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Police investigating Wednesday shooting

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials say it's unclear if the early Wednesday morning shooting that sent a Big Spring man to the emergency room was an accident or a suicide attempt, as the investigation into the shooting continues. Robert Diaz, 30, of Big Spring was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center shortly after the incident, which was reported to law enforcement at approximately 6:37 a.m.

"Officers responded to the 3700 block of Hatch Road shortly after 6:30 a.m. in response to a report of a subject with a gunshot wound," Everett said. "Once on

the scene, officers discovered Diaz had suffered a gunshot wound to the chest. He was taken to SMMC and then later transported by helicopter to University Medical Center in Lubbock. It's unclear at this time what his condition is."

Everett said Diaz is believed to have suffered the gunshot wound at his residence — located at 3718 Hatch Rd. — and walked to a neighboring home to get help.

"At this point, it appears Diaz was in his residence when the shooting took place," Everett said. "There is no evi-

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BBQ Fest to benefit Scottish Rite hospital

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Good food and a good cause will intersect Saturday when the Big Spring Eagles Lodge holds its second annual BBQ Fest.

Lodge members will serve barbecue meals with all the fixings beginning at noon Saturday to benefit the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Lubbock.

Last year's inaugural event raised \$5,000 for the hospital.

"I know times are a little tougher now, but we hope to at least match that amount this year," said Club Member Paul Moran, who has a long history of supporting Scottish Rite programs.

"It's something I've been very proud to support all these years," he said. "And the people here in Big Spring also have been big supporters. I'm very proud to have moved here."

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Paul Moran
Eagles Lodge member

Moran, who moved to Big Spring in 2007, said he approached his fellow Eagles a year ago, hoping to simply secure a donation for the hospital.

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In the above photo, Braden Maxwell is busy coloring at the Big Spring YMCA Child Care Center Tuesday afternoon. While Braden was busy drawing, Aaron Ogeda, left, and Cayde Bryans busied themselves with a game of dominoes, as shown in the photo at left.

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After blast, West fights to keep residents

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**

Associated Press

WEST, Texas — John Crowder stood on the gray concrete slab where his house once was, pointing out one spot after another. There was the garage where an overflow of guests would eat their Christmas dinner. There was the dining room where he ate meals with his wife and college-bound daughter.

There was the chair where he would have been sitting, had he been home the night of the fertilizer plant explosion that ruined his home and many others in West.

"All the memories come back to mind. You think about the good times you had there," said Crowder, who watched the house come

"We want people in West — that's my charge. My job is to keep them here and to convince them, one way or the other, to plan on building."

Tommy Muska
West mayor

down last week. "That was hard. But that's an important step. That's the only way to move forward."

The slabs popping up across town are one sign that the effort to rebuild West has just begun, almost two months after an explosion that killed 15, injured 200 and forever changed life here. Town officials and many lifelong residents desperately want

to keep people from moving away, but they face many obstacles: rebuilding schools and water lines, helping residents who in some cases are short tens of thousands of dollars and reassuring residents that their once-tranquil streets will be safe again.

Many displaced residents promise they will try to come back, saying they missed West's quiet streets and

friendly neighbors. Even by the standards of a small Texas town, roots run deep in a community where many of the last names, street names and bakeries serving kolache pastries still recall West's Czech origins.

But there's still no running drinkable water in the area closest to West Fertilizer Co., now a 93-foot-wide crater where investigators could not figure out what caused the blast. The school district hopes to put older students this fall in portable buildings on the lot where part of the middle school once stood. And it's unclear where many people, particularly residents of an assisted-living center partially caved in after the

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Obituaries

Ernie Paul



Ernie Paul, 44, of Kingfisher, Okla., formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, June 1, 2013, in Kingfisher, Okla. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He will lie in state at the funeral home beginning Friday, June 7, 2013.

Ernie was born Jan. 30, 1969, in Big Spring. He had worked as a roughneck all his life and followed the jobs wherever they would take him.

Survivors include a son, Eddie Lee Paul and a daughter, Jeana Marie Paul, both of Kingfisher, Okla.; two brothers, Wayne Paul of Midland and Frank Paul of Abilene; and one sister, Peggy Starnes of Iowa Park, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eddie and Mary (McCullin) Paul; and one brother, Jimmy Lee Paul.

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

Madrid Luene Anderson Robinson

Madrid Luene Anderson Robinson, 92, of Statesville, N.C., formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, May 2, 2013, in Statesville, N.C. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating.

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. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- BRENNA LE'DAE HILL, 21, of 601 W. 15th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LYDIA MARIE HERNANDEZ, 19, of 1519 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- LUCAS ANTHONY LOPEZ, 18, of 2517 Albrook Dr., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- RICKIE DELL HAIR, 39, of 1007 S. Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - no insurance.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1000 block of N.W. Fourth Street. In the 1200 block of S. Runnels.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2700 block of S. Anderson Road.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- LUCAS ANTHONY LOPEZ, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- FAUSTO QUEZADA JR., 39, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Support Groups

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 U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia reminded producers they have until Friday to apply for assistance for 2011 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. The program provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or quality losses. For more information about the Farm Service Agency's disaster assistance programs, visit the local FSA county office or <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum will be having a clearance sale of all Gift Shop items and some specialty items from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Everything will be 75 percent off! Visit www.hangar25airmuseum.com for information on the Gift Shop items.

• God's Backyard Bible Camp will be held over five days in Coahoma and Sand Springs. Day one will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in Coahoma city park. On June 15, the 9-11 a.m. event will move to Sand Springs at the open lot on Texas Road. The final three days will be June 17-19 at Midway Baptist Church from 9 a.m. until noon. Fun-filled activities, games and snacks will be provided. Transportation is available. Children ages 3 through the sixth grade are welcome. Registration is required but there is no fee. Call 432-263-6274 for questions or to reserve transportation.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Chorus rehearsals for July 3's Pops in the Park will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday of the month - June 4, 11, 18 and 25. The location will be at the First United Methodist Church chorus rehearsal room. Enter the north door in the alleyway. Anyone who has the time to attend all four rehearsals is welcome to participate. For more information, contact Dr. Keith Graumann at 432-213-0645 or keithgraumann@yahoo.com

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• 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.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclo-

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 6/7	Sat 6/8	Sun 6/9
89/66	90/67	93/71
Some clouds and possibly an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. A few storms may be severe. High 89F.	Scattered thunderstorms. High in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:39 AM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM
Sunset: 8:51 PM	Sunset: 8:51 PM	Sunset: 8:51 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	64	t-storm	Kingsville	96	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	79	59	pt sunny	Livingston	90	66	t-storm
Austin	93	68	t-storm	Longview	82	65	t-storm
Beaumont	88	70	t-storm	Lubbock	81	60	t-storm
Brownsville	94	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	90	67	t-storm
Brownwood	90	65	t-storm	Midland	89	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	94	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	65	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	71	t-storm
Dallas	83	66	t-storm	San Antonio	94	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	77	pt sunny	San Marcos	94	69	t-storm
El Paso	96	71	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	64	t-storm
Fort Stockton	91	66	t-storm	Sweetwater	85	64	t-storm
Gainesville	78	60	t-storm	Tyler	84	65	t-storm
Greenville	80	63	t-storm	Weatherford	80	62	t-storm
Houston	92	71	t-storm	Wichita Falls	81	61	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	68	t-storm	Minneapolis	64	52	cloudy
Boston	74	55	cloudy	New York	70	63	cloudy
Chicago	66	51	rain	Phoenix	106	78	sunny
Dallas	83	66	t-storm	San Francisco	65	54	pt sunny
Denver	77	54	mst sunny	Seattle	77	55	pt sunny
Houston	92	71	t-storm	St. Louis	78	61	t-storm
Los Angeles	73	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	79	70	rain
Miami	86	77	rain				

Moon Phases



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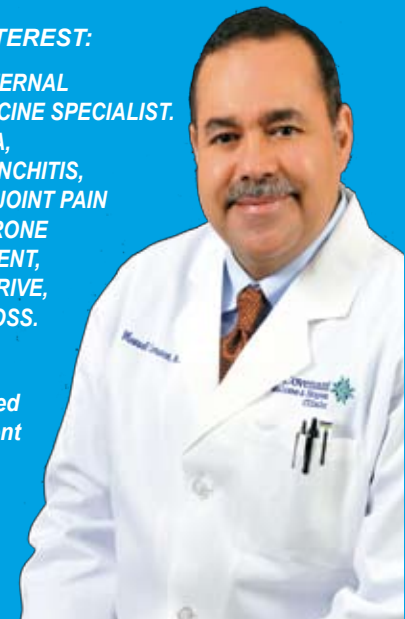
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Committee passes bill to address sexual assaults

WASHINGTON (AP) — With broad support from Republicans and Democrats, a House committee Wednesday approved legislation to tackle the growing problem of sexual assault in the armed forces by taking away the power of military commanders to overturn convictions in rape and assault cases.

The bill passed by the House Armed Services Committee also requires that anyone found guilty of a sex-related crime receive a punishment that includes, at a minimum, a dismissal from military service or a dishonorable discharge.

"The word should go out clearly and strongly that if you commit a sexual assault in the military, you are out," said Rep. Michael Turner, R-Ohio. Turner and Rep. Niki Tsongas, D-Mass., wrote many of the provisions in the House bill.

By stripping commanders of their longstanding authority to reverse or change court-martial convictions, lawmakers are aiming to shake up the military's culture and give

victims the confidence that if they report a crime their allegations won't be discounted and they won't face retaliation.

Frustration has been building on Capitol Hill for weeks over the Defense Department's failure to staunch sexual assaults in the ranks.

The Pentagon estimated in a recent report that as many as 26,000 military members may have been sexually assaulted last year, up from an estimated 19,000 assaults in 2011, based on an anonymous survey of military personnel. While the number of sexual assaults that members of the military actually reported rose 6 percent to 3,374 in 2012, thousands of victims were still unwilling to come forward despite new oversight and assistance programs aimed at curbing the crimes, the report said.

"The military has obviously been unable to solve this problem independently," Tsongas said.

The legislation is part of a sweeping defense

policy bill that the Republican-led Armed Services Committee pulled together during a daylong session. The \$638 billion measure for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 included \$86 billion for the war in Afghanistan as well as contentious provisions on the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and nuclear weapons.

The full House is expected to vote on the bill next week.

Despite the congressional clamor to cut the deficit, the committee bill rejects several Pentagon attempts to save money. It spares a version of the Global Hawk unmanned aircraft, rebuffs attempts to increase health care fees for retirees and their dependents, and opposes another round of domestic base closures.

In fact, the panel didn't just say no to more base closings, it went as far as including a provision barring the Pentagon from even planning for another round.

That drew ridicule from Rep. Adam Smith,

D-Wash., who offered an amendment essentially eliminating the prohibition on the Pentagon thinking ahead. Smith said it made no sense to tie the Pentagon's hands as it faces smaller budgets.

But Smith's amendment was soundly rejected, 44-18. Several Republicans argued that they didn't want the Pentagon wasting time planning for an effort that Congress would never accept.

The committee approved an amendment to provide \$140 million as a down payment to install ground-based interceptors at a new missile defense site on the East Coast to expand the country's defenses from a potential ballistic missile attack by Iran. The measure would require the site at a yet-to-be-determined location to be ready by 2018.

Overall, the bill fails to acknowledge the automatic, across-the-board spending cuts that Washington has grudgingly accepted. The cuts of \$41 billion hit the Pentagon on March 1

and forced the military to furlough workers and scale back training.

The Pentagon faces deeper reductions in projected spending of close to \$1 trillion over a decade, but the bill did not reflect that reality for next fiscal year. The Pentagon likely will have to cut \$54 billion to meet the numbers dictated by the so-called sequester.

The committee's action on sexual assaults came one day after a high-profile Senate hearing during which senators grilled military leaders about the scourge in their ranks. The leaders conceded that they have been less than diligent in dealing with the problem, but pushed back against far-reaching legislation to give the authority to level charges to a military prosecutor rather than the victim's commander.

Military leaders are more receptive to the House provisions, would strip commanders of the discretion to reverse a court-martial ruling, except in cases

involving minor offenses. Commanders also would be barred from reducing a guilty finding by a court-martial to guilty of a lesser offense.

The measure also would require that anyone found guilty of rape, sexual assault, forcible sodomy or an attempt to commit any of those offenses receive a punishment that includes a dismissal from military service or a dishonorable discharge.

The legislation eliminates the five-year statute of limitations on trial by court-martial for sexual assault and sexual assault of a child. It also establishes the authority for military legal counsel to provide legal assistance to victims of sex-related offenses and requires enhanced training for all military and civilian attorneys involved in sex-related cases.

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., applauded the committee's action. But she said she would continue to push for even broader changes to better protect victims.

WEST

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blast, will come back to live.

"We want people in West — that's my charge," said Tommy Muska, the town mayor. "My job is to keep them here and to convince them, one way or the other, to plan on building."

Muska said he hoped to replace damaged water and sewer lines throughout town at an estimated cost of \$3 million.

For now, crews are demolishing ruined homes and clearing them away, breaking a weeklong quiet on many streets with the loud rumble of excavators smashing through walls.

Even if infrastructure comes back, money is still a challenge for those trying to rebuild their homes.

Phil Immicke, associate pastor of First Baptist Church in West,

said he kept hearing the same thing after the blast. Demolition was costing residents anywhere from \$10,000 to \$20,000, with the money often coming out of an already too-small check for rebuilding their entire home.

Crowder, who is pastor of First Baptist, and Immicke have made demolition part of their ministry. The church used \$200,000 in donations to knock down an initial 50 homes, with another 50 to come.

The church borrowed construction equipment and volunteer work crews, using the donation money to pay for fuel and removing debris.

Immicke — a police officer who jokes that he's now a de facto construction foreman — said he sees the immediate impact demolition has on residents.

"When they walk into their lot and see a clean lot, they can say, 'OK,'" and they can bring a contractor and say,

"This is what I want."

W.R. "Bo" Bohannon, 84, watched the home he lived in for 52 years get torn down last week. He told a work crew on the scene that he wanted them to try to save the trees in his front yard. Otherwise, he said he was ready to get going.

As an excavator plowed through the back of the home, Bohannon watched without visible emotion.

Bohannon was inside the night of the blast, but escaped without serious injuries. He said his reason for staying, and not using his insurance payout to move somewhere else, was simple.

"My wife wanted to rebuild it, so we're going to rebuild it," he said.

Patricia Webre had lived in her home a few streets away since 1984. She held her new Bichon Frise dog, Levi, in her arms as her house was torn down last week by a crew not affiliated with the church.

Her last dog had run

out of the house during the blast and never came back. An occasional tear went down her cheek as she watched.

"This is the only home they grew up in," she said of her three children, who were also watching.

About 200 homes in West were destroyed or severely damaged. It's unclear how many of those homeowners were uninsured or underinsured. But two people who lost their homes said they expected to incur tens of thousands in costs above what they received through insurance.

"They just saw my situation differently than I did," said Crowder, who estimated his gap at about \$60,000.

The federal Small Business Administration, through its disaster assistance program, has approved 70 low-interest home loans for about \$5.8 million, with more applications pending, SBA spokesman Kevin Wynne said. Muska and

other local officials are also organizing a charity effort to help residents with unmet needs. Volunteers have put up wood cubicles and offices in a theater that's now the center for residents needing help.

The people in charge of the center say they have potentially hundreds of volunteers who want to clean yards and build new buildings, but face an ongoing struggle to get residents who need help to ask for it. They also worry that a rash of recent disasters that have gotten national attention — the tornadoes in Moore, Okla.,

and North Texas among them — might lead to some donors forgetting about West.

"You've got to keep moving forward to let them be assured that West is going to rebuild, that there is going to be a community here of which you can raise your family in," said Susanne Nemmer, the recovery center's administrative coordinator.

She said her goal, as well as that of many others working in town, was not to build "bigger and better," but to restore the town to what it was: "Let's keep it West."

BBQ

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"When I did that, they all said, 'No, no, we have to do something more,'" he recalled. "They said this was a worthy cause and they had to support it."

In addition to providing orthopedic help for crippled children, Scottish Rite serves as a teaching hospital for doctors from around the world. Also, the Scottish Rite temple in Lubbock provides speech pathology and dyslexia services to West Texas children, Moran said.

This year's event also

will honor Andy Wines, past secretary general of the Lubbock temple, who was recently paralyzed in a recreational vehicle accident.

"He's been fighting for those kids all these years, and now he's fighting just like them," Moran said.

Plates will be sold for

\$10 each, and will include barbecue, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, bread and a drink. All proceeds from the event will go to Scottish Rite and any additional donations will be gratefully accepted, Moran said.

In addition to the food, the club will have live

music and prize drawings.

For more information, contact Moran at 928-345-8014 or Gary Gilihan at 432-770-1302.

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OTHER VIEW

Dark money is not free speech

Let's be clear. Gov. Rick Perry's veto of a "dark money" bill is not about free speech, as he claims. It's about dirty politics and secret donors. The veto is support for old-school cronyism.

Senate Bill 346, which was sponsored by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, would have improved elections and transparency.

It would have required nonprofit 501(c)(4) groups that spend more than \$25,000 a year on political activities to disclose donations of more than \$1,000. Such "dark money" groups have spent big in Texas.

The Dallas Morning News recently reported two such groups spent \$600,000 in the last election cycle. These issue-advocacy groups fund robocalls, ad campaigns and scorecards to attack candidates. They can do this as long as they don't directly support a particular candidate.

Donors remain secret if the majority of a group's spending isn't for political activities.

Perry issued a statement about the veto saying he was protecting freedom of association and freedom of speech.

"My fear is that SB 346 would have a chilling effect on both of those rights in our democratic and political process," he wrote.

Perry then played a favorite card, courtesy of the IRS:

"At a time when our federal government is assaulting the rights of Americans by using the tools of government to squelch dissent, it is unconscionable to expose more Texans to the risk of such harassment, regardless of political, organizational or party affiliation."

Revealing the names of major political donors doesn't violate free speech, it simply informs voters about the political process.

Even Super PACs are required to identify donors. Such openness gives the public context about who is backing and shaping a particular message.

It helps prevent political favors and cronyism. "This is a sad day for integrity and transparency in Texas," Seliger said in a statement after the veto. "The governor's veto is ironic since money laundering is illegal in other endeavors."

Just not Texas politics. It's telling Perry vetoed this bill right out of the chute.

His loyalty is with dark money. His use of lofty, patriotic rhetoric to defend his veto is unconscionable.

— THE SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

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Obama's corrupt power grab

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has equipped fellow Democratic lawmakers with an "Affordable Care Act Tool Kit." It reveals the Democratic Party's plan to turn the worthy goal of enrolling the uninsured into a cynical scheme of enrolling Democratic voters. The kit's biggest tool is community organizing.

Obamacare outsources the important job of enrolling the uninsured in health plans, taking it from government and entrusting it to community organizations. Why outsource? Because it eliminates public scrutiny, accountability and the necessity to be non-partisan. Community activists can say and do things that government



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employees can't, such as urging people to register as Democrats.

Pelosi's kit reminds Democratic lawmakers to contact Marc Wetherhorn, senior director of advocacy and civic enhancement at the National Association of Community Health Centers. Wetherhorn has developed a program, funded by George Soros' Open Society and other groups, to show community organizers how to integrate voter registration into whatever they're doing, whether it's enrolling people in health care, public housing or food stamps.

There is nothing wrong with encouraging voting. But a government employee (for example, at the DMV) is legally barred from saying you should become a Democrat. A community organizer can say it and will.

Pelosi's kit also refers Democratic lawmakers to Enroll America, a nonprofit that will train community organizers to enroll the uninsured (called navigating). Enroll America will also conduct a national media campaign crafted by Lake Associates, which does political messaging for ACORN (now defunct), MoveOn.org, National Council of La Raza and 39 members of Congress, all Democrats.

Secretary of Health and Hu-

man Services Kathleen Sebelius is under fire for soliciting donations for Enroll America, and it's no wonder. Enroll America

Whatever your views on immigration reform or health reform, the cynical exploitation of these issues for partisan advantage is disgusting.

is 100 percent political. Its president is Anne Filipic, worked in the Obama White House, before that at the Democratic National Committee and before managing Obama's 2008 Iowa campaign. Enroll America's staff are campaign veterans with the expertise to convert insurance enrollment into a neighborhood-by-neighborhood campaign to build Democratic Party enrollment.

We the People, who are paying higher premiums, higher taxes and enduring Medicare cutbacks — for the sake of covering the uninsured — should be outraged to see it exploited for partisan purposes.

The Obama health law transforms community organizations into a fifth estate with steady government funding but without government rules.

So far, Sebelius has announced \$54 million in navigator grants to community groups and another \$150 million for community health centers to hire and train navigators.

Once the exchanges are running, exchange revenues will provide these groups with permanent funding.

This is in addition to more than \$100 million a year in "community transformation grants" that HHS is meting out to many of the same groups.

Be on the alert. The Senate immigration bill duplicates the empowerment of community organizations. It's a carbon copy

of Obamacare.

The immigration bill (section 2106) outsources the job of guiding aliens through amnesty from the Department of Homeland Security to community organizations. These organizations will get federal grants to screen aliens for eligibility, assist them in documenting their residence, employment and tax history, coordinate applications for family members and apply for waivers where needed. These jobs belong in government. Outsourcing allows them to be politicized.

Section 2531 of the immigration bill even sets up a nonprofit United States Citizenship Foundation (like Enroll America), to "engage in coordinated work" with the federal government. It will develop "citizenship preparation" programs to teach newcomers about American history, the Constitution and civic participation. That job has always been done by the Federal Office of Immigration. Outsourcing it will allow political activists to rewrite America's past and principles with a partisan slant.

Whatever your views on immigration reform or health reform, the cynical exploitation of these issues for partisan advantage is disgusting. Empowering community organizations to indoctrinate millions of people could make it impossible for Republicans to win a national election.

The biggest laugh line at the 2008 Republican National Convention was "community organizer," a reference to candidate Barack Obama that evoked howls of laughter. But it looks like the president is trying to have the last laugh, using community organizations to tilt the scales against a fair two-party system.

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Ask Dr. Politics! Ask Dr. Politics!

You are fair, and we are unbalanced:

Dear Dr. Politics: Did you attend the recent off-the-record meeting between Attorney General Eric Holder and journalistic big-shots to discuss the disturbing seizure of phone records and emails from reporters?

Reply: I did not for two reasons:

First, though reporters sometimes let people go off the record in interviews, they usually do so in highly limited circumstances and for brief periods. I can't remember the last time I sat down for an entirely off-the-record schmooze-fest like the one Holder demanded.

Further, after somebody tells me something off the record or even on background, I usually say: "Why can't that be on the record? Why can't I use your name for that?" The source often agrees to let his name be used. But by making "off-the-record" the default mode in journalism, reporters get to learn all sorts of nifty stuff while denying their readers the same privilege.

Further, pols and their operatives study the press at least as much as — if not more than — we study them. Master political operative Lee Atwater would go off the record continually, even with reporters who he knew would break their off-the-record pledge. I once asked him why.

"Because they believe it more if you tell them it's off the record," he said with a sly grin.

Journalists should never forget

that they exist to serve their readers, viewers and listeners, not their sources.

The second reason I didn't go to the meeting is that I heard it was going to be a cash bar. Also, I wasn't invited.

Dear Dr. Politics: The New York Times recently quoted unidentified sources saying that "some in the West Wing" wish Holder "would step down, viewing him as politically maladroit." Another said, "The White House is apoplectic about him, and has been for a long time." Will Holder be thrown under the bus or off the sled or wherever they throw people these days?

Answer: I doubt it. At least not in the immediate future. There is a difference between "the White House" and "the West Wing" being apoplectic about a guy and "the president" being apoplectic about a guy.

The White House is a big place with a big staff, lots of egos and lots of agendas. Barack Obama does not report to his staff; they report to him. And if he likes Holder, then Holder stays, at least until Holder is ready to go.

Further, the role of the attorney general has changed dramatically in the years since Watergate. An attorney general is no long seen as the president's lawyer, but as the nation's lawyer. And it is not as easy as it once was to muscle an attorney general out of the job. Besides, Obama is in his last term and has much more freedom to be unpopular over certain issues. He knows Republicans are not going to go to the mattresses to defend the press. The Republicans like the press as much as they like pellagra.

Dear Dr. Politics: Do you think

it was proper for John McCain to fly to Syria to engage in private talks with rebel forces, including what may have been a group of terrorist kidnappers?

Reply: Are you daring to question the judgment of a man who thought Sarah Palin was ready to become president and commander in chief on Day One and have her finger on the nuclear button?

McCain is only a problem when he has a free Sunday. On those rare weeks when he has not been invited to appear on a Sunday talk show, he feels free to go to extremely sensitive world trouble spots to see if he can screw things up.

Then, when he gets back, he is invited to go on the Sunday talk shows to defend himself. Even Sen. Rand "I'm Not My Father and That's OK" Paul, R-Ky., has grown upset by McCain's behavior.

Noting it is important to vet the rebels in Syria before we arm them to the teeth, Paul recently said: "Well, apparently we've got a senator over there who got his picture taken with some kidnappers, so I don't know how good a job we're going to do vetting those who are going to get the arms."

And when Rand Paul starts to make sense, you know how seriously messed up things must be.

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Alligator taken from Ohio home

CINCINNATI (AP) — A 7-foot alligator found in an Ohio man's basement is malnourished, has bone disease from a lack of sun for 15 years and was being taunted by teenagers on a regular basis, authorities said Tuesday.

The Humane Society of Greater Dayton confiscated the 15-year-old gator from its owner on Sunday in the southwestern Ohio home where it was being kept after a

video was posted on Facebook showing the reptile being taunted.

Sheila Marquis, cruelty investigator of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, said the alligator's owner and young men in the video may face charges of animal cruelty in the next couple days as she wraps up her investigation.

The video shows a young man laughing as he throws beer on top of the alligator, which jerks back in surprise and bites the small, hard plastic tub where he was kept in the basement.

Sheila Marquis, cruelty investigator of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, said the alligator's owner and young men in the video may face charges of animal cruelty in the next couple days as she wraps up her investigation.

Rumors had been coming in for at least two years about the alligator in the basement. But, authorities could not enter the home and investigate without probable cause to believe it was being subjected to cruelty, which came in the form of the Facebook post of the video, said Tim Harrison, director of Dayton-based Outreach For Animals,

which specializes in rescuing wild and exotic animals throughout Ohio.

Harrison, who helped get the malnourished gator out of the home and to a veterinarian, said the reptile's owner had been keeping his back door open and allowing high schoolers to come in and see the alligator, even if he wasn't there.

The man wasn't there when the Facebook video was taken, Harrison said.

The video may not appear to show the alligator being directly harmed physically, but Harrison said the concrete wall next to its tub is covered in teeth marks, showing that it repeatedly had jerked its head from previous taunts, knocking out its own teeth or weakening them.

The alligator is missing many teeth, while other teeth in its mouth were broken or infected.

Harrison said the alligator is just under 7 feet long, but should be more like 10 feet long. He said it showed other signs of malnourishment and lack of vitamin D from being kept in a basement for 15 years without sunlight.

The alligator, now being allowed out in the sun in Columbus, will be moved to a refuge in Florida this week, where he'll get special care, and be kept in a swampy, outdoor area.

Odds and ends

Runner's pain is no pulled muscle, rather, a baby

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — An aspiring half-marathon runner in Minnesota whose two-hour training session left her with a sore back was stunned to discover that the pain was not due to a pulled muscle or a slipped disc but that she was about to give birth.

Trish Staine says she had no idea she was pregnant. The 33-year-old Duluth mother of three insists she gained no weight, felt no fetal movement — and that her husband has had a vasectomy.

Staine says she noticed what she now realizes were labor pains after her run at noon on Sunday but she didn't go to the hospital until the following day. She gave birth to Mira — short for Miracle — at 3:25 p.m. Monday.

Mira weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 18.9 inches long.

Resident says poultry was pilfered

SOUTHBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Southborough police are investigating the apparent theft of 45 chickens from a resident's coop.

Sgt. Ryan Newell says the chickens' owner reported the birds stolen on Sunday at about 1:30 p.m.

The resident told police he had shut the coop's gate the night before and that one of his workers found the gate still shut in the morning — but no birds.

There were no signs of damage to the gate.

The MetroWest Daily News reports that the chickens were valued at \$18 each, putting the total value of the stolen fowls at \$810.

DNA on beer cans leads to N.Y. suspect's arrest

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Authorities say a burglar's decision to knock back a couple of beers during a break-in at an upstate New York home led to his arrest.

Onondaga County prosecutors tell The Post-Standard of Syracuse that 29-year-old Moses Wilson was stealing copper piping from a vacant rental home in Syracuse in early February when he found an unopened case of beer in the basement.

Officials say he drank some of the beer during the burglary. Prosecutors say police were able to match Wilson's DNA to DNA found on the cans.

Wilson was arraigned Tuesday in Onondaga County Court on charges of burglary and petit larceny. He is being held in jail on \$10,000 bail. It couldn't immediately be determined if he had a

lawyer.

Studio to comb N.M. landfill for bad Atari games

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico city commission agreed to allow a Canadian studio to search a landfill where old, terrible Atari games are rumored to be buried.

Alamogordo commissioners decided last week that they will allow Fuel Industries to search the landfill for games, according to The Alamogordo Daily News. The company has offices in Ontario and Culver City, Calif.

One sought-after cartridge, the E.T. video game, is thought by some to be among the worst video games of all time. Atari paid Steven Spielberg tens of millions of dollars to license the wildly popular 1982 movie's name, and the dud of a game caused the troubled company's worth to sink even further at the time.

The game has since developed a cult following. The rumored Atari graveyard has long been a fascination of some who consider the commercial flop a part of video game history. It is believed that nine semi-trucks dumped the E.T. game and other Atari toys in the southern New Mexico landfill in 1983.

Alamogordo Commissioner Jason Baldwin says he played the Extra-Terrestrial game and it was horrible. There are listings for the game on eBay that run from under a dollar to more than \$30.

Fuel Industries, a multimedia company, has been given six months to search the landfill. The company hopes to document the search.

Texas banker puts up \$1M for tricky math solution

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A Texas banker is upping the ante to \$1 million for whoever solves a tricky problem that's been dogging mathematicians since the 1980s.

The Providence, R.I.-based American Mathematical Society on Tuesday said \$1 million will be awarded for the publication of a solution to the Beal Conjecture number theory problem.

Dallas banker D. Andrew Beal first offered the Beal Prize in 1997 for \$5,000.

American Mathematical Society spokesman Michael Breen says a solution is more difficult than the one for a related problem, Fermat's Last Theorem, which didn't have a published solution for hundreds of years.

Beal is a self-taught mathematician and says he wants to inspire young people to pursue math and science.

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News in brief

Thousands lose electricity during Texas storms

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Storms in north and west parts of Texas packing winds topping 80 mph have left behind hail and power outages but no immediate reports of anyone hurt.

Dallas-based Oncor (ON'kor) had nearly 24,000 customers without power Thursday — mainly in the Fort Worth area.

The National Weather Service says the Lubbock area had 82 mph winds. Forecaster Gary Skwira (SKWER'-uh) says winds of 84 mph were reported near Wolfforth. Friona had hail the size of baseballs.

Part of the roof of Lubbock Heart Hospital was blown off. Patients were moved to other parts of the hospital. The roof of a Motor Inns of America in Lubbock partly caved in after guests had been evacuated.

Several hundred Lubbock Power & Light customers lost electricity.

Judge asked to hear new school finance evidence

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Attorneys on Wednesday asked a judge who presided over Texas' sweeping school finance trial — and ruled that the way the state funds public education is inadequate and inequitable — to consider as new evidence the Legislature's decision to restore \$4 billion to classrooms and reduce standardized testing requirements.

Mark Trachtenberg, an attorney who sued the state on behalf of school districts in wealthier areas of Texas, asked state District Judge John Dietz to reopen evidence in the case that was tried for 45 days from October to February.

The Legislature voted to cut \$5.4 billion from public schools in 2011, prompting more than 600 school districts statewide to sue and culminating in the case before Dietz.

But state lawmakers restored about \$3.4 billion in funding this session, which ended May 27. They also slashed from 15 to five the number of state-mandated exams high school students are required to pass to graduate, likely meaning school districts won't have to spend as much on extra instruction for kids who fail some tests.

Gov. Rick Perry can still veto changes lawmakers approved to school funding and policy through June 16, so Dietz asked the attorneys to return to his courtroom three days after the veto period ends. He then plans to rule on whether a hearing on new school funding and policy changes is necessary, and exactly what such a hearing would cover.

Districts in rich and poor parts of the state were largely on the same side of the case since the state funding system relies on a "Robin Hood" recapture scheme where districts with high property values or abundant tax revenue from oil or natural gas resources turn over part of the money to the state for distribution to poorer districts.

Redistricting hearings expected in Dallas, Austin

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers are inviting the public to weigh-in on the state's political districts at hearings in Dallas and Austin.

The House and Senate Redistricting Committees want to know whether they should adopt the current congressional and House maps drawn by federal judges, or draw new ones.

House members are holding a public hearing in Dallas on Tuesday af-

ternoon, while senators will hear testimony in Austin that morning.

Federal judges in Washington said the maps drawn by the Legislature in 2011 intentionally discriminated against minorities. A federal court in San Antonio drew temporary maps for the 2012 election. Now Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott wants the Legislature to make the court-drawn maps permanent.

Minority groups, though, say the temporary maps don't fix all the problems and completely new maps are needed.

Texan pleads guilty to embezzling nearly \$800K

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas executive has pleaded guilty to embezzling nearly \$800,000 from a communications firm and buying items such as a hot tub and an outdoor deck.

Prosecutors in Dallas say 46-year-old Marci Johnson of Kaufman pleaded guilty Wednesday to mail fraud.

Johnson faces up to two years in prison as part of the plea deal and also could be required to repay nearly \$773,000 to Spaeth Communications of Dallas. Sentencing is pending.

Prosecutors say Johnson was the chief administrative officer for the business communications company and had access to company checks and credit cards.

Investigators say she used corporate funds for personal dining, shopping and entertainment. Prosecutors say Johnson also made false entries in the company's accounting software to help cover her fraudulent purchases.

Texas teacher, aide quit after taping boy to chair

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas teacher and an aide have resigned after using duct tape to restrain an 8-year-old boy in his chair for several hours to keep him under control.

Officials with the Judson Independent School District in the San Antonio area say the incident happened May 30 at Woodlake Elementary School. Both educators quit the next day.

District spokesman Steve Linscomb said Wednesday that the teacher, who'd been with Judson ISD since 2010, and the aide had faced being fired. The aide had been with the district since November.

A school district police report says the boy said his ankles, wrists and torso were taped to the chair. Tape residue was found on his clothes. He wasn't hurt.

2 get prison for sex trafficking of teens

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Two North Texas men have been sentenced to 15-year federal prison terms for sex trafficking of teenagers.

Prosecutors in Fort Worth on Wednesday announced the sentences for 23-year-old Craig Jerome Gadley Jr. and 25-year-old Joshua Alexander Smith, both of Mansfield.

Gadley last summer pleaded guilty to sex trafficking of a minor. Investigators say he lured a 16-year-old girl into prostitution. Smith pleaded guilty to sex trafficking by force, fraud and coercion related to the case of a 19-year-old female who became a prostitute.

Texas man acquitted in Craigslist escort death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas man has been acquitted in the shooting death of a woman he met on Craigslist as a possible escort.

A jury in San Antonio on Wednesday acquitted Ezekiel Gilbert of murder.

The defense says Gilbert was protecting himself from theft when he shot Lenora Frago on Christmas Eve 2009. She died several months later.

Attorneys for Gilbert say he paid the woman \$150 to have sex — then she refused, balked at returning the money and said she had to give the cash to her driver.

The defense said Gilbert's actions were justified because he was trying to retrieve stolen property and the driver was part of the theft scheme, testimony showed.

Prosecutors say Gilbert got mad and shot Frago when she refused to have sex with him.

College shooting suspect no-shows court date

HOUSTON (AP) — A suspect in a Houston-area college campus shooting has been declared a fugitive after he failed to appear at a scheduled court appearance.

A bench warrant has been issued for 22-year-old Trey Foster's arrest. Harris County sheriff's spokeswoman Christina Garza said Foster was declared a fugitive after he failed to appear for a scheduled Tuesday court date in Houston.

Foster had been free on \$50,000 bond after he was charged with aggravated assault in the Jan. 22 shooting at a Lone Star College campus north of downtown Houston.

Authorities believe 25-year-old Jody Neal was shot after bumping into Foster.

The two men argued at first but went their separate ways. Investigators say they encountered each other 30 minutes later, argued again and Foster fired at Neal. Two others were wounded.

Texas home searched again in ricin investigation

(AP) — Authorities have returned to a Texas home linked to the investigation into ricin-tainted letters sent to New York City's mayor and President Barack Obama.

FBI agents wearing hazardous material suits were seen going in and out of the house in New Boston Wednesday. The house also was searched last Friday.

A law enforcement official has told The Associated Press that the search was initiated after the resident's spouse contacted the FBI.

The official wasn't authorized to disclose information and spoke to the AP Saturday on condition of anonymity.

Davilyn Walston, the spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in the eastern district of Texas, confirmed Wednesday that a ricin investigation is ongoing in the district but declined to provide details.

New Boston is near the Oklahoma and Arkansas borders.

Man fatally shot while in Tyler parking lot

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Police say they have two men in custody as suspects in the fatal shooting of a 21-year-old man at an East Texas apartment complex.

A Tyler police statement says 19-year-old Ladarius Devonte Warren and 18-year-old Earnest Deaundra Jackson Jr. were arrested Wednesday and charged with capital murder. Both are held in Smith County Jail in Tyler on \$2 million bond each.

Police say Joshua McGil died of a gunshot wound to the back Monday night as he was selling marijuana to the suspects.

Officers responding to a report of gunfire at the apartment complex arrived to find McGil wounded. He was later taken to East Texas Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Texas officer who shot arrow into cat fired

BOERNE, Texas (AP) — A South Texas police officer has been fired after a grand jury declined to indict him for shooting an arrow into his neighbor's cat.

An attorney for Boerne police Officer Lance Deleon says Wednesday's dismissal will be appealed.

Police Chief Jim Kohler called the firing justified. He declined to elaborate.

A Kendall County grand jury on Monday declined to indict Deleon in the May 21 arrow attack on a cat named Bobby. Deleon was charged with animal cruelty in the off-duty incident.

Defense attorney David Parent says Deleon was trying to scare the cat out of his garden and never meant to shoot the arrow into the pet. Deleon had been on administrative leave since being charged.

Boerne is 25 miles northwest of San Antonio.

UT gets letter handwritten by George Washington

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas at Austin has acquired a letter handwritten by George Washington that school officials say "sheds light" on the first president's view on Native Americans.

The letter written in 1769 describes the killing of three members of the Mingo tribe by white settlers. In the letter, Washington described the deaths as "villainy" and demanded "justice." He also wrote that the killings were murder "for it deserves no other name."

The university's Dolph Briscoe Center for American History acquired the letter. Briscoe Center Executive Director Don Carleton said the letter "sheds light on Washington's views on Indian relations and his care for his family."

UT accepted the letter as a donation from Dallas oil and gas businessman and major UT donor Barron U. Kidd.

'Pink Camo' vanity license plates on sale in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Pink camouflage license plates that partly benefit veterans are now available to Texas drivers.

The "Pink Camo" vanity design debuted Wednesday. Myplates.com says 10 percent of all sales through its website will go toward Carry the Load, a nonprofit that supports military members and their families.

The organization says it "exists to restore meaning to Memorial Day by honoring sacrifices" made by the military, firefighters and law enforcement.

A green camouflage license plate that also partly benefits the charity was released in May.

Houston firefighters honored by thousands

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Fire Chief Terry Garrison saluted an honor guard member, received from him an American flag and a return salute, then turned on his heels and knelt before grieving relatives of a firefighter killed on the job.

He handed them the folded flag, offering a few quiet words of comfort and a smile.

Garrison performed the task Wednesday four times — an unprecedented duty in the 118-year history of the department — as the nation's fourth-biggest city and fellow firefighters from around North America remembered four firefighters killed while battling a massive hotel fire last week.

"We lost four very, very brave members," Garrison told thousands who gathered at Reliant Stadium.

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News in brief

Report: Government secretly scooping up phone records of millions of Verizon customers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Security Agency has been collecting the telephone records of millions of U.S. customers of Verizon under a top secret court order, according to a report in Britain's Guardian newspaper.

The order was granted by the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court on April 25 and is good until July 19, the newspaper reported Wednesday. The order requires Verizon, one of the nation's largest telecommunications companies, on an "ongoing, daily basis" to give the NSA information on all telephone calls in its systems, both within the U.S. and between the U.S. and other countries.

The newspaper said the document, a copy of which it had obtained, shows for the first time that under the Obama administration the communication records of millions of U.S. citizens were being collected indiscriminately and in bulk, regardless of whether they were suspected of any wrongdoing.

The Associated Press could not authenticate the order because documents from the court are classified.

Verizon spokesman Ed McFadden said Wednesday the company had no comment. The White House declined comment and referred questions to the NSA. The NSA had no immediate comment.

Onlookers cite concerns over demolition safety in Philadelphia collapse that leaves 6 dead

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For weeks, people working nearby had watched with growing concern as a demolition crew took down a vacant four-story building next to a thrift store at the edge of downtown Philadelphia.

A roofer atop another building didn't think the operation looked safe. A pair of window washers across the street spotted an unbraced, 30-foot section of wall and predicted among themselves the whole building would simply fall down.

On Wednesday, that's what happened. The unstable shell of a building collapsed into a massive heap of bricks and splintered wood, taking part of the Salvation Army thrift store with it and killing six people. Fourteen others were injured.

"Our thoughts and our prayers go out to those who lost their lives, and their families," said May-

or Michael Nutter at a late-night news conference at which he announced the death toll. "At the same time, we pray that those who survive will recover not only physically, but certainly mentally from the trauma of being in a building and it suddenly collapses."

Rescuers used buckets and their bare hands to move bricks and rubble in a search-and-rescue operation that was expected to last into Thursday morning.

Turkish officials deliver more conciliatory messages ahead of Erdogan's return

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish officials, scrambling to contain tensions, have delivered more conciliatory messages to thousands of protesters denouncing what they say is the government's increasingly authoritarian rule and its meddling in lifestyles.

The efforts come ahead of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's return on Thursday from a four-day North African tour.

All eyes will be on him to see if he also softens his line.

Huseyin Celik, deputy leader of Erdogan's Islamic-rooted party, said the government is sympathetic to secular-minded Turks' concerns and is prepared to take steps to "eliminate" their fears.

He has also called on party supporters not to come out in force to greet Erdogan when he arrives.

A human rights group says "several people" were hospitalized late Wednesday when police used tear gas to disperse protests in Ankara.

Koreas agree to hold talks on reopening jointly run complex after months of sinking relations

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North and South Korea on Thursday agreed to hold talks on reopening a jointly run factory complex and possibly other issues, after months of deteriorating relations and a day before a U.S.-China summit in which the North is expected to be a key topic.

The envisioned talks could help rebuild avenues of inter-Korean cooperation that were obliterated in recent years amid hardline stances by both countries, though the key issue isolating the North from the world community — its nuclear program — is not up for debate.

The North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea, in a statement carried by state media, said it is open to holding talks with Seoul on reopening the Kaesong complex just north of the Demilitarized Zone separating the countries.

South Korean Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Hyung-suk expressed hope that the talks

could become an opportunity for the two Koreas to start building trust. He said Seoul will announce the time and agenda for the talks later, but didn't elaborate.

The decade-old Kaesong complex, the product of an era of inter-Korean cooperation, shut down gradually this spring after Pyongyang cut border communications and access, then pulled the complex's 53,000 North Korean workers. The last of hundreds of South Korean managers at Kaesong left last month.

Nice gesture helps Florida widow, 84, win \$590M Powerball jackpot; she asks for privacy

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — When Gloria C. MacKenzie went to a Florida supermarket near Tampa last month to buy a Powerball ticket, another person in line did something nice for the 84-year-old widow.

"While in line at Publix, another lottery player was kind enough to let me go ahead of them in line to purchase the winning Quick Pick ticket," she said in a statement Wednesday.

The nice gesture turned out to be a life-changing one for MacKenzie and her family. She came forward Wednesday to claim the biggest undivided lottery jackpot in history, \$590 million.

A retiree from Maine and a mother of four who lives in a modest, tin-roof house in Zephyrhills, Fla., where the lone winning ticket in the May 18 drawing was sold, MacKenzie took her prize in a lump sum of just over \$370 million. After federal taxes, she is getting about \$278 million, lottery officials said.

Wearing large sunglasses and dressed in a pink sweater and white pants, she clasped her son's arm after visiting the lottery offices as they made their way to a silver Ford Focus and left quickly. She did not speak to a crowd of reporters outside the building. She was accompanied at the lottery offices by two unidentified attorneys.

San Diego area man cuts Yellowstone vacation short after getting hepatitis from berries

ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP) — Geoff Soza was celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary in Yellowstone National Park when the 64-year-old man learned the hard way that his seemingly healthy breakfast habit of mixing thawed berries with Greek yogurt had exposed him to a national outbreak of hepatitis A.

Dozens of illnesses have been reported, and federal officials have recalled a frozen berry mix sold by Costco and Harris Teeter in seven states.

Soza, a semi-retired contractor, was resting at his Encinitas home this week after an ordeal that threatened to put him on a liver transplant list.

He hadn't felt right in the weeks before leaving for Yellowstone on May 29 — but his lack of appetite and disorientation didn't merit canceling the trip.

"I thought, 'I'm getting something. I'm coming down with something' and I thought I'd just ride it out and live with it," he said.

Judge rules in favor of dying Pa. girl seeking adult lung transplant; expert raises concerns

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal judge has temporarily allowed a dying 10-year-old girl to move up the adult waiting list for a lung transplant, though an expert has questioned the decision on medical and ethical grounds.

"We are beyond thrilled," Janet Murnaghan, the girl's mother, told The Associated Press on Wednesday after U.S. District Judge Michael Baylson intervened in the case. "Obviously we still need a match."

Baylson suspended an age factor in the nation's transplant rules for 10 days for Sarah Murnaghan, who has been at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for three months with end-stage cystic fibrosis.

The judge's ruling lifting the age requirement applies only to Sarah, at least until a June 14 hearing on the request for a broader injunction.

An expert questioned Baylson's decision, which came a day after Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius declined to become involved in the case, despite urgent pleas from several Pennsylvania congressmen.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Pinpoint Defense

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

EAST
♠ K 9 8 5 4 3
♥ 6
♦ A K 8
♣ A K 10

WEST
♠ 2
♥ A 8 4 2
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q J 8 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A 7 6
♥ K Q J 10 7 3
♦ 6 5 4
♣ 5

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1♠ 3♥ Pass
Pass Dble

Opening lead — two of spades.

Precise defensive play is the hallmark of all top partnerships. Today's deal, from the 1988 Blue Ribbon Pairs, shows the stuff of which sound defensive play is made. The East-West pair was Marty Bergen and Larry Cohen, who won the grueling six-session contest.

Cohen, West, elected to leave in Bergen's reopening double of three hearts for penalties. Since East-West happened to be cold for three notrump — worth 600 points — any-

thing less than a three-trick set would have yielded an unsatisfactory result.

Cohen began by leading his singleton spade, on which Bergen played the three. This conveyed the message that he had an entry in clubs, the lower-ranking of the two remaining suits (aside from spades and the trump suit).

After the ten of spades held, declarer led a heart to his king, which Cohen ducked. When South next led a heart toward the nine, Cohen went up with the ace, revealing that he had no other high hearts and was therefore interested in obtaining ruffs.

Cohen returned a club to the king, and Bergen, allowing for the possibility that declarer might have been dealt a singleton club, returned the nine of spades for West to ruff, calling for a diamond return. So after ruffing, Cohen switched to a diamond and obtained a second spade ruff. The defenders still had two more diamond tricks coming, so declarer wound up with only six tricks, giving Bergen-Cohen a top score of plus 800.

If the defense had slipped anywhere along the way — for example, if West had tried to reach East with a second club lead — South would have escaped for down two, giving East-West a very poor result.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 5

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.

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

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Big Spring trio to play All-Star Game

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The season may be over, but three Big Spring seniors will get to play at least one more game at the high school level.

Angelina Castillo, Gabi Torres and Logan Yarbar were selected to play in the Greater West Texas Softball Coaches Association All-Star Game on Saturday at Lubbock Christian University.

Nominated by BSHS Head Coach John Sparks, the trio was an integral part of the Lady Steer softball program.

"It's just fun and I am glad they get to be a part of it," Sparks said of the event.

"I get to see them play one more time, then after that, I'm going to miss them. I would have sent all five of my seniors if I could." (Haley Dimidjian and Ayanna Gomez were unable to attend.) It's a good deal, it's a special way to end their high school careers. They may even talk to a college scout."

As for the players, Yarbar — a four-year varsity team member — is grateful for the chance to grace the diamond one last time with her peers.

"This game means a lot because I thought I played my last game," she explained.

"I'm really excited to get to play with everyone who is at the same level I'm at. I will miss everyone. We had an amazing coach — he made the last four years worth it."

Yarbar plans to attend Odessa College and take radiology courses.

Torres, who will major in business administration at Texas Technical University next semester, agreed with Yarbar.

"I really think this is an honor," Torres said. "Coach Sparks had us sign up if we were interested, so I

signed up. It was only available to seniors and they look at your stats. I wasn't sure if I'd play again. My time at Big Spring was a good experience. It went by so fast."

Castell will be extending her softball career at the junior college level. She recently signed a letter of intent to play ball for Clarendon College — a Western Junior College Athletic Conference foe of Howard College.

"I'm very proud of Angelina," Sparks added. "To get an opportunity at Clarendon — she'll work hard and she'll make that team."

Game time in Lubbock is set for noon.



Angelina Castillo



Gabi Torres



Logan Yarbar

Andrus' double lifts Texas past BoSox

BOSTON (AP) — Elvis Andrus and the Texas Rangers didn't let their recent problems bother them.

Andrus hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the seventh inning after earlier ending a 1-for-18 slump. And his team beat the Red Sox 3-2 on Wednesday night one day after getting thumped by Boston 17-5.

"It was a huge win for us," Andrus said. "We're really good trying to turn the page and be ready for the next game. That's the way we've had success so far the last couple of years."

He went 2 for 4 in the meeting of the AL's top two teams. He singled in the fifth, and hopes the hitting will carry over for a while.

"You can't get (frustrated)," said Andrus, whose batting average has dropped from .282 to .261 in his last 14 games. "I know I haven't found my swing so far this year, but, at some point, it will get back. So I'm really glad just to do something for the team to get a win."

The victory gave the Rangers their best record through the first 58 games at 36-22 — their previous best was 35-23 three times in the 1990s. They also broke a four-game road losing streak.

Texas has the best record in the AL, while Boston is second at 36-24 after its three-game winning streak was stopped.

The Rangers also got a big lift from Alexi Ogando, who returned after being on the disabled list since May 16 with a strained right biceps. He allowed one run on three hits in 5 2-3 innings and left after allowing Dustin Pedroia's tying homer with two outs in the sixth.

"To be out two weeks and to get a rehab start and throw 60 pitches," Texas manager Ron Washington said, "and then come against that lineup that showed what their might is about last night and shut them down like that, he deserves a lot of credit. It was a lift for us. We needed it."

Five Texas pitchers allowed Boston just five hits one day after the Red Sox got 19, including 13

for extra bases, in the opener of the three-game series.

Neal Cotts (1-0) got his first win since 2006 despite walking three of the four batters he faced. Craig Breslow (2-1) took the loss.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia doubled in a run for Boston in the eighth, but Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 19 chances.

John Lackey, sidelined all last season after Tommy John elbow surgery, gave up one run — Adrian Beltre's 12th homer of the season in the fourth — and five hits in six innings. He lowered his ERA from 2.96 to 2.79.

"I'm definitely taking some positives out of it," he said. "I think I'll take giving up one run for the rest of the way."

His catcher was impressed. "I thought he threw the ball great. Velocity was really up there," Saltalamacchia said. "There was a couple times where the ball was actually hurting my hand. He was able to throw that ball over the plate."

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Players on hotseat as MLB probes for info on drug use

NEW YORK (AP) — One by one, for three weeks already, players accompanied by their lawyers have been summoned to interviews as part of baseball's latest investigation into performance-enhancing drugs — and the process is a long way from finished.

Some pretty big names, led by Alex Rodriguez, could be on the hot seat.

A-Rod, Ryan Braun, Nelson Cruz, Melky Cabrera and Bartolo Colon are among the 20 or so players who may be disciplined for their links to the now-closed Miami anti-aging clinic, Biogenesis of America.

The players' union says it has been assured no decisions regarding discipline will be made until the interviews are completed.

"It would be unfortunate if anyone prejudged those investigations," union head Michael Weiner said in a statement Wednesday.

And it appears the process has a while to run.

Interviews with players started three weeks ago and are scheduled until the end of June, according to people with knowledge of the process who spoke on condition of

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Local briefs

Earl Diddle's final hoops camp next week

Howard College Head Women's Basketball Coach Earl Diddle will be hosting his final basketball skill camp, the Shooting and Position Camp (girls, Grades 7-12), which is set for June 10-13 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

All camps are \$50 per student and enrollment is open to students from any school.

Proceeds from the camps go toward the Howard College women's basketball program.

For more information, contact Diddle at 816-4127.

Steer Tennis Camp coming up

Big Spring Athletics will be hosting Steer Tennis Camp June 10-12, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Figure 7 Ten-

nis Center in Comanche Trail Park. Registration will be held at 7:30 a.m. Monday, prior to the start of camp.

Cost will be \$50 per child. For more information, contact Coach Dana Jones at 432 557-3831. Big Spring athletic camps are open to children enrolled in other schools.

Ragball Tournament to be held in Colorado City

An all-night ragball tourney will be held June 21-22 at the Sports Complex in Colorado City.

Registration is now open. Each team requires a minimum of 10 players — five guys and five gals. Cost will \$10 per player, with first and second place teams receiving T-shirts.

Signups will be from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., with the tournament beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 325 242-4119 or 325 242-2083.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at BSCC

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic at the Big Spring Country Club with a shootout beginning June 21 and a two-day tournament slated for June 22-23.

The event is limited to the first 100 paid two-man teams. The scramble format tourney will be pre-flighted by tournament committee and local golf pro (handicap required).

Winners may receive pro shop merchandise at 100% of winnings or may take cash at 70% winnings. 100% of entry fees will be returned to participants.

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day and Sunday, free beverages, Friday's shootout and access to the hospitality tent.

To register, call the pro shop at 267-5354 or the chamber at 263-7641.

BSHS Basketball Camps set for this month

Big Spring Athletics will be hosting basketball camps in June, with the girls camp being held June 17-20 and the boys June 24-27.

Second through fifth grade girls will report from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Sixth through eighth grades will attend from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.,

Boys grades second through eighth will all attend together from noon until 3 p.m.

All camps will be held at the Big Spring Junior High West Gym.

The registration fee is \$25 per child. For more information, call 264-3662. Big Spring athletic camps are open to

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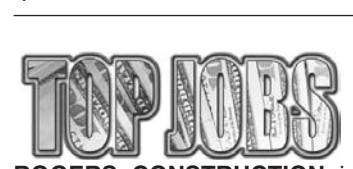
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The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the: San Andres (formation), Mabee 2 (lease), Well Number: 5SWD.
The proposed injection wells are located 13 miles in a NW direction from Tarzan, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Martin County, TX.
Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4800 to 5700 feet.
Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone # 512-463-6792).
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Intentions will take a turn, as Neptune, the inspiration planet, has only one day left of his current straight-ahead transit through Pisces. Tomorrow, the master of imagination stations to go retrograde. That's why it will be an interesting experiment to write down your current wishes and dreams. Weeks from now you can compare and contrast.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your relatives have set a precedent, and now it's up to you to follow the example. You'll feel their energy bearing down on you, but not in an overly aggressive way. It's just the push you need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Do not accept more work than you are currently handling. It will be tempting to say "yes," but if you do so off the cuff, you are not taking enough into consideration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are curious but not exactly adventurous enough to branch out just yet. It's wise to test the waters. Singles: A restless feeling may cause you to drift into

the arms of someone unexpected.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What was broken will now be fixed. Bonus: The cost will be minimal. An encounter with neighbors will be another point of interest. What are they doing there?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Computers, electrical systems and other technical devices will be part of today's plot. Hopefully, everything is working as it should, but if not, there are people standing by to help. Don't fly blind in this regard. Get recommendations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Go on and demonstrate your unique approach. You have courage, integrity and more. You'll influence people and gain fans. It's not an overnight process, but that's good because you're in it for the long haul.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Question: How can you change your loved one's mind? Answer: You can't. But you can be so firmly convicted in your own mind that you make your point of view seem righteous, joyous and way more fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you're feeling a little creatively drained, remember: Each rock creates its own space. If a rock can be creative, so can you. And today you have it in you to put something in the world that wasn't there before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'd rather keep your correspondence short and pleasantly to the point than rattle on with information that isn't pertinent to your audience.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are no right answers or wrong answers today. There are just mindful and less mindful answers. The more thought you put into your response to the world, the better the reaction will be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may take sheer joy in an experience, but the person who wasn't there will find it difficult to understand. Practice telling the story. Your storytelling skills will someday take you far in life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Why should a tree be judged by its fruit? That's the old wisdom. There is so much to a tree. Take the holistic approach to the "tree" in your own life. Maybe there's a different way to judge the situation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 6). Through the next six weeks, a development in your personal life makes life exciting. Old relationship problems smooth out, favorably affecting other areas of your life. Finances free up so you can afford the item you know will make your work better. You'll see a different part of the world in July and November. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 50, 26, 5 and 46.

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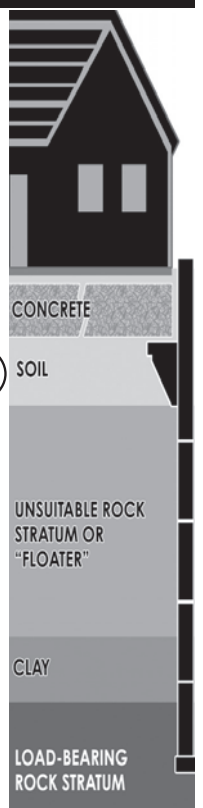
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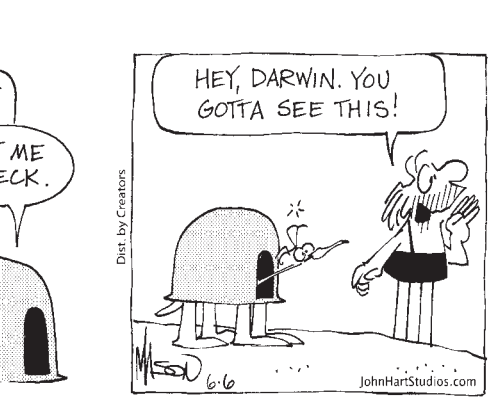
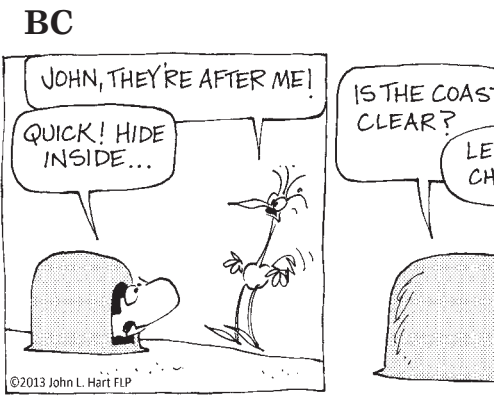
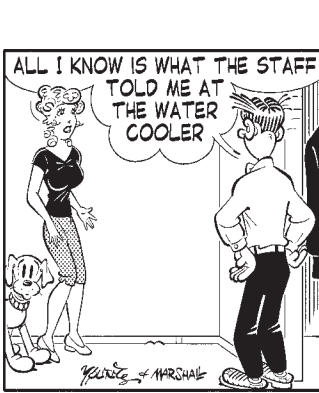
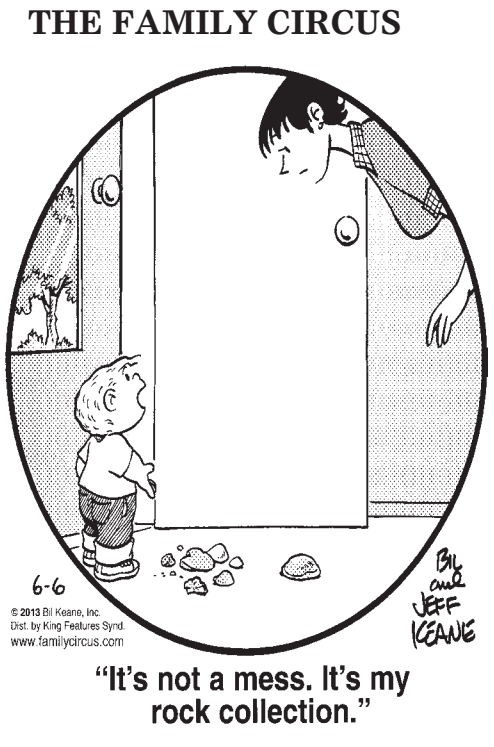
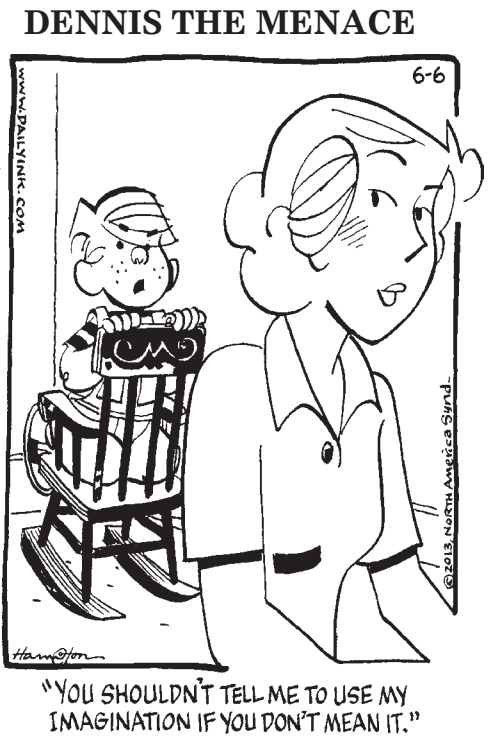
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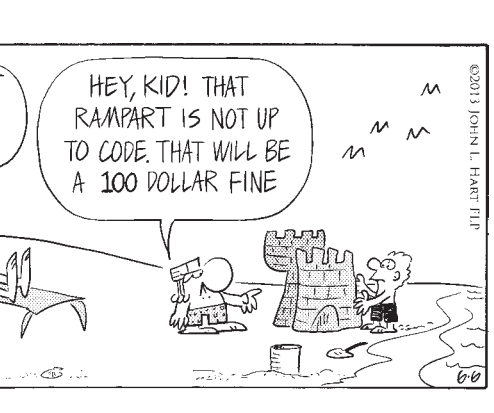
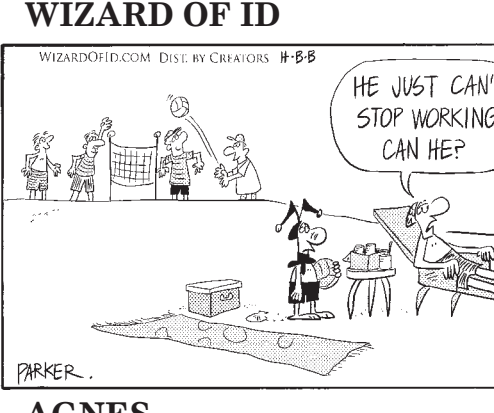
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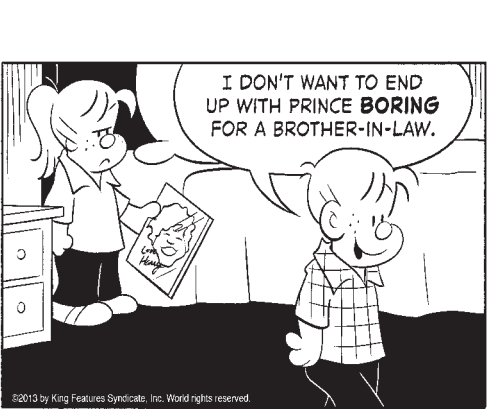
Today is Thursday, June 6, the 157th day of 2013. There are 208 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 6, 1944, Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on "D-Day," beginning the liberation of German-occupied western Europe during World War II.

Corp. In 1932, the Senate approved, and President Herbert Hoover signed, a Revenue Act containing the first federal gasoline tax, which was one cent per gallon. In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater was opened by Richard Hollingshead in Camden County, N.J. In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration. In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes. In 1982, Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestine Liberation Organization fighters out of the country. In 1985, authorities in Brazil exhumed a body later identified as the remains of Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious "Angel of Death" of the Nazi Holocaust.



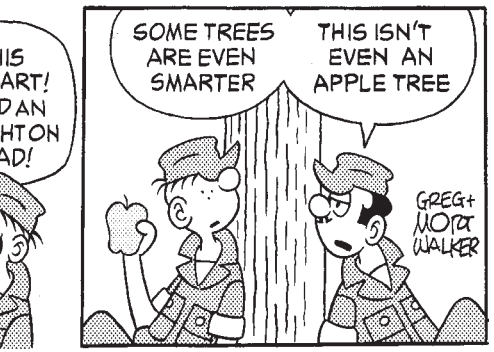
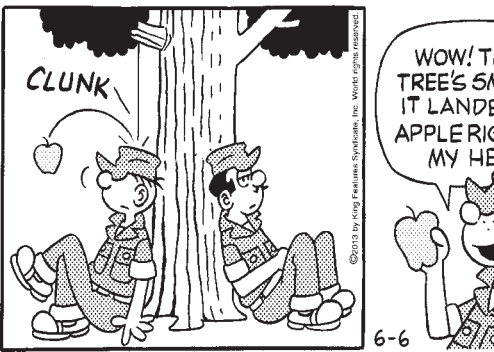
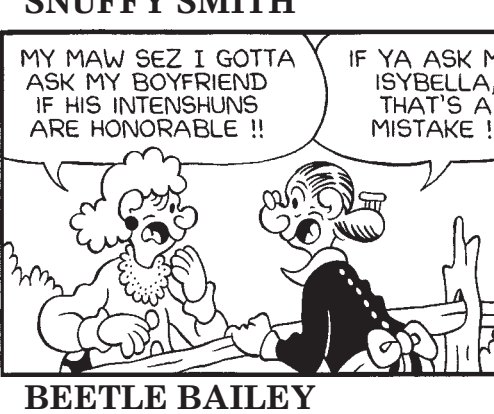
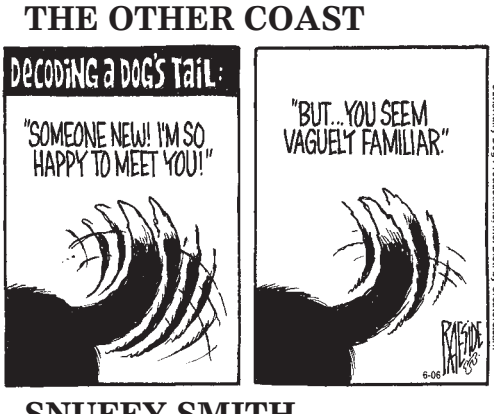
Newsday Crossword

LAWBREAKERS by Billie Truitt



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- 12 Put on, 13 Bandy words, 21 Hall of Fame Broncos quarterback, 22 __ ball (enjoyed oneself), 23 Promulgating, 24 Filmdom's first Phantom of the Opera, 25 Hair accessory, 29 Endure, 30 Natural ability, 32 "What a relief!", 33 Beef stew ingredient, 34 Attractive one, 35 Influence, 37 Angelina film role, 38 Singer Lovett, 42 Zesty dip, 44 Burn slightly, 45 Nautical direction, 47 Remove the chaff, 51 In-box stack, 53 Doubter, 54 Sounds unhappy, 55 Time-saving, in product names, 56 Cancel out, 57 Finishes, as a torte, 58 Hot rock, 59 "You said it!", 63 Hubbub, 64 Not very well, 65 Ending for book or brook.



Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 71 indicating starting points for words.

Back in the NBA Finals, LeBron wants to even score with Spurs

MIAMI (AP) — Before reaching the top of basketball, LeBron James was run over by the San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs swept James' Cleveland Cavaliers in the 2007 NBA Finals, so long ago that the winning game plan focused on exploiting James' weaknesses. Those are nearly impossible to find now, and James essentially warned the Spurs that they shouldn't bother looking.

The Spurs already know. "He'll be a lot more of a problem than he was in '07, that's for sure," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Wednesday.

Tim Duncan told the beaten James minutes after that series that the league would someday belong to him, and he was right. The NBA's MVP guided Miami to last year's champi-

onship and the league's best record this season.

Now the Spurs will try to take it back.

But James is now the best player in the game, is surrounded by more talent in Miami than he ever had in Cleveland, and still carries the memory of the beating the Spurs laid on him six years ago.

"I have something in me that they took in '07. Beat us on our home floor, celebrated on our home floor. I won't forget that. You shouldn't as a competitor. You should never forget that," James said.

He joined the Heat in 2010, experienced more finals failure a year later, then was finals MVP last year when Miami beat Oklahoma City in five games. Another title now would put

him halfway to the four that Duncan and Popovich have won together.

"That's what I'm here for," James said. "I'm here to win championships, and you're not always going to be on the successful side. I've seen it twice, not being on the successful side."

He was just 22 at the end of his fourth year in the league when he carried to the Cavs to their first finals appearance. But there were holes in his game, from an unreliable jump shot to an undeveloped post game, and the Spurs took advantage of every one of them.

James shot 36 percent in the series, including a ghastly 10 for 30 in Game 4, and committed 23 turnovers.

"Well, LeBron is a different player than he was in '07," Popovich said. "That was like ancient history. He

was basically a neophyte at the time, wondering how all this stuff worked and how it's put together. We were very fortunate at that time to get him so early. But at this point he's grown."

James wasn't interested in discussing much of that series, but he recalled the way the Spurs' strategy kept him from getting into the paint and dared him to shoot jumpers.

There's no blueprint now that would encourage a guy who made 56.5 percent of his shots this season to shoot the ball.

"If you go under my pick-and-roll now, I'm going to shoot. And I'm confident I'm going to make every last one of them," James said. "I'm just more confident in my ability to shoot the ball."

PROBES

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anonymity because statements on those details weren't authorized. Dan Halem, Steven Gonzalez and Patrick Houlihan, lawyers in baseball's labor relations department, conducted several interviews, and some players haven't been scheduled.

"Every player has been or will be represented by an attorney from the players' association," Weiner said. "The players' association has every interest in both defending the rights of players and in defending the integrity of our joint (drug) program. We trust that the commissioner's office shares these interests."

MLB has been seeking the cooperation of Biogenesis founder Anthony Bosch since Miami New Times reported in January that it obtained what the paper said were records detailing drug purchases by Rodriguez, Cabrera, Cruz and Colon. Yahoo Sports reported that Braun, the 2011 NL MVP, was mentioned in the records.

MLB sued Biogenesis and its operators in a Florida court in March, an attempt to pressure Bosch.

A person familiar with the case told The Associated Press on Tuesday night that Bosch agreed to talk to MLB, a deal first reported by ESPN. MLB wants to speak with Bosch in the next few days.

"Due to ongoing litigation, it would be inap-

propriate to comment on any aspect of this matter at this time," Bosch's lawyer, Susy Ribero-Ayala, said in a statement.

Among the players linked to the clinic, Cabrera, Colon and San Diego catcher Yasmani Grandal already have served 50-game suspensions following positive tests for testosterone announced by MLB last year.

"It looks like it could be getting to the bottom of this and finding some information that hopefully would help Major League Baseball as far as cleaning this game up," said San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy, who managed Cabrera last year. "I always thought they should be a little stricter to keep these players from trying to beat the system and cheat. I'm all for stiffer penalties."

Once MLB interviews Bosch and the players, it will have to determine what penalties to impose.

"WADA commends the decision of Major League Baseball to seek suspension of an estimated 20 players," World Anti-Doping Agency Director General David Howman said in a statement.

"More and more, information and evidence gathered in the investigative process is proving an effective means of uncovering doping in sport. MLB has approached this issue in a professional way, and the evidence gathered will undoubtedly be pivotal," Howman said.

Any suspensions for first offenders would be put on hold if the union files a grievance, a process that would put the matter in front of an arbitrator and delay possible sanctions for weeks or months. Second offenders would serve suspensions during the grievance process.

Baseball's drug agreement calls for a 50-game suspension for a first violation, 100 for a second and a lifetime ban for a third for positive tests for banned PEDS or their use or possession. The agreement also allows discipline for "just cause" for a violation not specified.

Any player disciplined could file an individual grievance, and it isn't likely that cases would be combined into one proceeding. If Bosch testifies at a hearing, he would be subject to cross-examination, and players' lawyers likely would try to attack his credibility.

The Florida Department of Health sent Bosch an unlicensed activity citation on April 25, accusing him of practicing medicine without a license from 2009 through 2012 and asking him to sign a "cease and desist agreement." That action was first reported by the New York Daily News on May 6.

Most players have denied the Biogenesis link either directly or through spokesmen or lawyers.

Rodriguez admitted in 2009 that he used performance-enhancing drugs while with the Texas Rangers from 2001-03.

As baseball's highest-paid player with a \$28 million salary this year, he would lose \$7.65 million during a 50-game ban.

Rodriguez, who turns 38 next month, has not played since hip surgery in January and is not expected to be available to the New York Yankees until after the All-Star break. The third baseman, a three-time AL MVP, has been working out since May at the team's minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., and he drove past reporters without stopping when he arrived and left three hours later Wednesday after batting practice, fielding and agility drills.

A-Rod drove a black Chevrolet SUV rather

than the black Maybach he usually arrives in

In addition to Rodriguez, Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli was linked to the clinic. Cervelli, currently on the DL because of a broken hand, said he consulted Biogenesis for a foot injury, but didn't receive any treatment.

"My focus is not on what MLB is investigating. I don't want to get caught up in that," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "My job is to manage the guys in the clubhouse."

Girardi said the Yankees still planned for Rodriguez to rejoin the team after the All-Star break. Asked what he would do if A-Rod were suspended 100 games, Girardi responded: "We'll

cross that bridge."

Braun's 50-game suspension for a positive test was overturned by an arbitrator in February 2012 after the union filed a grievance and challenged the handling of his urine sample. Braun has acknowledged he was mentioned in Biogenesis records because his lawyers used Bosch as a consultant during the grievance.

"I've already addressed everything related to the Miami situation. I addressed it in spring training. I will not make any further statements about it," he said. "The truth has not changed."

Braun said the speculation hasn't affected him on the field.

DOUBLE

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In the fifth, Andrus singled off Lackey then got the big hit on the first pitch from reliever Koji Uehara, his teammate in Texas the past two seasons.

"Elvis usually does that type of stuff," Washington said. "It seems like when he's in those types of situations where the team needed a lift and he's up there he finds a way to come through. We've known Koji for quite a while. He was with us and (Andrus) didn't waste any time. He jumped on his first pitch. He knows Koji likes to throw strikes and he jumped on it."

Breslow had relieved Lackey to start the seventh and allowed a leadoff double to Mitch Moreland, who left the game with tightness in his right hamstring and was replaced by pinch-runner Jeff Baker. After Jurickson Proffar grounded out, pinch-hit-

ter Craig Gentry walked and Uehara replaced Breslow to face Andrus, who broke the 1-1 tie.

Boston threatened with no outs in the seventh when Stephen Drew led off with a walk and went to second on a single by Jose Iglesias.

After Jackie Bradley Jr. struck out, both runners advanced on a wild pitch. But Daniel Nava grounded out and Jonny Gomes flied out.

Saltalamacchia's double in the eighth drove in Mike Napoli, who walked with two outs.

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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:
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- Occupation:
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- 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.

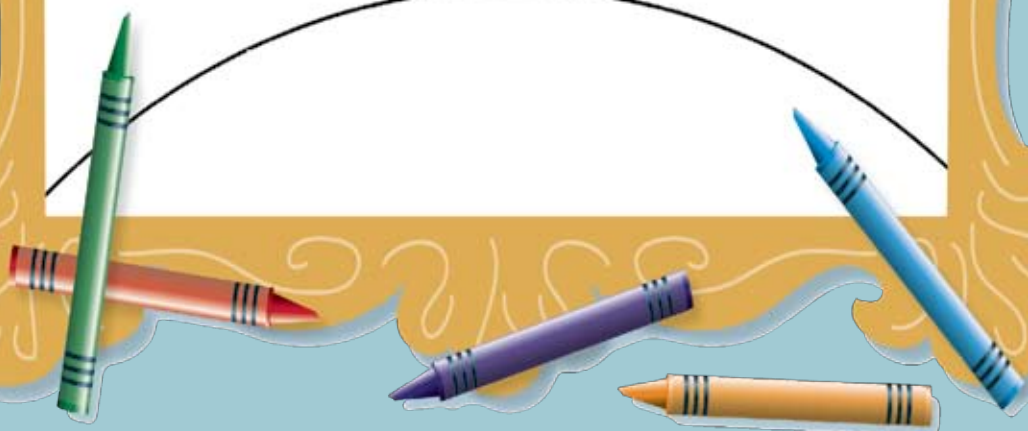
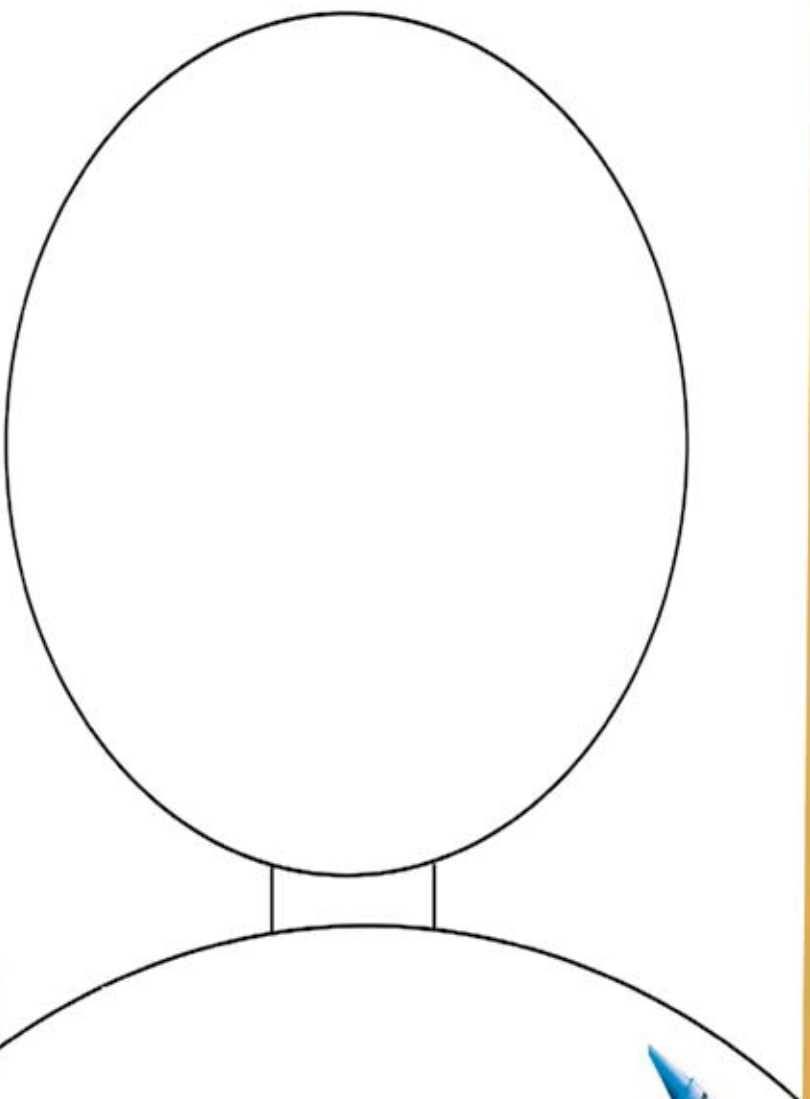
The Herald staff will also be putting together a By The Number list on June 12 as well as taking photos around the county throughout the period that show what a typical day is like. If you are interested in becoming part of this unique effort, contact us at the newspaper at 263-7331 or via the e-mail 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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