sons, a hero who laid down his life for citizens.

Texas parents charged after adopted son, 4, dies

CLEBURNE, Texas (AP) — A North Texas husband and wife have been charged with felony injury to a child after their 4-year-old adopted son was found dead at their home.

Cleburne police arrested David and Angel Cook after an autopsy report released Monday indicated Buddy Cook's death was a homicide. The body was discovered March 22.

Earlier Child Protective Services affidavits said Buddy apparently died of dehydration and malnutrition and the parents didn't seek medical attention.

Bond has been set at \$75,000 for each parent. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday did not immediately provide information on whether the couple remained in custody. An attorney for the Cooks didn't immediately respond to messages.

Seven other children removed from

the house after the boy's death remain in foster care.

Texas search team to help after Okla. twister

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Members of an elite search and rescue team from Texas have been dispatched to Oklahoma to help with recovery following a deadly tornado.

Gov. Rick Perry on Monday night announced activation of Texas Task Force 1 (one). The emergency response came after a massive twister Monday afternoon in the Moore, Okla., area left several dozen people dead.

The Texas rescue group includes about 70 first responders who specialize in victim extraction and medical treatment. The team also includes search and rescue dogs, hazardous material specialists and structural engineers.

Texas arrest of suspect in Nashville homicide

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Police in Nashville say Texas state troopers and deputy U.S. marshals have arrested a homicide suspect in Lyford, Texas.



Eric Lozano, who is 31 years old and from Lyford, was arrested Monday night in the killing of Mitchel T. Moreno in a Nashville motel room. Moreno was 52 and was from the Denmark community in Madison County, Tenn.

Police said Lozano is a long haul truck driver.

A maintenance worker at the Cumberland Inn found Moreno dead on May 9. He died of an apparent beating.

If Lozano waives extraction, he will be returned to Nashville to face a criminal homicide charge.

On 6-12-13

A Day in the Life of Howard County

We Want Your Input

Here's how you as a resident of Howard County can take part:

- In whatever focus you choose, chronicle your activities on June 12 • You can write a first-person essay about your day's events. You can do it as a group project with your club, team or social circle. Photos encouraged.
- Submit your story to us by Monday, June 17. email link: newsdesk@bigspringherald.com or walk in.
- Include stories along with photos about your day, the people you encounter, your commute, milestones or even a day's recap of work. We want to know what Howard County does on June 12, and preserve that for future generations.

We're looking for stories that will help form a Snapshot in Time about life in Howard County, so keep in mind that no detail is too small or unimportant.

- Resident's Name:
- City of residence:
- Occupation:
- My day began at (time):
- The first thing I did today was:
- How was the morning?:
- Did anything unusual happen today:
- Who was the most memorable person you met today (name not necessary):
- What was the day's biggest success?:
- What was the day's biggest disappointment (if any):
- How was your drive home?:
- Would you consider today typical?:
- Anything else relevant to your day:

This is a brief outline of the kind of stories we are seeking.

The Herald staff will also be putting together a By The Number list on June 12 as well as taking photos around the county throughout the period that show what a typical day is like. If you are interested in becoming part of this unique effort, contact us at the newspaper at 263-7331 or via the e-mail link: newsdesk@bigspringherald.com Be sure to read the June 30 edition to see how June 12 unfolded for your friends and neighbors in Howard County.

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News in brief

Crews search through the night after tornado slams Oklahoma City suburb, killing at least 51

MOORE, Okla. (AP) — Spotlights bore down on massive piles of shredded cinder block, insulation and metal as crews worked through the night early Tuesday lifting bricks and parts of collapsed walls where a monstrous tornado barreled through the Oklahoma City suburbs, demolishing an elementary school and reducing homes to piles of splintered wood. At least 51 people were killed, including at least 20 children, and those numbers were expected to climb, officials said.

The storm left scores of blocks in Moore barren and dark. Rescuers walked through neighborhoods where Monday's powerful twister flattened home after home and stripped leaves off of trees to see if they could hear any voices calling out from the rubble.

As Monday turned into Tuesday, the town of Moore, a community of 41,000 people 10 miles south of the city, braced for another harrowing, long day.

"As long as we are here ... we are going to hold out hope that we will find survivors," said Trooper Betsy Randolph, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

More than 120 people were being treated at hospitals, including about 50 children. Amy Elliott, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office, said Tuesday that there could be as many as 40 more fatalities from Monday's tornado.

In deadly Okla. tornado's wake, tearful reunions and worrisome waits for parents, children

MOORE, Okla. (AP) — The parents and guardians stood in the muddy grass outside a suburban Oklahoma City church, listening as someone with a bullhorn called out the names of children who were being dropped off — survivors of a deadly tornado that barreled through their community.

For many families, the ordeal ended in bear hugs and tears of joy as loved ones reunited. Others were left to wait in the darkness, hoping for good news while fearing the worst.

At least 20 children are among the more than 50 reported dead so far in Moore, the Oklahoma City suburb ravaged by Monday's tornado that packed winds of up to 200 mph. The twister reduced one elementary school to a heaping mound of rubble and heavily damaged another while also flattening block after block of homes. Officials said early Tuesday the death toll could rise by as many as 40.

At St. Andrews United Methodist Church, parents stared into the distance as they waited, some holding the hands of young children who were missing siblings.

Tonya Sharp and Deanna Wallace sat at a table in the church's gymnasium waiting for their teenage daughters. As Sharp and Wallace spoke, a line of students walked in.

Lawmakers get first crack at IRS commissioner who was in charge when tea party targeted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are getting their first chance to question the former head of the Internal Revenue Service, the man who ran the agency when agents were improperly targeting tea party groups.

Some of the questions on Tuesday will be direct: What did you know, and when did you know it?

They also want to know why former IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman didn't tell Congress that agents had been singling out conservative political

groups for additional scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status — even after he was briefed.

Shulman, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, left the IRS in November when his five-year term ended. He could prove to be a significant player in a scandal that has driven the Obama administration to distraction. Shulman is testifying before the Senate Finance Committee, which has launched a bipartisan investigation into the matter.

On Monday, the White House revealed that chief of staff Denis McDonough and other senior presidential advisers knew in late April that an upcoming inspector general's report was likely to find that IRS employees had inappropriately targeted conservative political groups.

In absence of federal shield law, discretion guides pursuit of reporters' records

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a rare moment in relations between the media and the government: In 2008, FBI Director Robert Mueller called the top editors at The New York Times and The Washington Post to apologize because the bureau had improperly obtained reporters' telephone records four years earlier.

The extraordinary call was an admission that the FBI's actions violated Justice Department policy about seeking journalists' phone records. But nothing about what the FBI did in 2004 appeared to run afoul of any law.

The Justice Department's latest effort to examine whom journalists are talking to — the secret subpoena of Associated Press phone records from April and May of last year — demonstrates how government investigators are guided more by policy and the judgments of high-ranking officials than by specific laws or, in this case, the need to satisfy an independent federal judge.

The AP case involves a criminal investigation into who gave information to the news cooperative's reporters about a foiled bomb plot in Yemen. The AP's May 7, 2012, story attributed details of the operation to unnamed government officials.

The government informed the AP 10 days ago that it had secretly obtained records for 21 phone numbers, including those of the reporters on the bomb plot story. The department's guidelines, first drafted in the wake of Watergate-era government abuses, call for news organizations to be informed before investigators ask phone companies for records unless doing so would compromise the investigation.

When is it OK for wunderkinds to drop out of school? (Hey, it worked for Tumblr's founder!)

NEW YORK (AP) — Thomas Sohmers, 17, of Hudson, Mass., has been working at a research lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since he was 13, developing projects ranging from augmented reality eyewear to laser communications systems. This spring, his mom, Penny Mills, let him drop out of 11th grade. She says she "could see how much of the work he was doing at school wasn't relevant to what he wanted to learn."

On Monday, Thomas and his mom learned that he is in esteemed company as a high-school dropout with a knack for computers: David Karp, 26, sold Tumblr, the online blogging forum he created, to Yahoo for \$1.1 billion.

Examples of tech geniuses who lack college degrees are well-known — Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Mark Zuckerberg among them. But Karp left high school after his freshman year, with his mother's blessing, at the tender age of 14.

Critics say dropping out of school to pursue a dream is a terrible idea. Vivek Wadhwa, a fellow at Stanford Law School who teaches and advises startup companies, says it's like "buying a lottery ticket — that's how good your odds are here. More

likely than not, you will become unemployed. For every success, there are 100,000 failures."

But what about kids who are so good at computer programming that schools can't teach them what they need to know? "That's what internships are for; that's what extracurricular activities are for," says Wadhwa, who has founded two companies.

After days on pins and needles, chilled Mass. sea turtles recovering with help of acupuncture

QUINCY, Mass. (AP) — Two endangered sea turtles that are shells of their former selves after getting stranded on Cape Cod during a cold spell are getting some help easing back into the wild — from an acupuncturist.

Dexter and Fletcher Moon, juvenile Kemp's Ridley sea turtles, remained calm as acupuncturist Claire McManus gently tapped more than a dozen needles into their grayish-green, leathery skin during a therapy session intended to decrease inflammation and swelling on their front flippers, restore a full range of motion on those limbs and help the animals regain their appetites.

"There aren't a lot of people doing sea turtle acupuncture," said McManus, who works alongside a vet to find parts of the marine mammals' bodies corresponding to locations where acupuncturists put needles to treat front limbs. "There is not a whole lot of literature out there on turtle acupuncture, so I'm basing it on how we treat other animals and humans."

McManus uses particularly thin needles for sea turtle acupuncture.

"The needles, they are tiny, no bigger, like having a mosquito bite. You notice there's no blood," McManus said. "You can probably fit four or five of these inside the type of a needle you'd use to draw blood, so they didn't really feel it."

Syria says it destroys Israeli vehicle that crossed ceasefire line in Golan Heights

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The Syrian military says it has destroyed an Israeli vehicle that crossed the ceasefire line in the Golan Heights.

A statement issued by the Syrian Armed Forces says its troops destroyed the vehicle "with those in it." It did not elaborate, but said any attempt to infiltrate Syria's sovereignty will face "immediate and firm retaliation."

The Israeli military said earlier Tuesday that gunfire from Syria hit an Israeli patrol on the Golan Heights overnight, damaging a vehicle and prompting the troops to fire back.

The military said on Tuesday that the Israeli troops reported a "direct hit" from the return fire but provided no further details.

Ray Manzarek, keyboardist and founding member of rock group The Doors, dies at 74 from cancer

(AP) — Ray Manzarek, a founding member of the 1960s rock group The Doors whose versatile and often haunting keyboards complemented Jim Morrison's gloomy baritone and helped set the mood for some of rock's most enduring songs, has died. He was 74.

Manzarek died Monday in Rosenheim, Germany, surrounded by his family, said publicist Heidi Robinson-Fitzgerald. She said the musician's manager, Tom Vitorino, confirmed Manzarek died after being stricken with bile duct cancer.

The Doors' original lineup, which also included drummer John Densmore and guitarist Robbie Krieger, was only together for a few years and they only made six studio albums. But the band has retained a large and obsessive following decades after Morrison's 1971 death. The Doors have sold more than 100 million records and songs such as "Light My Fire" and "Riders On the Storm" are still "classic" rock favorites. For Doors admirers, the band symbolized the darker side of the Los Angeles lifestyle, what happened to the city after the sun went down and the Beach Boys fans headed home.

The Doors' vibe "has more to do with Charles Bukowski than it does with Farrah Fawcett," said John Doe of punk band X, a friend of Manzarek's for more than 30 years, referring to the poet and 'Charlie's Angels' star, respectively. "It has more to do with Raymond Chandler and Nathaniel West, and 'Sunset Boulevard' the movie, than it does with 'Beach Blanket Bingo,' right? ... It's a real dark place out in LA."


Recovered remains of Pa. WWII veteran to be buried

FREEMANSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A military burial is scheduled in eastern Pennsylvania for a World War II soldier whose remains were recovered after more than 65 years.

The Express-Times reports William Yawney was a 23-year-old Army private when he was killed on Saipan in July 1944, as Allied forces were trying to secure the island.

The family initially received a letter saying he had been buried at a military cemetery in Saipan, but the Department of Defense later said no grave for Yawney was found. The department said an archaeological company working in Saipan uncovered remains in 2011 that were confirmed to be Yawney's.

Now, the family has scheduled a full military burial for 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Cemetery in Northampton.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Spectacular Defense

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 2
♥ K 10 8 4 3
♦ 8
♣ K Q 10 9 8

WEST
♠ 9
♥ J 9
♦ K Q 9 5 4 3 2
♣ A 3 2

EAST
♠ 10 8 7 6 4 3
♥ A Q 7 6
♦ 7 6
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 5
♥ 5 2
♦ A J 10
♣ J 7 6 5

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ 1♥ 1♠ 2NT
Pass 3♣ Pass 3NT
Dble Pass Pass Redble
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Consider this deal of ancient vintage that features defense of the highest order. The bidding was certainly wild and woolly, but it is presented here as it occurred. It is hard to find any sensible reason for West's double of three notrump — nor can South's redouble be categorized as the milquetoast type either.

Looking at only the North-South hands, it is hard to imagine going down at three notrump, but declarer did go down and, actually, was helpless in the matter.

Warned by the redouble that South was prepared for a spade or diamond lead, West found the inspired opening lead of the jack of hearts. Declarer played the king from dummy, won by East with the ace.

East returned a diamond, and South had no choice but to finesse. West took the jack with the queen and returned the nine of hearts, whereupon South made the exceptionally fine play of a low heart from dummy. This unusual play would have brought home the contract except that declarer found in East a foeman worthy of his steel.

East overtook the nine with the queen, even though by doing so he established three heart tricks in dummy. East's diamond return was then the killer. Declarer now could do no better than cash his eight winners — four spades, three hearts and a diamond — before going down one.

East's deliberate sacrifice of three tricks, together with West's fine opening lead, combined to sink what seemed to be an unbeatable contract. At no point in the play could declarer have overcome the pinpoint accuracy of the defense he encountered.

Tomorrow: Double with even, pass with odd.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 14

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.

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

Steers receive All-District honors

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

Several Big Spring High School student-athletes were selected to represent District 4-3A.

After a 20-win season, a second consecutive bi-district title and laying claim to some bragging rights — the Steers defeated longtime regional Abilene-Wylie as well as the regional 3A favorite, Lubbock-Cooper — BSHS Head Coach Bert Otto is pleased his players are receiving some attention, especially the seniors who will be

departing.

“It’s a tribute to the hard work they’ve put in and all they’ve accomplished,” said Otto, who is stepping down as manager in order to spend more time with his family after helping to rebuild the Steer baseball program. “We’re going to miss our seniors. They have set the bar for the younger players.”

Also populating the All-District roster were Big Spring underclassmen.

“Anytime you can get a few younger kids on the all-district list, that’s good,” Otto explained. “That keeps

the tradition going.”

And whether Otto — who will remain at Big Spring as a history teacher — is at the helm of the baseball team or not, he will continue to be the Steers’ No. 1 fan.

“There are a lot of good kids that will be coming back,” Otto added. “I look for our baseball team to be strong again next year. They have done a great job. I am glad they are being recognized.”

Big Spring finished with a 6-4 district record, then defeated Pecos in the bi-district round of the playoffs before

being eliminated in three games by the state-ranked Cooper Pirates.

**2013 4-3A All-District
First Team**

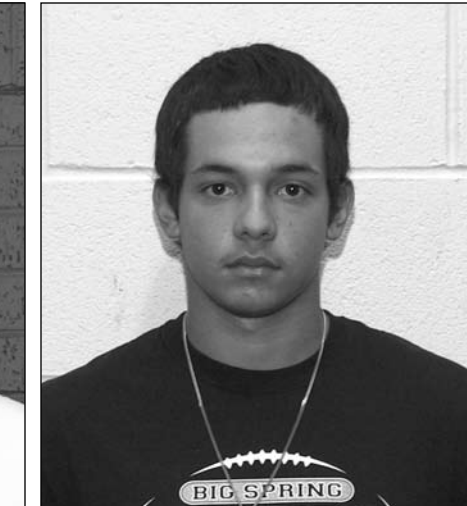
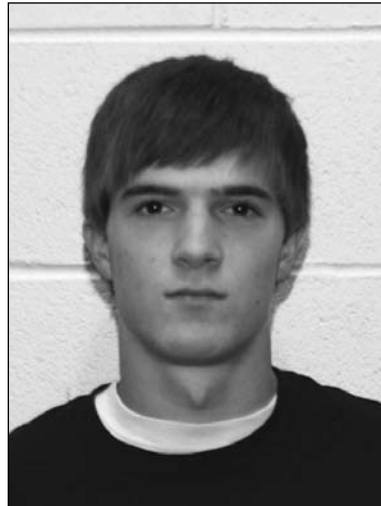
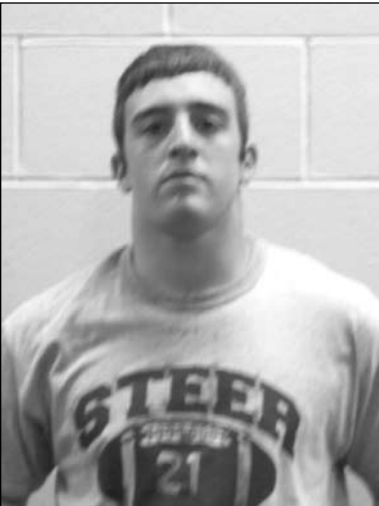
District MVP: Garrett Martin, sr., Wylie.

Offensive MVP: Sterling Bristow, sr., Wylie.

Defensive MVP: Grag Aiken, jr., Sweetwater.

Newcomer of the Year: J.P. Poe, so. Sweetwater.

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Max Pappajohn Jarred DoPorto Brett Borman Joseph Morelion Matthew Yanez

Lindblom loses 1st start, Rangers fall to A's 9-2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Josh Lindblom pitched out of trouble several times early in his debut as a major league starter. The Texas right-hander couldn't do it in the fifth inning.

Seth Smith homered and scored three times, Bartolo Colon pitched seven strong innings for his first win in a month and the Oakland A's beat the Rangers 9-2 on Monday night.

Coco Crisp got three hits, and had the first of three straight Oakland doubles in a four-run fifth inning that broke a 1-1 tie. He scored when Yoenis Cespedes hit a line drive just over Adrian Beltre's head with the third baseman playing in, and Cespedes came home on Brandon Moss' line drive to the wall in right.

Lindblom (0-1), who came to Texas as a reliever, was replaced by left-hander Joseph Or-

tiz after striking out Josh Donaldson in the fourth. Smith hit an RBI single and went to second when left fielder David Murphy dropped the ball trying to make a throw home. The error allowed Smith to score on a single by Chris Young for a 5-1 Oakland lead.

“Fastball command was a little off today,” Lindblom said. “I wasn't able to command my heater in and out, which has kind of been my staple all year.”

Colon celebrated his 40th birthday a few days early with something he's enjoyed quite a few times over the years: a win over the Rangers.

Colon, who turns 40 on Friday, gave up two runs on six hits and struck out three. It was the first win for Colon (4-2) since April 23 at Boston, and he joined Bert Blyleven, Dennis Leonard and Jack Morris as the pitchers with

the most wins over the Rangers at 19.

“I like to pitch here,” Colon, who has 175 wins in 16 seasons, said through a translator. “I don't know why.”

Smith's opposite-field homer to left for a 1-0 lead in the second was the 13th straight solo homer for the A's, tying a franchise record set in 2007. Smith had one of the run-scoring hits in the fifth, and Jed Lowrie had three hits, including one of five doubles for Oakland.

The two outs Smith made were with the bases loaded as the A's stranded a season-high 15. Texas pitchers walked a season-high eight, although two were intentional.

Even Colon had problems with walks — by his standards. He matched his season total by walking Geovany Soto twice.

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Site of Super Bowl 50 to be determined today

BOSTON (AP) — Where the Super Bowl will celebrate a half-century of existence will be decided this week by NFL owners.

They have two choices for the 50th anniversary game in 2016: the San Francisco Bay Area and South Florida.

The 49ers' new stadium is being built and is scheduled to open for the 2014 season. With the NFL showing a penchant for bringing its championship game to new venues — Dallas and Indianapolis very recently, New Jersey next February — Santa Clara would appear to have a strong chance. Only once has the Bay Area staged a Super Bowl, in 1985 at Stanford Stadium.

“I think with the new stadium ... we can host a Super Bowl there,” said Hall of Fame receiver Jerry Rice. “It's going to be awesome. So I realize there's a lot of history at Candlestick. To stay competitive in the NFL, this is something we have really needed for a long, long time, and I think it's going to be awesome.”

Not so awesome for the Miami area was a defeat in the state Legislature earlier this month that could severely damage its hopes of being chosen as the 2016 host. Or, for that matter, for South Florida to beat Houston for the 2017 game should it lose to San

Francisco for the 50th edition. Both sites will be decided Tuesday.

The Dolphins were denied public money for a stadium upgrade. Multi-billionaire Dolphins owner Stephen Ross contends \$350 million in stadium improvements are badly needed, but he doesn't want to pay for them by himself. Nor does he want a scaled-down renovation of the 26-year-old facility.

“The House leadership has made our efforts to bring the Super Bowl back to Miami and South Florida much more difficult,” said Rodney Barreto, chairman of the South Florida Super Bowl Host Committee.

Miami does have experience on its side, having hosted 10 Super Bowls, tied with New Orleans for the most. All of the South Florida title games have been successful, although the only outdoor Super Bowl played in the rain was held there in 2007 when Peyton Manning and the Colts won the championship.

“This is not the stadium we had hoped we could include in the bid,” Dolphins CEO Mike Dee said. “But we will be there when the NFL owners vote, and we'll put our best foot forward.”

A three-quarters majority of

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Reed, Cushing miss Texans' spring workout

HOUSTON (AP) — Safety Ed Reed missed the Houston Texans' first spring workout on Monday as he recovers from hip surgery in Colorado.

Coach Gary Kubiak said Reed is “doing really well.”

The nine-time Pro Bowler signed a three-year contract in free agency and will miss organized team activities.

“The expectations are for him to leave Colorado sometime this week,” Kubiak said. “But it's going good.”

Linebacker Brian Cushing will also miss OTAs as he recovers from left knee surgery. Cushing tore his anterior cruciate ligament after a rolling hit by New York Jets guard Matt Slauson on Oct. 8.

He said his rehab has gone well and he has no restrictions on the knee.

“There haven't been any setbacks,” Cushing said. “It's felt great, I'm starting to feel like me again. That's a hell of a feeling, considering how hard it was some mornings just to get up.”

First-round pick DeAndre Hopkins took the field for the first time with Andre Johnson, the star receiver that Hopkins was brought in to complement with his big-play ability.

“I'm not thinking too much about it, I'm thinking through it,” Hopkins said. “I'm trying to make everything perfect.”

Hopkins impressed coaches at last weekend's rookie minicamp and Johnson said Hop-

kins has been a quick study this week.

“He seems to know everything,” Johnson said. “I haven't seen him make any mistakes as far as lining up or anything like that and he hasn't busted any plays. It's all been positive so far.”

Quarterback Matt Schaub, who missed OTAs last year as he recovered from a broken foot, said Hopkins already carries himself like a veteran.

“It's only day one out here, but you see that he's not got the ‘deer in the headlights’ look,” Schaub said. With the addition of Hopkins, Johnson thinks the Texans will have the best collection of receivers in his time in Houston.

Hopkins joined Lestar Jean, an undrafted free agent in 2011, and 2012 draft

pick Keshawn Martin in Monday's drills.

DeVier Posey, a third-round pick last year, watched Monday's practice from the sideline as he recovers from a torn Achilles tendon suffered in the playoffs.

Kubiak said Posey is ahead of schedule in his rehab and wants to beat the projection that he'll start the season on the physically unable to perform (PUP) list.

Montgomery and Williams play outside linebacker and Kubiak says OTAs provide a good opportunity for Reed to explore the new spot.

Reed has been an outside linebacker since the Texans drafted him in 2011 and he's been working with Cushing to learn to play inside.

Astros top Royals

HOUSTON (AP) — The Kansas City Royals lost three straight games by one run this weekend to the Oakland Athletics.

On Monday, the location changed but the result was the same when the Houston Astros got a 6-5 win.

Matt Dominguez hit a three-run homer and Jason Castro added a solo shot to give the Astros the victory. The Royals fell to 7-11 in one-run games this season and have lost 10 of their past 14 games overall.

“We had some opportunities where if we got a big hit, who knows,” manager Ned Yost said. “Anytime you lose a one-run game, you go back and look at the opportunities where you missed throughout the game. There were no blaring opportunities, but the way things are going right now, we're struggling to get that hit.”

The Astros trailed by one in the fourth inning before Dominguez launched his fourth homer of the season in left field to give Houston a 6-4 lead.

Castro's homer came in Houston's two-run third inning before Kansas City took the lead on a three-run home run by Miguel Tejada in the fourth. It was his first homer since 2011.

Houston's Dallas Keuchel (1-1) allowed nine hits and four runs while striking out six in 6 2-3 innings for the win. He was helped by three double plays turned by his defense, which lead the majors with 60. Closer Jose Veras struck out two in a perfect ninth for his seventh save.

Kansas City starter Jeremy Guthrie (5-2) allowed eight hits and a season-high six runs in five innings — his shortest start of the season.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The person pressuring you believes that his or her personal agenda is more important than your comfort. When none of the options please you, you can always decide not to decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember what you wanted so badly? Now you have it, and you want entirely different things. You can appreciate the cycle, wherever you are in it. Your wishes keep you rolling forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June

Tomorrow's Horoscope

21). The wonderful parts of life are often offset by something dismal. This is the way of the world, and you deal with each scenario as it comes, interpreting it in your own poetic way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Instead of trying to cope with the circumstance, you want to change it. You'll take on what you can. You may have a hard time accepting the fact that not everything is within your control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have great feelings for beauty now, and you'll appreciate the seemingly disordered aspects of it. You'll direct people's attention to things they wouldn't have noticed, and this is a kind of mitzvah.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Power can be a phantom. Its sources are not always apparent. Keep this in mind

as you assess your opposition and strategize your own rise to power.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As valid as your concerns may be, it's not important that each one gets addressed now. Helping others who are in need will give you the benefit of perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In the heat of the moment, your conversational partner will try to prove a wrongheaded point. Let it go. To argue would be proof that you care to be considered superior, which is wrongheaded in and of itself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your golden productivity hours will be in the morning. Do a job at 9 a.m. when your mind is fresh. At 9 p.m., the same job will take you twice as long to complete.

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Jan. 19). Things that look good "on paper" look even better when carefully arranged within the electrified framework of a popular social media sight. The reality of such things may be nonexistent. Stay alert.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The egos involved at work may slow everyone's progress. There are politics to be played here. People who think a lot of their own contributions want full credit before they move forward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't like to be tricked by anyone, but especially not by a business, because that shows ill intent on many levels. People who do not stop a wrong from happening are culpable, and you'll do what it takes to deliver justice.

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between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on (entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el May 29, 2013 (29 de Mayo, 2013) and ending on (y terminando el) June 4, 2013 (4 de Junio, 2013)

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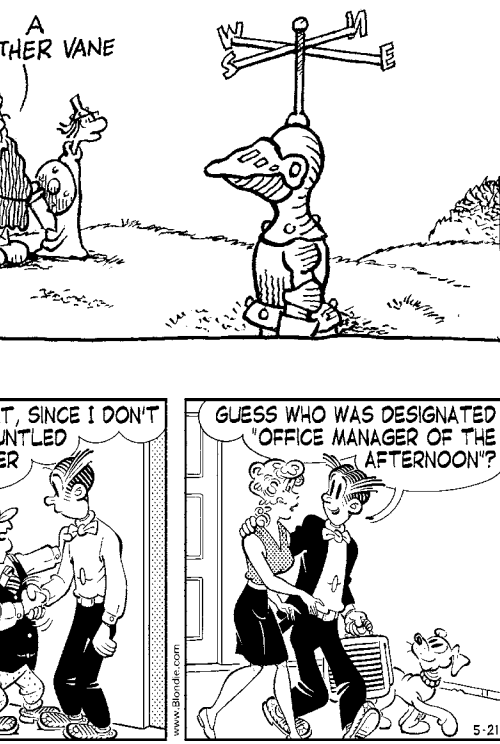
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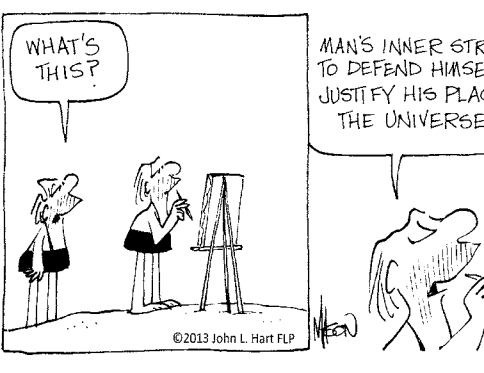
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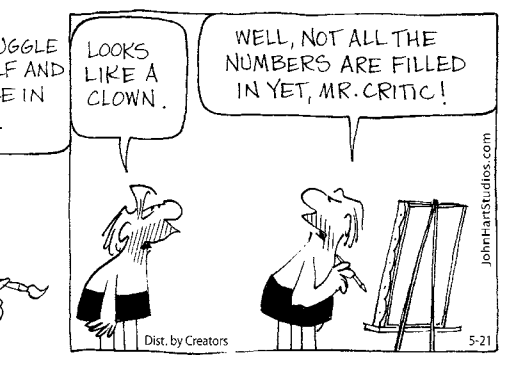
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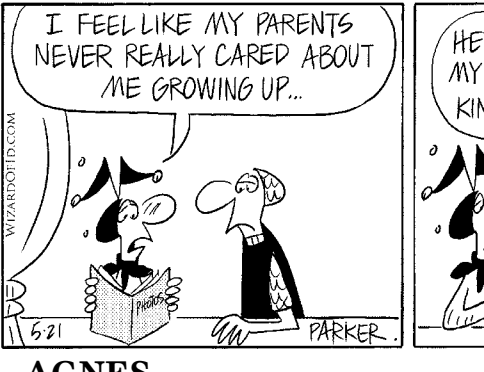
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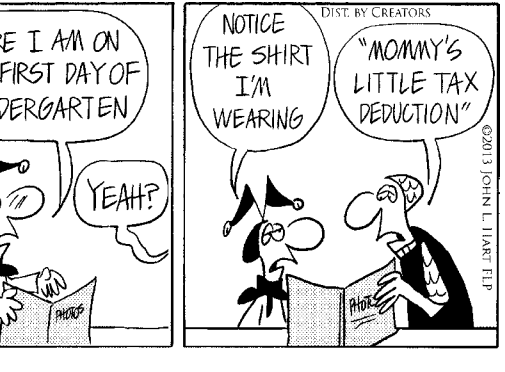
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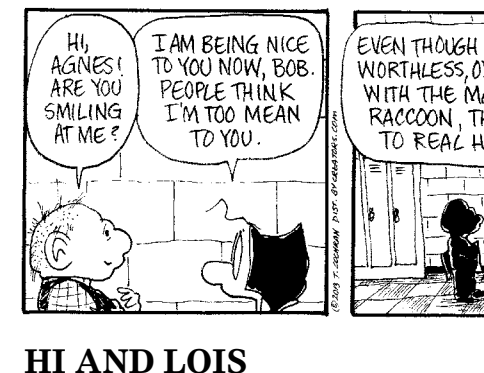
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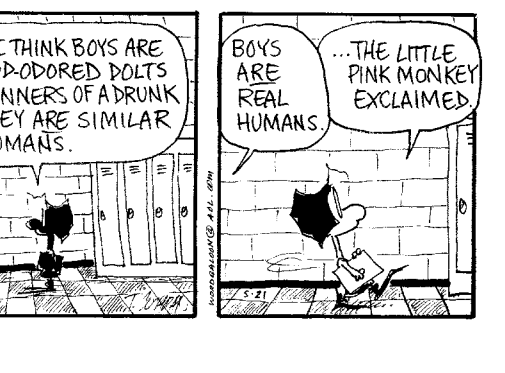
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18 Without assistance
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23 Unhappy
24 Before, in poems
25 Brief but meaningful
28 Taxi
31 Moon's path
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38 Memorable period
39 Low-cost sources of enjoyment
42 Recipe abbr.
43 More spooky
44 Sparrow's home
45 Roll the cameras
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48 Quick with the quips
49 Jamaican liquor
51 Low even number
52 Boot-camp curriculum
59 Prayer's ending

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 21, the 141st day of 2013. There are 224 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On May 21, 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.
On this date:
In 1471, King Henry VI of England died in the Tower of London at age 49.
In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.
In 1863, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was officially organized.
In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.
In 1892, the opera

"Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, premiered in Milan, Italy.

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33-hours.
In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after the ship's passengers and crew were allowed to board lifeboats.
In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.
In 1959, the musical "Gypsy," inspired by the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, opened on Broadway with Ethel Merman starring as Mama Rose.
In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.
In 1982, during the

Falklands War, British amphibious forces landed on the beach at San Carlos Bay.

In 1998, teen gunman Kip Kinkel opened fire inside Thurston High School in Springfield, Ore., killing two students, a day after he'd killed his parents. (Kinkel was sentenced to nearly 112 years in prison.)
In the wake of deadly protests, Indonesia President Suharto stepped down after 32 years in power.
Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 72.
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Answer to previous puzzle

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30 Run in the wash
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37 Rower's implement
40 "We'd like to try"
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Romo to miss workouts after cyst removal on back

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo will miss at least three weeks of offseason workouts after a procedure to remove a cyst from his back.

The team's website reported Tuesday that Romo underwent the procedure last month and could return for the mandatory minicamp that starts June 11. He will be ready for training camp in July.

Romo signed a six-year, \$108 million extension with \$55 million guaranteed in March.

The Dallas Morning News reported that the outpatient procedure was performed before the NFL draft.

Romo was restricted to light conditioning work in April but has been cleared to throw.

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the 32 owners is required on the first ballot Tuesday. If neither city gets that, then a simple majority wins on the next ballot.

The loser in the 2016 bidding will face Houston for the 2017 Super Bowl. Houston hosted the 2004 game.

Texans owner Bob McNair is cautious about his city's chances, even with South Florida's political and financial struggles.

“Certainly what happened doesn't help Miami's bid. There's no doubt about that,” McNair said. “But that doesn't say that the owners couldn't decide to still go to Miami.”

For years, it was thought the NFL would seek to stage the 50th Super Bowl in Los Angeles, where the first one was played (but did not sell

out) on Jan. 15, 1967. But with no franchise in LA and no suitable stadium projects approved, that hope disappeared.

Next Feb. 2, the game goes outdoors in a cold-weather site for the first time, at MetLife Stadium in the New Jersey Meadowlands. If that gamble pays off for the NFL, look for other cities in similar climates — Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago, Den-

ver — to bid for future Super Bowls.

The league also has expressed great satisfaction with how Indianapolis handled the big game in 2012. New Orleans is a regular bidder, and Commissioner Roger Goodell has said the power outage during last year's game will not impact voting on the Big Easy hosting another Super Bowl.

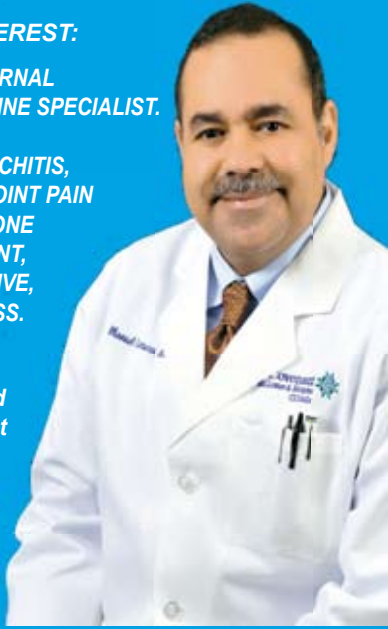
The 2015 game will be played in the Phoenix area.

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RANGERS

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“Those don't happen too often,” A's manager Bob Melvin said.

Top Texas prospect Jurickson Profar made his first appearance in the majors this year at second base and was immediately put to the test by Crisp, who had infield hits his first two times up despite Profar's best efforts. The 20-year-old went far to his left to grab the first one and fielded the next almost behind the bag at second, but Crisp beat the throw both times.

Profar drove in both Texas runs without a hit, scoring Soto with a grounder in the third and Mitch Moreland with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

“The first one, we needed a groundball, he got the groundball,” Rangers manager Ron Washington said. “He handled his at-bats well tonight. We scored two runs, he got both of

them.”

With Ian Kinsler on the disabled list because of bruised ribs, Profar is back with the Rangers after homering in his first big league at-bat as a 19-year-old last year.

“I'm feeling more comfortable in the box and on the field,” said Profar, who hit .424 during an eight-game hitting streak that included the first multihomer game of his career before getting called up from Triple-A Round Rock. “It starts from there.”

Colon was helped by three double plays in the first four innings, including a pair started by Moss at first base when he snagged hard grounders from Lance Berkman and Moreland, stepped on the bag and got the runners trying to go to second.

He came out after throwing 95 pitches.

“I mean, he's 40 and we'd like to try to get him through a season,” Melvin said. “So anything over 100 for me is starting to get a little uncomfortable for me. To

give us seven, just short of 100, is terrific.”

Lindblom, who was in the deal that sent franchise hits leader Michael Young to Philadelphia, gave up seven hits and four runs in 4-2-3 innings filling in for Alexi Ogando, who's on the disabled list with right biceps tendinitis.

The 25-year-old had 101 relief appearances over two seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers and Phillies but struggled in the Texas bullpen during spring training. The Rangers decided to try him as a starter at Round Rock, where he was 4-0 with a 2.08 ERA.

Lindblom was sent back to Round Rock after the game but could return and make another start in a doubleheader against Arizona next Monday.

“He's just got to get the ball down,” Washington said. “He showed a good changeup tonight. Showed some life on his fastball. Just in that fifth inning, I don't know if he was a little tired but he just started elevating the ball.”

DISTRICT

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First Team

Pitchers: Adam Franco, jr., Big Spring; Taylor Munkres, fr., Snyder; Kutter Derryberry, so., Snyder; James Clift, jr., Sweetwater; Blake Frampton, jr., Wylie.

Catchers: Sean Morrow, sr., Sweetwater; Christian Fletcher, so., Snyder.

1st Base: Haegan Rodri-

guez, jr., Big Spring.

Infield: Max Pappajohn, sr., Big Spring; Brett Borman, jr., Big Spring; Dylan Bennett, jr., Sweetwater; Cole Maxwell, sr., Sweetwater; Brenon Rhodes, sr., Snyder; Jason Bounds, jr., Wylie; Luis Carrasco, jr.; Monahans.

Outfield: Gunnar Kennedy, sr., Big Spring; Jarred DoPorto, sr., Big Spring; Stephen May, jr., Sweetwater; Brandon Davis, sr., Snyder; Zane Helms,

sr., Greenwood; Braden Upp, sr., Wylie; Kaleb Hoover, jr., Sweetwater.

Utility: Skillet Rineheart, jr., Snyder.

Designated Hitter: John Lauve, sr., Wylie.

Second Team

Pitchers: Zach Long, sr., Greenwood.

Catchers: Joseph Morelion, sr., Big Spring; Jake Linn, sr., Wylie; Zach Redwine, so., Greenwood.

1st Base: Garrett Carlisle, sr., Greenwood.

Infield: Hunter Hill,

so., Big Spring; Bryan Venegas, jr., Monahans; Austin Rains, jr., Wylie; Jordan Holmes, jr., Greenwood.

Outfield: Karsten Knudson, sr., Big Spring; Shawn Campbell, sr., Sweetwater; Rogelio Saucedo, sr., Monahans; Cole Townsend, sr., Wylie; Jacob Chappell, so., Snyder.

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