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Preparing for disaster

HANDLING A TRAGEDY

City-wide drill designed for quick response

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Herald Correspondent

Crews from across Howard County joined in a city-wide drill conducted by the Howard County Emergency Management team this month. Involved were Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center, Big Spring Police Department, Big Spring Emergency Medical Service, Howard County Sheriff's Department, Air-Evac LifeTeam and West Texas Centers. Also assisting were members of the Church of the Nazarene youth group.



White

"We get together annually for these drills and this year we focused on what would happen if an active shooter entered the hospital," Heath White, EOC chairman, said. "With all the recent shootings, it seemed like an issue that needed to be addressed."



Photo by Amanda Duforat

Emergency response personnel work together in a mock drill set up in tents at the George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center. The event was sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center and involved the county's law enforcement and healthcare professionals.

According to members of the HCEM team, the objective of the drill was to test the emergency preparedness capabilities for managing such an event. During the drill, Big Spring Police and Howard County Sheriff departments responded to the hospital and provided assistance with security while containing the scene and apprehending the shooter.

"During these drills we focus not only on what goes on in the facility, but consider every outlying factor that could be a factor in the situation. In the case of an active shooter, security for all those on scene

would be top priority, which is why the role of the police and sheriff's department was so important," White said.

As part of the drill, mock victims were triaged at the alternate care site in emergency mobile tents located on the grounds of the VA Medical Center. The VA was also utilized for overflow of medical patients being removed from the scene of the shooting. Big Spring fire services, Air Evac LifeTeam and Emergency Medical Services, along with VA Medical Center,

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Info you need to make safe decisions

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

In an emergency situation, few things are as important as having a way to get reliable information and Crossroads residents have a new way to do just that.

Officials with the Big Spring Police Department recently announced the creation of a system that will allow residents to receive critical information about the community by text message or e-mail.

According to Lt. Lance Telchik, director of the support services division for the BSPD, the West Texas Regional Communications Registry will allow residents to receive important and timely messages regarding what is going on in the Crossroads area.

"The city of Big Spring is now providing local residents a way to receive critical and important information about their community," Telchik said. "In addition to emergency notifications, residents are also invited to sign-up to receive local information which impacts their lives and their

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Less tests

School officials are pleased with change in state exams

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Area educators are applauding a new state law that will drastically cut the number of standardized tests students will have to take during their high school careers.

Under the provisions of House Bill 5, recently signed

by Gov. Rick Perry, Texas high school students will now be required to pass five State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) end of course exams to be eligible for graduation.

Previously, high schoolers were required to pass 16 state tests — four for each high school grade — before becoming eligible to graduate.

The five tests required under HB 5 include Algebra I, English I (combined reading/writing), English II (combined reading/writing),

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Children and teachers dance during the first evening of Vacation Bible School jointly hosted by First Presbyterian, First Christian and St. Mary's Episcopal churches Monday evening. The VBS runs through Wednesday at St. Mary's.

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Obituaries

Dena Rae Perez-Ledbetter



Dena Rae Perez-Ledbetter, 39, of Greenwood died Saturday, June 15, 2013, in an Odessa hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born Sept. 22, 1973, in Midland, Texas, and married Ron Ledbetter on April 25, 1992, in Big Spring, Texas.

Dena was raised in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1992. She attended Howard College and Midland College. She moved to Greenwood in 2003 after living in several places with her husband, who served in the military. She enjoyed crafts, volunteering, helping people and Facebooking.

Survivors include her husband, Ron Ledbetter of Greenwood; a daughter, Elizabeth Marie Alvarado and husband Leonel of Lubbock; her parents, Ramiro and Sandra Perez of Greenwood; two brothers, Robert Perez of Houston and Richard Perez and wife Shawna of Little Elm; two nieces, Ashli Perez and Brittany Perez; two nephews, Brandon Perez and Corbyn Ledbetter; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gary and Norma Ledbetter of Greenwood; a sister-in-law, Jennifer Ledbetter of Greenwood; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to Lupus Foundation of America Inc., 2000 L St. N.W., Suite 410, Washington, DC 20036; or to American Cancer Society, Relay For Life, c/o Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Gerald Don Cummings

Gerald Don Cummings died at the Sierra Medical Center in El Paso on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Gerald was born Dec. 12, 1943, in Brady, Texas, to Jesse and Irene Cummings. He was the oldest of five children, having two brothers and two sisters.

Growing up on the family ranch and farm during the drought of the 1950s, he learned how to be a cattleman as well as a cowboy, lessons that would serve him well later in life. After graduating high school in 1962, he worked full time on the Pumphrey's ranch. Gerald and his brother, Charlie, contracted to gather wild cattle and participated in local and professional rodeo as team ropers until he was drafted into the Army at the height of the Vietnam War in 1965.

Upon returning to Texas from the Army, he went to work for the Jones ranch, where he worked for eight years. While he was working for the Jones' he met and married Glenda Brazelton. Shortly after the birth of their first son they moved to the Currie Ranch near Garden City, Texas.

After leaving the ranch in Garden City, Gerald contracted to haul loads of hay, and expanded his leather working business to keep himself busy during retirement. He and Glenda moved to Odessa where Glenda was teaching school.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Glenda Cummings; son and daughter-in-law, Cody and Kristy Cummings; younger son and daughter-in-law, Zane and Hattie Cummings; adopted daughter and son-in-law Beth and Steven Herron; four grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters, Charlie and Billy Cummings, Marilyn Suber and Lanell Parsons; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. June 22, 2013, at the Elm Grove School House on County Road 267, San Saba County, with food and fellowship to follow.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Elm Grove Rodeo Association or the Elm Grove Community Club at 9943 FM 502, Rochelle, Texas 76872; or contact Bobby Deeds at 325-463-5332 for more information.

Richard Corser

Richard Corser, 33, of Midland died Saturday, June 15, 2013, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. No other services are planned.

Richard was born May 10, 1980, in Midland and was a roughneck in the oilfield.

Survivors include his parents, Donna and Frank Coates of Big Spring; one brother, David William Corser of Austin; and one sister, Sherri McConney and husband Sean of Baltimore, Md.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mark Corser.

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Richard Gilmore



Richard Gilmore, 77, of Coahoma died Sunday, June 16, 2013, at Parkview Nursing Center. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 9, 1935, in Howard County to Flossie and Lawrence Gilmore. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and married Jane Graham on Oct. 30, 1935, in Coahoma. He worked for the City of Coahoma and Howard County and later as a truck driver and service technician in the oil field.

He was an ordained minister and also served as a youth leader. He was an active member of Midway Baptist Church. He also served as a volunteer firefighter for Coahoma and Howard County. He loved fishing and fish fries, camping, gardening, wood working and crafts. Most of all Richard loved the Lord and his family.

He is survived by one daughter, Jana Smith and husband Earnie of Coahoma; one son, Leslie Gilmore and wife Judy of Lorenzo, Texas; five grandchildren, Shane Gilmore of Edmond, Okla., Cody Gilmore and Kelsey Gilmore, both of Smyer, Texas, Steven Smith and wife Heather of Shallowater, Keith Smith and wife Kendra of Big Spring and Maurry Powe and wife Jeton of Plainview; eight great-grandchildren, Brian Smith, MaKayla Smith, Brandon Smith, Wyatt Powe, Lexie Bennett, Beaux Bennett, Shelbi Crawford and Josh Smith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Jane on Sept. 12, 2010.

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

Paid obituary

Juanita R. Marquez



Juanita R. Marquez, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, June 17, 2013, at Parkview Nursing Center. Vigil services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 26, 1936, to Margarita and Pablo Ramirez of Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She worked for the Coahoma School Cafeteria for 35 years and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary Arguello and husband David of Big Spring; one son, Marcelino Chavez and wife Norma of Lenora; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six brothers, Cosme Ramirez of Big Spring, Julian Ramirez of Big Spring, Joe Ramirez and Gilbert Ramirez, both of Fort Worth, Emilio Ramirez of Odessa and Elido Ramirez of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands, Juan Chavez and David Marquez; and one brother, Pablo Ramirez Jr.

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Police blotter

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

- JASON SCOTT EDWARDS, 24, of 1208 Harding, was arrested Monday on two warrants from other agencies and a charge of shoplifting - more than \$50 and less than \$500.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 66, of 1512 Wood, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 43, of 311 N. Aylesford, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft - more than \$50 and less than \$1,500.

- ASHLEY ANN TAYLOR, 33, of 1112 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on a warrant for parent con-

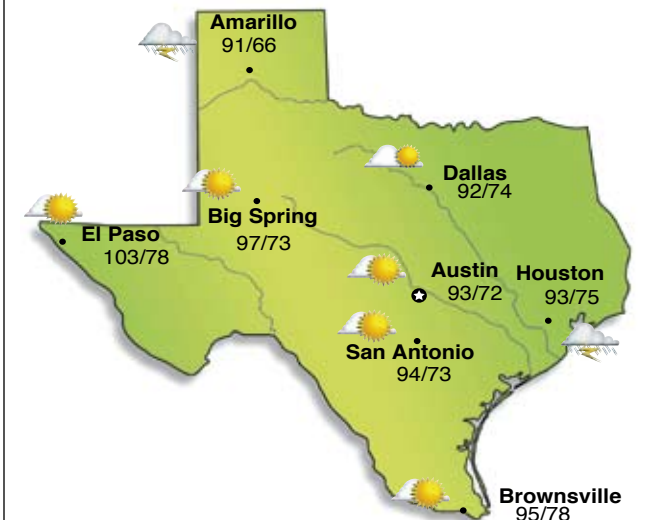
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 6/19	Thu 6/20	Fri 6/21
97/73 Mostly sunny skies. High 97F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.	97/73 Windy with times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	95/72 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Amarillo	91	66	t-storm
Austin	93	72	mst sunny
Beaumont	90	74	t-storm
Brownsville	95	78	mst sunny
Brownwood	95	71	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	94	80	pt sunny
Corsicana	90	72	pt sunny
Dallas	92	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	95	76	mst sunny
El Paso	103	78	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	98	70	windy
Gainesville	89	71	pt sunny
Kingsville	96	77	pt sunny
Livingston	91	71	t-storm
Longview	90	72	t-storm
Lubbock	93	69	t-storm
Lufkin	90	74	t-storm
Midland	98	73	mst sunny
Raymondville	96	76	pt sunny
Rosenberg	94	74	t-storm
San Antonio	94	73	mst sunny
San Marcos	94	73	mst sunny
Sulphur Springs	90	73	t-storm
Sweetwater	94	71	pt sunny
Tyler	91	73	t-storm

tributing to the non-attendance of a minor.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1900 block of Martin Luther King. In the 1100 block of N. Aylesford.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. In the 3600 block of N. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOHNATHON MARQUEZ, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, assault - family violence, failure to appear (two counts) and alcoholic beverage in city park.

- JASON SCOTT EDWARDS, 24, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a building, assault - family violence and theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500.

- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500.

- MORGAN BINDY HORTON, 24, was booked into the county detention center Monday by DPS on a Midland County warrant for fraudulent intent to obtain controlled substance - schedule 3-4.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 66, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of S. Gregg Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.



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Take Note

• Healthy Woman and the Big Spring YMCA are partnering to bring the community "Summer Meltdown" Thursday at 5 p.m. The event will be held at the YMCA and will consist of a facility tour, information from the Scenic Mountain Medical Center dietician, a short talk on the benefits of living an active lifestyle and a Zumba demonstration. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded. For more information or to RSVP, call 432-268-4902 or 432-268-4721. You can also sign up on SMMCCares.com by clicking the Healthy Woman tab.

• Saturday, Heritage Museum will be the scene for the 89th annual Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion. The reunion is designed to give old friends an opportunity to get together and catch up on what's going on, as well as tell tall tales about the past. Running from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Old Settler's Reunion will feature a desert auction and a free meal of hamburgers, chips and cobbler. Drinks are \$1 each. To be honored in 2013 are the Barnett family from Howard County and the Cypert family from Glasscock County.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the How-

ard 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.

• 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.

DRILL

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provided the transportation for mock victims. Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers assisted VA Medical Center staff to provide support and transportation requirements for those victims.

"I think we all worked well together and were able to improve on already

strong ties we have with each other. Exercises such as these keep us on our toes and help improve our services. We hope we never have to confront a situation like this one, but exercises such as this one are important and reaffirm our readiness," said Dawn McCright, emergency management coordinator for the George H. O'Brien VA Medical Center.

White added, "These drills

are a great way to test all the factors that would be involved in a situation and brings attention to those things we may not have thought of. While we hope a situation like this never occurs, if it does, Howard County will have a plan."

Amanda Duforat is marketing coordinator for Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She can be reached at 432-268-4842.

REGISTRY

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communities and receive it in the way they choose, by text message or by e-mail.

"The new system allows local agencies to offer a variety of information to the people who live and work in their area and who want to be informed of critical emergency information, as well as other key information. This is a free service provided by the

city of Big Spring and is part of a larger, regional effort made up of several nearby counties."

According to Telchik, signing up for the West Texas Regional Communications Registry is just a click away.

"It's easy to register," he said. "There are links to the website at mybigspring.com and bigspringpd.net and say 'powered by i-Info, West Texas Regional Communications.' Simply click the link and it will take you to the West Texas Regional Communica-

tions Registry.

"Once there, you can set up the preferences for your notifications, including which areas they want information from and what types of available information they would like to receive updates on. The registry information is managed by the i-Info System, which is used by thousands of organizations to securely manage information and allows each person to own and securely manage their own information." Telchik said the West

Texas Regional Communications Registry is a cost-effective way for the city of Big Spring and nearby cities to reach out to its citizens.

"We are pleased to be able to provide this new tool to our community," Telchik said. "It is a cost-effective way to meet the changing needs of our citizens while providing them with information they need, when they need it."

The program is part of a larger effort, according to Telchik, as cities, counties and other

agencies look to share ideas across the United States.

"As part of the project, we are now members The Alliance for Community Solutions, which aligns communities from across the state of Texas and the nation to share ideas and solutions to meet the needs of our residents," Telchik said.

For more information on the West Texas Regional Communications Registry, visit mybigspring.com or bigspringpd.net and click

the link.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

TESTS

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biology, and U.S. history. Algebra, English I and biology will be taken during the students' freshman year, English II during sophomore year and U.S. history their junior year.

Educators had long criticized the state's heavy reliance on student test scores, saying it resulted in having instructors "teach to the test" and handcuffed students seeking a more well-rounded education. HB 5, they say, is a welcome step back from that approach.

"Under the four-by-four (approach), we were very limited on the elective choices we could offer students," Coahoma ISD Superintendent Amy Jacobs said. "This allows us a better opportunity to develop the whole student instead of being so test-

driven."

Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson echoed his colleague's statement.

"With education, as with everything else, the pendulum swings one way or another, and that pendulum had swung way too far on the side of testing," he said. "(HB 5) is the state's attempt to bring things back toward the middle ... and that's where they need to be."

Johnson said the biggest danger with the old approach was that students who failed on their initial EOC tests were required to re-take

those exams while still preparing for another round of new tests — a cumulative "piling on," in effect — which threatened to overwhelm students.

"We were about to create a huge number of dropouts ... and create a sense of hopelessness very early in their high school careers, and the results would not have been good for society," he said. "I definitely think this is a step in the right direction."

Jacobs said the reduced number of state-required exams will not lessen the level of instruction taught in

classrooms.

"The students know the courses they will be taking are still very important," she said. "Just because there's not a state test at the end of the course doesn't decrease its importance at all ... Now, we can concentrate on other areas as well, such as career technology education. We feel students will have a lot of opportunities in that area."

The new bill does not affect students in grades 3 through 8, who will still take STAAR exams as they have previously, or high school seniors, who are required to pass

the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) before graduating.

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Calm before the storm. Monday night's thunderstorms brought much-needed moisture to the Crossroads area. According to the National Weather Service out of Midland, Howard County received between 1.43 and 1.88 inches of rainfall Monday and early today, bringing the year's total to 4.13 inches. NWS officials said Monday's rain was the most the area has received since September 2012.

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Juana "Janie" Fierro, 65, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frankie Joshua Rubio, III, 2, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Safety has many costs

\$960 million. No, that is not the number the national debt increases every minute, but that would be an understandable guess. (Estimates for that range anywhere from around \$2 million to \$3 million).

This is a conservative estimate of what it would cost the state of Oklahoma to build a safe room or underground shelter in each of its more than 1,600 public schools — \$960 million.

That is quite a chunk of change.

However, when life and death is the issue, can you really talk cost in terms of money?

The issue of storm shelters in public schools has come to the forefront following the horrific tornado that recently struck Moore, Okla.

The deadly twister destroyed an elementary school, killing seven children. In all, the tornado was responsible for 24 deaths and 377 injuries.

According to *The Associated Press*, state lawmakers and businesses in Oklahoma are exploring ways to raise funds for classroom-size safe rooms or underground shelters in public schools.

There are questions with such an initiative, not all related to financial cost.

Primarily, what of larger schools with hundreds of students? How large must a storm shelter be?

The tornado that destroyed the elementary school in Moore marked the first time the town has had a twister hit a school during hours of operation.

Can anyone be sure this tragedy will not be repeated?

And what of neighboring states, such as Texas?

According to www.educationbug.org, there are more than 8,300 public schools in Texas, and more than 4.3 million students. In Texas, the cost could be near \$5 billion to put storm shelters or safe rooms in every public school.

It is a difficult question — how to fund public school storm shelters, and which schools should have them.

However, can we afford not to try to find at least some answer?

— *Amarillo Globe-News*

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High heels and workers' rights

One of the strangest artifacts of American culture is the spiked heel as a symbol of female power. Many waitresses at America's casinos feel otherwise.

From Las Vegas to Atlantic City to the Connecticut woods, women balancing trays of drink have been forced to walk miles a day in high heels. Such labor practices, had they occurred in some far-away impoverished country, would have evoked international censure.

Waitresses negotiating their first union contract at Foxwoods Resort Casino, in Ledyard, Conn., have made the heels an issue. They are painful and, over time, foot-deforming. Some regard the requirement as a sneaky effort to get rid of older employees.

Dr. Eric Levine is a podiatrist in Norwich, a few miles from Foxwoods. He's seen the feet.

He shows high heel patients a cartoon of an elephant, standing with all four feet on a thumbtack. "It equals the pressure when you wear a 4-inch heel over an extended period of time," he told me. Or, to use another image, "It's like driving your car all on one wheel."

In fairness, the Indian-owned Foxwoods demanded only a 2-inch heel and in recent negotiations dropped even that rule.

"A 2-inch heel is biomechanically and structurally wonderful compared to a 4-inch heel," Levine said. Still, heels take their toll, especially as women age. (A high heel at a party now and then is OK, according to Levine.)

Some foot doctors refuse to do bunion surgery unless the patient agrees not to wear high heels afterward. But some women won't give them up, and for compelling reasons.

Levine: "I'll never forget when I heard a patient say, 'No matter how much my feet hurt, the higher the heel, the higher the tip.'"

Which brings us to another issue for women in the hospitality business: sex.

Night spots, however shabby, often try to sell themselves as sexy venues. Some want cleavage bared, in addition to spindly high heels.

One theory goes that high heels are sexy because they suggest bondage. A woman in high heels is unable to run. That is an ironclad law, no matter how many James Bond movies you've seen.

Not surprisingly, waitresses at Foxwoods talk dolefully of the day a consultant arrived, demanding a certain kind of "look." You know what that means.

But we must be open-minded. Employers generally do have a right to insist on a uniform as a term of employment. In the entertainment sector, the look is often extraordinary.

Should we shutter Playboy Clubs for requiring their waitresses to wear those silly little satin corsets? If a bunny thinks

she's getting too old for this, perhaps it is time to find other employment. (Age sidelines baseball and tennis players all the time.)

Let me reassure the sisterhood that I hold establishments obliging female servers to flaunt their sexuality in low regard. And there are certain cases — flight attendants comes to mind — where the campaign to reform the "look" and age limits for women brought a victory for female dignity.

But again, there are businesses profiting off carnal instincts, and they contribute to our economy. And many young women — Dr. Levine's foot patient, for one — strut their stuff to enhance their paltry wages with generous tips from admiring-to-lecherous males. Who am I to stop the dance?

There is a difference, though, when it comes to high heels. Showing cleavage does not create a condition demanding surgery. Tottering on heels week after week after month can.

Heck, there's a movement to make offices provide ergonomic chairs to protect workers' backs. Shouldn't there be one to free female servers from walking all day on tacks?

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The buck never reaches Obama

The Obama administration's handling of its multiple scandals paints a picture of those who believe they are above the law. There's a pattern of arrogance, dismissiveness, denial, scapegoating, stonewalling, lying, false professions of ignorance, assurances of accountability and punishing whistleblowers.

The numerous parallels in the administration's handling of the Fast and Furious and Internal Revenue Service scandals alone are too striking to be coincidental. The recurring theme is that the buck never stops at the Obama White House.

With Fast and Furious, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives adopted an ill-conceived, indefensible plan to deliberately walk guns into Mexico with the hope that they would end up at scenes of crimes perpetrated by Mexican drug lords and thus lead to their arrests.

Under the plan, ATF agents were instructed to reject their training and not follow the weapons but wait until after crimes had been committed and people had been injured or killed with the weapons and then try to link them to the drug lords.

When the murder of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry led to the outing of this operation, everyone in the administration denied knowledge and approval of it.

The Department of Justice blamed U.S. attorneys and "rogue" ATF agents, though they are under the DOJ umbrella anyway. The ATF blamed Main Justice. The White House professed total ignorance, despite evidence that a key presidential aide had been directly informed. In fact, top Justice Department officials had to have been aware of the details of the operation through detailed wiretap affidavits they were required to approve. Emails further prove their knowledge, as well.

The administration claimed

Fast and Furious was just a continuation of Operation Wide Receiver, a gun-walking operation that had begun under President George W. Bush. But that operation had been discontinued, and it differed from Fast and Furious in at least four significant ways.

Wide Receiver involved "controlled delivery." The agents would follow the weapons and seize them before they went into Mexico. In Wide Receiver, the Mexican authorities were fully apprised of the operation and cooperated with the ATF on interdiction, whereas with Fast and Furious, they were deceived and kept in the dark. Wide Receiver was on a much smaller scale. Maybe one-fourth the weapons were involved. And when weapons got away in Wide Receiver, the program was immediately discontinued, unlike with Fast and Furious.

Attorney General Eric Holder denied being behind Fast and Furious but was caught red-handed lying to Congress about when he found out about it.

In May, he told Congress he'd learned about it just a couple of weeks before, yet he had received emails and memos some months earlier detailing the operation. He then claimed he had neither read nor been briefed about those emails. Even if true, this is wholly unacceptable nonfeasance for which he not only did not apologize but indignantly faced down his congressional inquisitors as if they were the ones at fault.

Top officials in the Justice Department, including Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer, were caught lying in a Feb. 4, 2011, letter to Sen. Charles Grassley, in which they claimed the "ATF makes every effort to interdict weapons that have been purchased illegally and prevent their transportation into Mexico." On the very day Breuer approved of that letter, he was trying to convince Mexican authorities, who had previously been kept in the dark, that gun walking was a good idea. Under questioning from Rep. Trey Gowdy, Holder refused to admit the letter was "demonstrably and materially false" and said only that it "contained inaccuracies."

When Congress tried to get to the bottom of the scandal, which resulted in not only Terry's death but the injury or death of 200 Mexicans and the commission of 11 violent crimes in the United States involving 57 Fast and Furious weapons, Holder stonewalled. He used a concurrent investigation by the inspector general as an excuse to withhold from Congress some 74,000 documents concerning the matter. To protect Holder and fortify his stone wall, the most transparent president, Barack Obama, invoked executive privilege.

Fast-forward to the IRS scandal and compare the administration's reaction. In both scandals:

— Holder lied and then lied about his lying.

— The administration investigated itself and stonewalled congressional investigators.

— The administration denied culpability and knowledge and blamed the wrongdoing on rogue employees — in Phoenix and Cincinnati, respectively.

— The administration blamed Bush. With Fast and Furious, Wide Receiver was the culprit. With the IRS scandal, it was the fault of a Bush appointee.

— Obama expressed shock and varying levels of outrage, promised to bring to account those responsible and then proceeded to do the opposite.

— Congressional Democrats obstructed and ran interference for the administration.

— Obama did his best to shield those accountable, rewarding the wrongdoers and, in some cases, punishing the whistleblowers.

Congress must not be deterred by the administration's evasions. It must turn up the heat and be just as persistent in demanding accountability as the administration is in dodging it.

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Kid Scoop Together:

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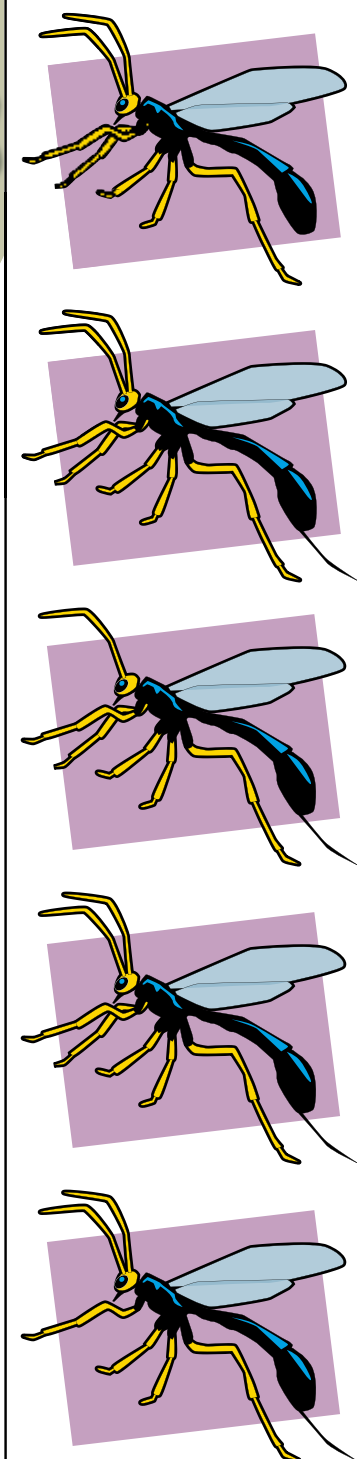
A bug that uses special digging skills is the **ichneumon** (*ik-new-man*) wasp. This wasp lives in the pine forests of North America, Europe and New Zealand.

When it is time to lay her eggs, the female ichneumon wasp finds a pine tree. She lands on a trunk or branch and gently taps the wood with her antennae. She is listening for a hollow sound that tells her there is a grub inside.

With the sharp tip of her ovipositor, she pierces through the bark and drills until she finds the grub. She lays a single egg in the grub's body.

In a few days, the tiny ichneumon young hatches and feasts on the grub's fat body. When it is big enough, it tunnels out of the tree and flies.

Find the two identical ichneumon wasps.



Kid Scoop-doku™

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



Lots of insects and animals dig tunnels or live in burrows. Meet a few of these ...

EARTH MOVERS

Do the math to fill in this crossword puzzle featuring burrowing critters.

DOWN

- 19 - 16 = RIVER OTTER
- 18 - 9 = MOLE
- 24 - 16 = PLATYPUS
- 10 - 9 = SHREW
- 13 - 8 = ANT
- 33 - 29 = FOX
- 21 - 14 = CHIPMUNK
- 19 - 17 = RABBIT

ACROSS

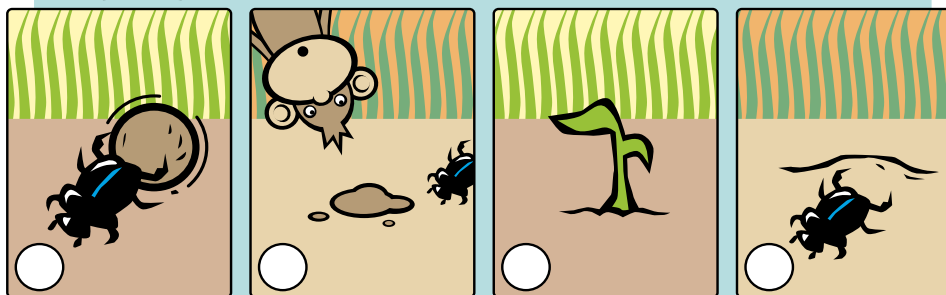
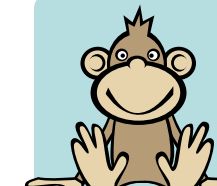
- 28 - 17 = MEERKAT
- 16 - 11 = ARMADILLO
- 37 - 27 = PRAIRIE DOG
- 12 - 6 = FERRET

Moles live underground, they have tiny ears and eyes and powerful front paws for digging.



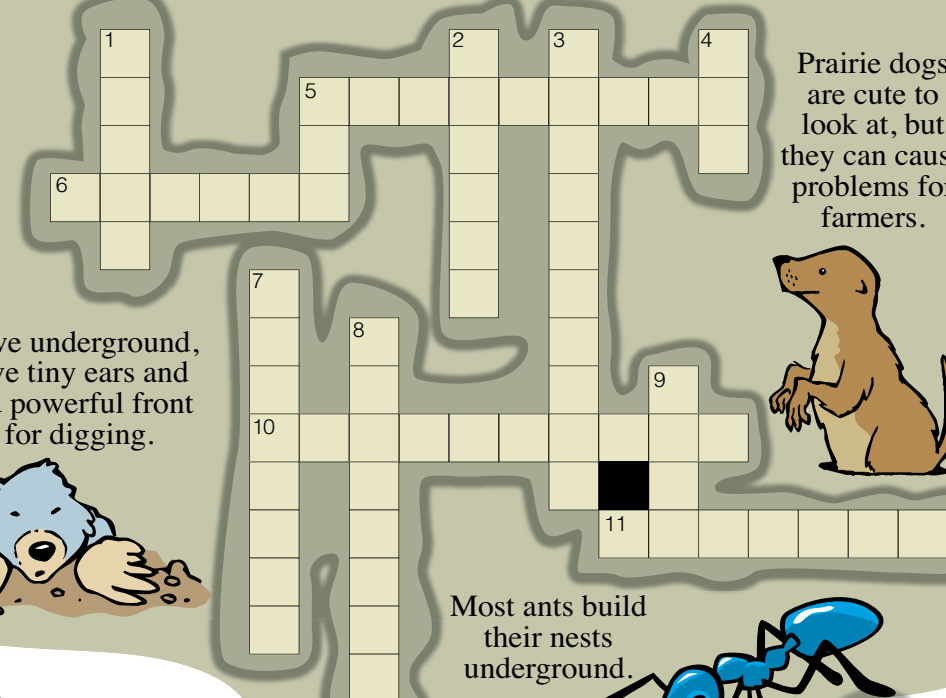
Monkey See, Monkey Do

In rainforests, dung beetles roll up balls of monkey dung containing fruit seeds from the monkey's meal. They bury the monkey dung, seeds and all. After a while, the seeds sprout and grow new trees.



Number these pictures in order.

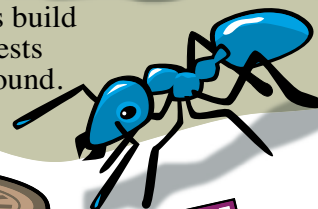
Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that all organisms cause changes in their environments and these changes can be beneficial.



Prairie dogs are cute to look at, but they can cause problems for farmers.

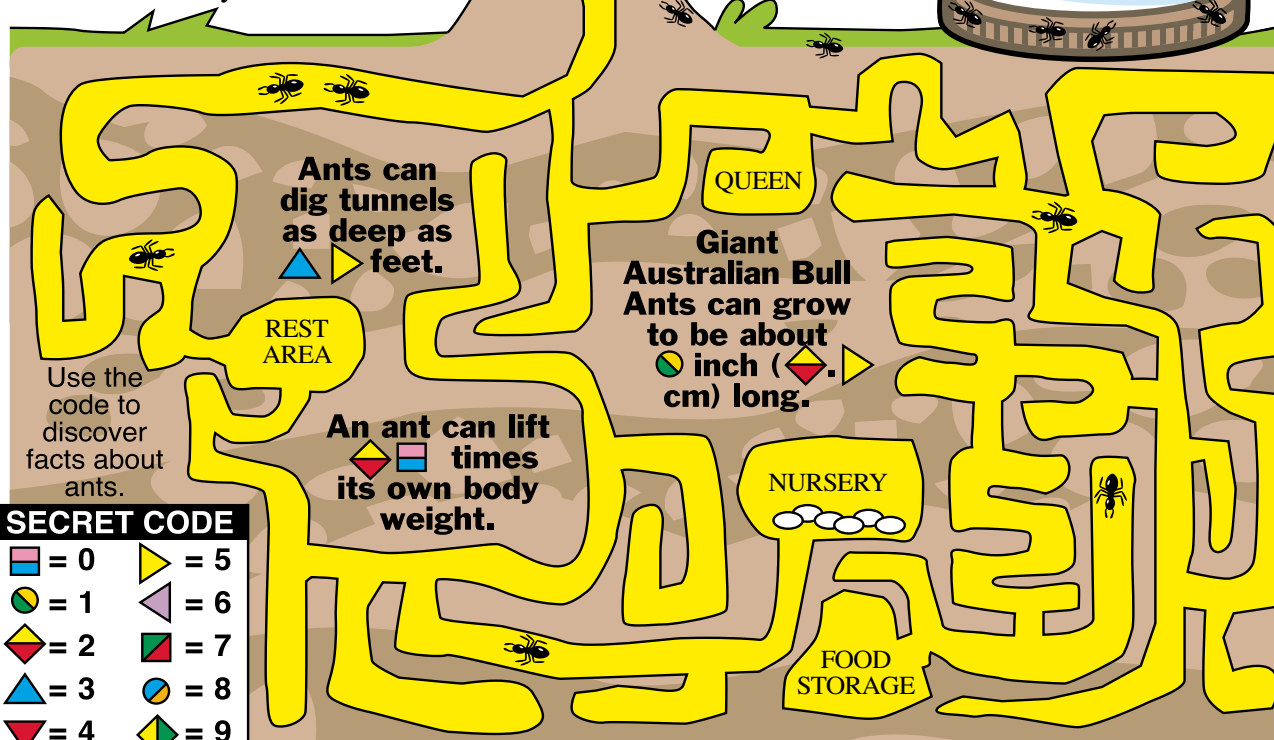


Most ants build their nests underground.



Chow Line

When an ant finds a large piece of food, it returns to the nest and enlists other worker ants to help carry the food. On the way back to the nest, the ant leaves a trail of odors as landmarks, so that it can find its way back to the food.



SECRET CODE

■ = 0	▶ = 5
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◆ = 2	◻ = 7
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Use the code to discover facts about ants.

Extra! Extra!

Jobs We Share

Workers in ant colonies have a variety of different jobs. Many of these are similar to jobs people have. Look through the newspaper to find people that do the following ant colony jobs:

- childcare
- security
- communications
- armed forces
- earth movers
- engineers
- flood control

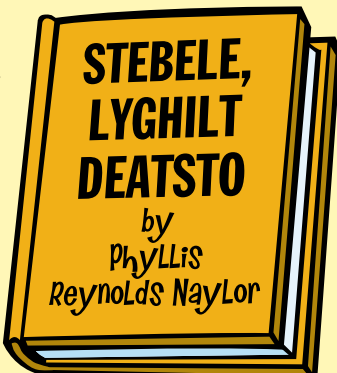
Standards Link: Life Skills: Students study different life choices and the skills required.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Dig into Reading at Your Local Library!

How can Andy be inventive and imaginative in an essay contest on conservation? He comes up with the idea of people eating insects as a way of conserving their food budgets. Before long he's making toasted beetles and more!

Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library this summer! - Bert Bookworm



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read age-appropriate texts in a variety of genres.

Double Double Word Search

- ARMADILLO
- PLATYPUS
- FARMERS
- TUNNELS
- MOVERS
- MONKEY
- SPROUT
- EARTH
- MOLES
- ODORS
- SHREW
- OTTER
- DUNG
- CUTE
- MEAL

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



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

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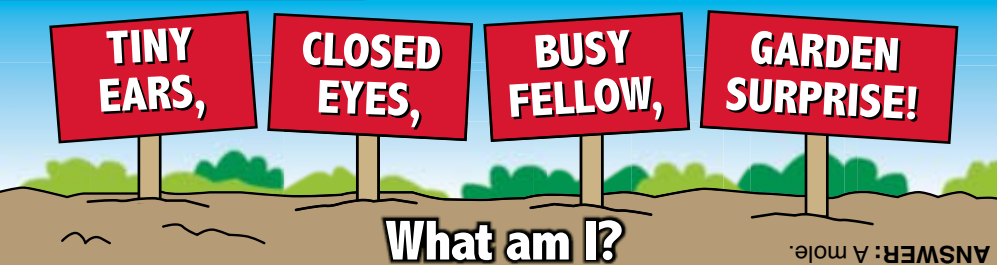
Exclamation Points!

Count all the exclamation points you can find in each section of the newspaper. Graph your results. Which section has the most? Why do you think this is?

Standards Link: Data Analysis: Students summarize and display data results in a clear and organized way.

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Write On!

Ant Vacation

Imagine the ants are going on vacation. Where will they go? What will they do? What will they pack?



Bird Poop: That's no cow patty

His drive on the ranch roads was sometimes a daily occurrence. Changing with the seasons, his routines were mostly commonplace. Glancing at fence lines had become second nature.

At a distance, he noticed what he thought might be another dark, brown clump drying in the sun. With some of the herd having been sold and hauled to San Angelo, he could easily tell which path the remaining cows had chosen for their lumbering walk to their next feed.

In no hurry, he decided to use the binoculars he had started carrying in his vehicle. After stopping, he slowly panned the field until he located the mound. Quickly focusing, he realized his assumption of manure was actually a large hawk.

Upon leaving his truck, he was surprised when the raptor chose to walk 30 to 40 yards rather than take flight. His approach finally forced the hawk into the air. Unable to elevate more than about two feet, the bird set back down. Its attempt to fly had carried it no more than about fifteen feet. Even though the precision of each wing lifting, then lowering, in harmony had seemed normal, Randy McCaleb realized something was wrong with the raptor.

When our phone rang, Randy said he was on his way to Big Spring with a big,

brown hawk. "In a cooler," he continued. In 2003, he had brought us a golden eagle in a large Igloo container. "Again?" I teased.

"Its right wing seems to be drooping," he added. In addition to his concern that the hawk was not elevating, he was also worried about a "big old knot on the back of its head."

His mentioning a head injury could indicate a traumatic impact caused by the turbulent downdraft of a passing semi. When I asked him if he had found it beside a highway, he quickly replied, "No."

When he placed his container on our front porch, our anticipation of receiving the bird of prey was replaced with wonderment concerning the back of its head. An area the diameter of a fifty-cent piece was featherless. Although the Swainson's hawk looked as if it had been scalped, my first thought was "chickens."

Having grown up on a farm, it was common to see the poultry bullies peck a weaker one. Often, feathers would be missing not only from the head, but other parts of the body.

My second thought was "ducks." During their courtship, the male often pulls numerous feathers from the head, neck, and upper back of the female.

At least this "head injury" was cosmetic. No skin, or flesh had been damaged. What appeared to be a lump was the natural curvature of the back of the skull. Emerging feathers would eventually cover the naked part of the head.

The next day, the Swainson's hawk no longer favored



its right wing. Instead, its left wing drooped slightly. Although no fractures were felt in the wings, Art and I took the bird to veterinarian Scott Burt for x-rays. No breaks were found.

Nevertheless, with its head a mess, and its wings probably bruised, the hawk did have an insatiable appetite. And its feet more than made up for its appearance and inability to fly.

"It got me pretty good," Randy had related on his capture of the hawk. We experienced the same aggression every time we opened its enclosure to feed it platters

of mice.

The next day the Swainson's was delivered to Lubbock. After listening to the details of the hawk's problems, Ami Knox, Assistant Operations Manager for the wildlife center, thought the raptor might have been in a fight. She detected a swelling and warmth in the left wrist joint.

Taking the bird to a new in the barn, Gail Barnes said they would give it lots of time. She, too, felt it was sore and badly bruised from whatever ordeal it had encountered. Medications would be given to combat

infection.

Each day, the hawk "ate like a pig." Its aggressive tendencies intensified. Charging at any volunteer who entered the mew, it dared anyone to suffer its talons and bluff. A few, seasoned volunteers were the only ones who dared to enter the area.

Not moving much, it refused to fly. Then seven days after being placed in the mew, it was on the highest perch.

Demonstrating that it was ready to fly again, the Swainson's was placed in the flight cage. Some three weeks after being found on the ground south of Stanton, the hawk gained its freedom.

To have held that feisty raptor was to appreciate the identifying marks of its specie. From underneath, it had the typical coloration of a light juvenile. Across its creamy upper chest, its chestnut-brown bib was becoming more noticeable. Its brown upper parts and head were a sharp contrast to its pale belly. Dark bands accented its grayish tail. With its light wing linings contrasting against its dark flight feathers, the Swainson's was an outstanding specimen.

Thrilled that the hawk was back in the skies, Randy said he had learned, from previous encounters with hawks and owls, always to carry binoculars. From a distance, what was thought to be a big brown cow patty just might turn into another adventure.

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His ticket is punched, his destination is known

Most everyone in the United States and across the globe is familiar with the name of Billy Graham. Billy was born Nov. 7, 1918, a native of Charlotte,

North Carolina. He has been a spiritual adviser to several of our presidents and has repeatedly been on Gallup's list of most admired men and women; he has appeared on the list 55 times since 1955,

including 49 consecutive years, more than any other individual in the world.

Billy Graham is now 94 years old and has Parkinson's disease. In January, leaders in Charlotte invited

their favorite son to a luncheon in his honor.

Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because of his struggles with Parkinson's. But the Charlotte leaders said, "We don't expect

a major address. Just come and let us honor you." So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who had been honored by 'Time' magazine as the Man of the Century.

"Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he

came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

"The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

"The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, "Young man, I too,

know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going."

Having said that, Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion.

"You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: Unlike Dr. Einstein, I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going. May your troubles be less, your blessings more and may nothing but happiness, come through your door."

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Military has schedule for women to move into combat jobs, including SEALs, other commandos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military leaders are ready to begin tearing down the remaining walls that have prevented women from holding thousands of combat and special operations jobs near the front lines.

Under details of the plans obtained by The Associated Press, women could start training as Army Rangers by mid-2015 and as Navy SEALs a year later.

The military services have mapped out a schedule that also will include reviewing and possibly changing the physical and mental standards that men and women will have to meet in order to qualify for certain infantry, armor, commando and other front-line positions across the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Under the plans to be introduced Tuesday, there would be one common standard for men and women for each job.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel reviewed the plans and has ordered the services to move ahead.

At the G-8, leaders seek a Syria consensus despite a U.S.-Russia divide

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP) — Hunting for a glimmer of common ground, the leaders of major economic powers are declaring themselves dedicated to a political solution to Syria's bloody civil war, even as President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin stake out diametrically opposite stands on which side deserves military support.

Ahead of a Group of Eight joint statement on Syria to be issued Tuesday, the U.S. remained committed to Obama's recent decision to arm the rebels and Russia did not budge from its weapons sales to President Bashar Assad's regime.

Yet even as Obama found common ground among European allies against Putin at a G-8 summit in Northern Ireland, the U.S. president also struggled to convince some of those same allies to join him in sending armaments to the Syrian opposition.

Syria, where at least 93,000 people have been killed in the conflict, has emerged as one of the intractable issues at the G-8 in Northern Ireland, where leaders of eight of the wealthiest economies gathered at a gleaming lakeside golf resort to hash over trade, tax and foreign policy challenges.

Afghan president says his armed forces now taking the lead for security around the country

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai announced at a ceremony on Tuesday that his country's armed forces are taking over the lead for security nationwide from the U.S.-led NATO coalition.

The handover of responsibility is a significant milestone in the nearly 12-year war and marks a turning point for American and NATO military forces, which will now move entirely into a supporting role. It also opens the way for their full withdrawal in 18 months.

"This is a historic moment for our country and from tomorrow all of the security operations will be in the hands of the Afghan security forces," Karzai said at the ceremony, held at the new National Defense University built to train Afghanistan's future

military officers.

Karzai said that in the coming months, coalition forces will gradually withdraw from Afghanistan's provinces as the country's security forces replace them.

In announcing the fifth and final phase of a process that began at a November 2010 NATO summit in Lisbon, Portugal, Karzai said "transition will be completed and Afghan security forces will lead and conduct all operations."

Obama defends top secret NSA data gathering of phone records, Internet traffic

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama defended top secret National Security Agency spying programs as legal in a lengthy interview Monday, and called them transparent — even though they are authorized in secret.

"It is transparent," Obama told PBS' Charlie Rose in an interview broadcast Monday. "That's why we set up the FISA court," he added, referring to the secret court set up by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that authorizes two recently disclosed programs: one that gathers U.S. phone records and another that is designed to track the use of U.S.-based Internet servers by foreigners with possible links to terrorism.

He added that he's named representatives to a privacy and civil liberties oversight board to help in the debate over just how far government data gathering should be allowed to go — a discussion that is complicated by the secrecy surrounding the FISA court, with hearings held at undisclosed locations and with only government lawyers present. The orders that result are all highly classified.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

cares. You're doing it for you, for the joy of putting things together, just because. Today this action will open the door of destiny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be repaid for the time you put into your body. But the mental benefits of exercise cannot be stressed enough. Even if you feel like it's an indulgence, get in a workout. Your brain needs it now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A relationship may hit a strange, rocky passage, but keep a sure footing and move quickly along to smoother junctures. You can't stumble over something if it's behind you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your attention is a precious commodity, and it's yours to appropriate in the way you see fit. Your interest doesn't have to become your child's or your partner's interest, but it will certainly help if others respect it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's something about a current trend that suits you just fine, and you're likely to hop right on board. Just remember that if you follow the crowd, you'll likely end up in a crowded place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is quite a lot of coming and going these days — a loved one leaves and another returns. Your heart sends warm wishes and welcoming affec-

tion while your head tries to roll with the changes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Thunderstorms are powerful and frightening but mercifully brief. Remember that a dark cloud currently on the horizon will soon pass over you, and the sun isn't far behind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 18). You're decisive and quick — qualities you'll use at key moments this year. You know when it's right to handle things first and ask questions later. A strange coincidence in July becomes the opening to a love story. August is for signing deals and making fans. October offers the chance to rectify family karma. Aries and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 24, 3, 11, 17 and 32

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Countdown to Conjunctions

Good fortune is lining up that will pay off later in the week. Today's instructions are to hold on to hope, which is one of those rare things, like love, that you can clasp and give to others at the same time. The Libra moon of relationships will remind us that we depend on each other. Ask for help, and ask others whether they need it, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is such a thing as being too giving or, more likely, giving the right amount but to the wrong person. You have a good heart, but don't let that blind you to what's bad in people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Hearing an apology will bring a weird satisfaction that verges on happiness. Maybe it's nice to know that other people make mistakes, too, or that if they had it to do over again, they would treat you better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Knowing who you are is kind of beside the point today, because you're too busy unselfconsciously proving the point with every successful action. You have officially gotten out of your own way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll ask astute questions. You could catch someone off guard, and this is good — you'll get an honest answer. What you learn about the past will help you feel differently about the present and future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's something you need to put out of your mind because it's taking up too much of your energy, and there's nothing you can do about it today. Don't think, wonder or obsess. Focus elsewhere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll make something without worrying about whether anyone



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Israel: A Light unto the Nations

Those who demonize Israel are either misinformed or malevolent

If that proverbial man from Mars came to visit and read the world's newspapers, especially those in the Arab and Muslim world, he would be convinced that Israel was the most evil nation in the world and the source of all of the world's strife.

What are the facts?

A nation to be emulated. The reality, of course, is that Israel is a nation, a society, that should be admired and emulated by many countries in the world. The very fact of how the State of Israel came into being is one of the most inspiring in history. Born out of the ashes of the Holocaust, it has emerged as one of the most advanced, productive and prosperous countries in the world.

The demonization of Israel, assiduously cultivated by the Muslim world, reached a crescendo following Israel's defensive actions in Gaza. Instead of being grateful to the Muslims for having totally withdrawn, the Palestinian Gazans showed their "gratitude" by almost daily pounding of Israeli towns with thousands of rockets and bombs. After countless warnings, Israel ultimately decided to put an end to this travesty.

When Israel finally did invade Gaza it took the most elaborate precautions not to hurt civilians. As a first in the history of warfare, Israel dropped tens of thousands of leaflets, warning the population and urging it to abandon areas in which military action would take place. The Israeli military made thousands of phone calls urging people to leave areas that would come under attack. But fighting in a densely populated environment is difficult and loss of civilian life is hard to avoid. Hamas fighters wear no uniforms. It is impossible to tell them from civilians. Is a person who allows a rocket launcher in his backyard a civilian or a fighter? And how about using schools, hospitals and mosques as munitions depots and staff centers? The hue and cry of Israel's demonizers of using "disproportionate force" is totally absurd. The ultimate insult, comparing Israel to the Nazis, is freely bandied about by Israel's detractors.

Israel is not an "apartheid state." Another familiar tack of Israel's vilifiers is to call it an "apartheid state," on the model

of former South Africa. But that is so ridiculous, so preposterous, it is hard to believe that serious people can countenance it. The exact opposite is the case. Israel is the only country in its benighted neighborhood in which people of all colors and religions prosper and have equal rights. Israel, expending substantial effort, rescued tens of thousands of black Jews from Ethiopia. And it has given assistance and absorbed countless Christian expatriates from Sudan, who escaped from being slaughtered by their Muslim countrymen. Israel's over one million Arab citizens enjoy the same rights and privileges as their Jewish fellows. They are represented in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and are members of its bureaucracy, of its judiciary, and of its diplomatic service.

All over the world, Leftists, including in the United States and, sad to say, even in Israel itself, tirelessly condemn and vilify Israel. Why would they do that? First, of course, there is good old-fashioned anti-Semitism. Second, many of those who hate the United States vent their poison on Israel, which they consider being America's puppet in that area of the world. But Israel should certainly get top grades in all areas important to the Left. In contrast to all its enemies, Israel has the same democratic institutions as the United States. All religions thrive freely in Israel. Also, in contrast to all of its enemies, women have the same rights as men. The Chief Justice of Israel's Supreme Court is a woman. One-sixth of the Knesset are women. Compare that to Saudi Arabia, a medieval theocracy, where women are not even allowed to drive cars, where they cannot leave the country without permission of a male relative, and where they can be and often are condemned to up to 60 lashes if the "modesty police" deems them not to be properly dressed in public. Gays and lesbians are totally unmolested in Israel; in the surrounding Muslim countries they would be subjected to the death penalty.

As the prophet Isaiah presaged: "Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations."

In spite of demonization and vilification by so much of the world, Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations. The State of Israel is the foremost creation of the Jewish enterprise and Jewish intellect that has benefited every country in which Jews dwell, certainly our own country, the United States of America. Second only to the United States itself, Israel is the world's most important factor in science and technology, way out of proportion to the small size of its population. Israeli Jews are at the forefront of the arts, the sciences, law and medicine. They have brought all these sterling qualities to bear in building their own country: Israel. By necessity, they have also become outstanding in agriculture and, most surprisingly, in the military. What a shame that the Arabs opted not to participate in this progress and in this prosperity and chose instead the path of revenge, of Jihad and of martyrdom. As the prophet Isaiah presaged: Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations.

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Rangers snap 6-game skid, beat A's 8-7

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Nelson Cruz thrust his right arm into the air and shouted out in relief while running the bases after hitting his second homer of the night for the Texas Rangers.

After a tough stretch, the Rangers had a loud and clear response Monday night to the message manager Ron Washington delivered the previous day.

Cruz homered twice and the Rangers ended a six-game losing streak with an 8-7 victory over the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics, matching their run total during what had been the majors' longest active skid.

"We were looking for what happened, get some base hits in RBI situations and just keep grinding," Washington said. "They just showed what they have the capability of doing — what they did tonight. That was the only thing that I stressed to them."

Washington had a rare postgame meeting with his team after the Rangers were swept in a four-game series by Toronto, extending their longest home losing streak since 2005. That was part of a 4-11 stretch that dropped them out of first place.

Cruz's straightaway center field on an 0-2 pitch from Jesse Chavez (1-1) in the fifth. Cruz emphatically responded while rounding the bases on his 18th homer of the season, and second in two innings. It came right after A.J. Pierzynski's RBI double and put the Rangers up 7-6.



Texas' Nelson Cruz picks up a RBI double during the seventh inning of Monday's 8-7 win over the Oakland A's in Arlington. The win snapped a six-game losing streak.

AP photo

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Dave Campell's Texas Football — a fun read, but not gospel

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Few things get me as pumped up about the upcoming football season as the day I receive my copy of Dave Campell's Texas Football in the mail.

Not that Campell's publication is the be all, end all of what will transpire during the season. Its predictions are often wrong, but it's definitely a fun read if you are a fan of high school football and it contains a cavalcade of information on every team in the state.

Of course, the first thing I did was flip to Page 285 to see where Big Spring was ranked. Apparently, the 0-5 finish sullied the opinions of the DCTF analysts, as Big Spring is picked to place last in District 4-3A, with Abilene Wylie predicted to win the district. It also lists Monahans as a dark horse — a designation I would assign Big Spring.

First of all, the Steers have more returning starters on offense and defense (7/7) than any of their 4-3A opponents save for Snyder (9/8). Wylie only has a total of four starters returning.

And let's not forget about the raw athletic talent BSHS boasts. Big Spring may have lost five straight to close out the season, but they opened with five straight wins, which included victories over rival Andrews and defending TAPPS 4-A champion Midland Christian.

Tobyn Tannehill stepped in as a sophomore quarterback and led the Steers to five wins to open his varsity

career. Surely, Tannehill gained valuable experience at the position and should be even more of a threat this year. The younger brother of Miami Dolphins' QB Ryan Tannehill, Tobyn passed for 14 touchdowns and rushed for seven.

All-State selection Devin Roberson will be back for his final season. Barring an injury, Roberson is one of the most versatile athletes you will see on the field at the high school level. A threat all over the field, he is listed at four positions — punter, kicker, safety and wide receiver. Roberson embodies the type of utility player every coach desires.

The Steers lost hard-charging running back Michael Oliva to graduation, but Tannehill will have several weapons to choose from in addition to Roberson. The 6'3" Tate Kennedy will join Roberson in the receiving corp along with Ryan Lopez and others.

Also mentioned by DCTF as players to watch are: Tyler Wigington (LB); Nick Conner (OT), Garrett Wigington (RB/LB); Drake Worthan (CB); Shaiem Menefield (CB); Ty Seeley (TE); Nick Sotelo (C); Ronnie Bell (LB); Brett Bromman (S) and Aric Rutledge (OG).

In Class AA, District 3, the Stanton Buffaloes were selected by the magazine to finish fourth behind a trio of perennial powerhouses in Sonora, Alpine and Crane. Picked last in 3-2A is Coahoma. Can the Buffs or Bulldogs work their way into the playoffs in a tough district?

I'm sure respective head coaches John Peterson and Trey Gardner

believe so. Stanton will be returning eight starters on offense and six on defense.

Coahoma expects just three offensive veterans and six defenders back from last season. The Bulldogs lost senior leaders such as Peyton Rodriguez and Tanner Ruiz — among others — after a long, injury-prone year which began with much promise in 2012.

Rounding out the area's 11-man teams is Forsan, which earned a No. 3 ranking behind two-time defending state champion Stamford, as well as Anson, which was red-hot last season. The Buffaloes are predicted to finish ahead of Winters and Haskell, but like most of the region's districts, it could go any which way. FHS Head Coach Jason Phillips will be returning Kade Fannin, Ausden Medrano, Polo Morin, Garrett Kligora, Trevor Williams, J.T. Breyman and Kolby Self, to name a few.

The Buffs made a postseason appearance last year, but were eliminated by Quanah. Though Forsan lost assets such as Trevor Burchett, Copeland Riddell, Marcus Cervantes and Brendan Roman, DCTF predicts Forsan to return to the playoffs once again.

As for the local six-man teams, all three — Grady, Sands and Garden City — have a legitimate shot at winning their district.

Grady will have to contend with Borden County, Klondike and O'Donnell, but the Wildcats went further than any other area squad in 2012 and Head Coach Chris

Kuykendall will bring back four starters on each side of the ball. Grady is ranked second by DCTF in the four-team district.

Also pulling rank in No. 2 is Garden City, behind Rankin in District 5-6M. Head Coach Matt Odom's son, Austin Odom, is expected to play QB for the Bearcats, who won back-to-back state titles in 2009 and 2010 and snuck into the playoffs last season.

Last, but not least, the Sands Mustangs will welcome new Head Coach Stephen Keith after missing the playoffs last season. Four starters on offense and defense will be counted on to lead the Stangs back to the postseason.

Sands is picked third in District 5-6M, behind Dawson and Loop, but ahead of Wellman-Union.

Will the gurus behind DCTF be proven right? Will the Steers flop and finish in last place, or will the experience gained from last season be enough to provide a catalyst for Big Spring to make a postseason push? Will District 3-2A's final playoff spot come down to Coahoma and Stanton? How deep will Forsan go? Will a six-man team represent the area in Austin?

These are questions Dave Campell's year magazine can't adequately answer. We will have to see for ourselves.

See you in the bleachers.

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Ex-NFL WR Johnson released from jail

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A contrite Chad Johnson apologized Monday for disrespecting a judge when the former NFL star slapped his attorney on the backside in court last week and was released from jail after only a week instead of 30 days.

Broward County Circuit Judge Kathleen McHugh accepted Johnson's apology and cut back his jail term for a probation violation to the seven days he had already served since the rear-swatting. Johnson, a flamboyant wide receiver formerly known as Chad Ochocinco, said in court that he'd had time to think about why his flippant atti-

tude was wrong — especially in a domestic violence case.

"I just wanted to apologize for disrespecting the court last time," said Johnson, wearing a tan jail jumpsuit with his hands shackled at the waist.

Johnson walked out of jail shortly after 4 p.m. and was met by his attorney, Adam Swickle, and sports agent Drew Rosenhaus. Johnson told reporters he was thankful to McHugh because she was the first person to get him to slow down and think about the path his life was taking.

"No one has been able to do it, not even my parents," he said. "I thank her. Everything she did was justified."

Heat have no room for error in Game 6, Spurs looking strong

MIAMI (AP) — They lost three times in three months in one of the most overpowering stretches the NBA has ever seen.

Now the Miami Heat have lost three times in five games.

So superb during the regular season, LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and the Heat have to be something even more for the rest of the NBA Finals.

"They have to be perfect.

"We look up to the challenge," James said.

The San Antonio Spurs can finish Miami off Tuesday night in Game 6, reaffirming themselves as one of the league's greatest franchises.

If so, the Heat and their Big Three once again go from celebrated to devastated, just as they were two years ago when they came home from Texas facing this same predicament.

"We're going to see if we're a

better team than we were our first year together," James said.

The Spurs took a 3-2 lead with their 114-104 victory Sunday night. Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili were all brilliant again, and Danny Green added to what could become one of the most out-of-nowhere finals MVP campaigns ever.

One more victory makes the Spurs 5-0 in the NBA Finals, keeping pace with Michael Jordan's 6-0 Chicago Bulls as the only teams to make it here multiple times and never lose.

"We understand Game 6 is huge," Parker said. "Obviously, you want to finish in the first opportunity you get. We understand that Miami is going to come out with a lot more energy, and they're going to play better at home. They're going to shoot the ball better. Their crowd is going to be behind them."

None of that mattered two years ago.

Clearly reeling and their psyches shaken after dropping two straight games in Dallas, the Heat were blitzed early in Game 6. They never recovered, Chris Bosh inconsolable as he made his way back to the locker room afterward while the Mavericks celebrated at center court.

James had to endure the criticisms that came with not getting it done in the finals, a story line that was put to rest last year but will be back again if the Heat don't manage to put together consecutive victories.

"We challenge ourselves to see if we're a better team than we were," Wade said. "Same position no matter how we got to it."

The Heat would also host Game 7 on Thursday. They're trying

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: As a military war veteran and someone raised in the midst of inner-city violence, I have suffered from and learned a great deal about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

There are many misconceptions about this common and treatable illness, and I want to make sure your readers know the truth about PTSD and how to get help if they need it.

When I got out of the service, I could only sit in certain positions in a room and go to certain places. I couldn't be in crowds or tolerate any kind of loud traffic noise (not easy for a New Yorker).

I couldn't sit next to a window. If anyone came up behind me to say hello, I would drop them to the ground, expecting an attack.

I didn't recognize this at the time as PTSD. I know there are many others with stories like mine, and I want them to know that PTSD is a real illness with real treatment options. It is also important to know that this doesn't only affect members of the military. Anyone who experiences a traumatic event can develop PTSD.

It wasn't easy, but I eventually got the help I needed and am in a much

better place. June 20 is PTSD Screening Day, and June is PTSD Awareness Month. Anyone can go online and take a free and anonymous screening at www.PTSDScreening.org to see whether their symptoms are consistent with those of PTSD. It can be hard to reach out and ask for help, but doing so can make a huge difference. — *William Terry*

Dear Mr. Terry: Thank you for sharing your story with our readers. You are correct that anyone who has witnessed or experienced trauma can suffer from PTSD. This includes anyone affected by recent tragedies such as Sandy Hook, the Boston Marathon and the tornadoes in Oklahoma. The first step to getting help is identifying the problem. We urge those who think their experience with trauma is impacting them to go to www.PTSDScreening.org and take a short, free, anonymous screening. You won't be sorry.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. © 2013 CREATORS.COM

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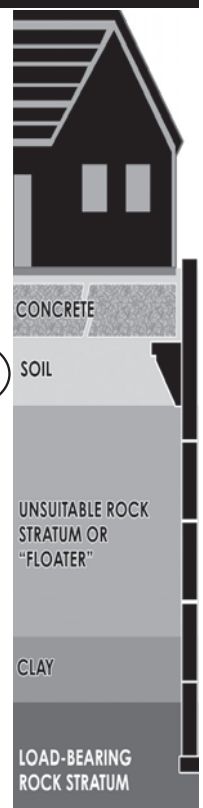
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“JOEY, THE ONLY THING BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE IS...WELL...NOTHING!”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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“Mommy, what do you think is a good name for this spider I found?”

HAGAR

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“YOUR BOAT IS ALL REPAIRED, SIR!”

“I’LL GO GET YOUR BILL!”

“HE’S STEALING FROM MY PLAYBOOK!”

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“BOSS, WHY DID YOU DRAW A LITTLE FROWNY FACE ON THIS REPORT?”

“I’D BE HAPPY TO DRAW A SMILEY FACE ON A REPORT IF YOU EVER DID A SATISFACTORY JOB ON ONE.”

“LOOK WHAT I GOT AT WORK TODAY!”

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“LET THE HUNGER GAMES BEGIN!”

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“MAY THE ODDS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOR.”

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“WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN SOMEONE SAYS, ‘THE TAIL IS WAGGING THE DOG?’”

“THAT’S WHEN ONE PART IS CONTROLLING THE WHOLE.”

“MY STOMACH TELLS ME WHAT TO DO.”

THE OTHER COAST

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“CUSTOMS.”

“OK, YOU CAN GO. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.”

“YOU SAT DOWN NEXT TO THAT SUITCASE, BUT THERE WAS NO CONTRABAND IN IT.”

“IT’S BEEN A LONG DAY. I WAS TIRED.”

SNUFFY SMITH

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“WE BUY ‘HIS AN’ HERS’ EV’RYTHIN’ !!”

“GUESS WHICH IS ‘HIS’ !!”

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“GIZMO FINALLY FOUND THE GIRL OF HIS DREAMS.”

“WHERE DID HE FIND HER?”

“IN THE ROBOTICS LAB!”

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 18, the 169th day of 2013. There are 196 days left in the year.

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On this date:

- In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.
- In 1812, the War of 1812 began as the United States Congress approved, and President James Madison signed, a declaration of war against Britain.
- In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.
- In 1873, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was found guilty by a judge in Canandaigua, N.Y., of breaking the law by casting a vote in the 1872 presidential election. (The judge fined Anthony \$100, but she never paid the penalty.)
- In 1908, William Howard Taft was nominated for president by the Republican National Convention in Chicago.
- In 1912, the Republican National Convention, which would nominate President William Howard Taft for another term of office, opened in Chicago.
- In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, “This was their finest hour.”
- In 1945, William Joyce, known as “Lord Haw-Haw,” was charged in London with high treason for his English-language wartime broadcasts on German radio. (He was hanged in January 1946.)
- In 1953, a U.S. Air Force Douglas C-124 Globemaster II crashed near Tokyo, killing all 129 people on board. Egypt’s 148-year-old Muhammad Ali Dynasty came to an end with the overthrow of the monarchy and the proclamation of a republic.
- In 1972, 118 people were killed in the crash of a Brussels-bound British European Airways Hawker Siddeley Trident 1C shortly after takeoff from London Heathrow Airport.
- In 1979, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

Today’s Birthdays: Rock singer-composer-musician Sir Paul McCartney is 71. Actress Constance McCashin is 66. Actress Linda Thorson is 66.

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Answer to previous puzzle

STOP	TOTS	ABATE
WAVE	ECHO	DEBIT
MICES	REAL	FAULT
MORTAR	AND	PESTLE
	TON	LET
COLOR	CPAS	ATT
CANAL	MOON	APAR
HUSTLE	AND	BUSTLE
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SUPPLY	AND	DEMAND
ACEIT	TOGA	OREO
FLARE	OPEN	SEAM
EASED	MESS	SATE

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 In addition
 - 5 Letter before tee
 - 8 Map book
 - 13 Spectrum-showing object
 - 14 Speedometer no.
 - 15 One-horned beast, for short
 - 16 Juliet’s love
 - 17 Org. for drivers
 - 18 Is offended by
 - 19 Bottles of bubbly
 - 22 Slippery swimmer
 - 23 Pen fluid
 - 24 Yellow tropical fruit
 - 28 Fictional Karenina
 - 30 Doctrine
 - 33 “Peek-___, I see you!”
 - 34 Hard to find
 - 36 Make a dash for
 - 38 Epitomes
 - 41 Moderated, with “down”
 - 42 Consumes
 - 43 Take a risk
 - 44 Gallery display
 - 45 Brings to a close
 - 47 Kingly toppers
 - 49 Scrooge’s shout
 - 50 Promise of payment
 - 51 Brainstorming gems
 - 59 Suspect’s story
 - 60 That man’s
 - 61 “I didn’t do it!”
- DOWN**
- 62 Opinion surveys
 - 63 Poetic praise
 - 64 Provide funds for
 - 65 Call from a nest
 - 66 Hamster or dog
 - 67 Writing surface
 - 8 How good friends may walk
 - 9 Ponder
 - 10 Bit of dialog
 - 11 “No ifs, ___ or buts!”
 - 12 Distress call
 - 13 7, on older phones
 - 20 Memorize
 - 21 Get a blue ribbon
 - 24 Spaghetti or ziti
 - 25 Despise
 - 26 Needle tip
 - 27 Top-notch
 - 28 Neighborhoods
 - 29 On deck
 - 30 Relative by marriage
 - 31 Very strict
 - 32 Exodus VIP
 - 35 Ripened
 - 37 Off-the-neck hair style
 - 39 Person with noble goals
 - 40 Wide tie
 - 46 Stanley Cup org
 - 48 Destroyed
 - 49 The Good Book
 - 50 Map within a map
 - 51 Squander, so to speak
 - 52 Annoy
 - 53 Denny’s rival
 - 54 Assistant
 - 55 Over with
 - 56 Approximate takeoff hrs.
 - 57 Wild way to run
 - 58 Stitch up
 - 59 Likely

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GAME 6

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to join the 1988 and 2010 Los Angeles Lakers and 1994 Houston Rockets as the only teams to rally from 3-2 down by winning the final two on their home floor since the NBA Finals went to a 2-3-2 format in 1985.

Of course, the Heat — who won 27 in a row during the second-longest winning streak in league history — haven't put together consecutive victories now in close to a month.

Their four titles have made the

Spurs respected but never beloved. Their first, in 1999, came following a 50-game lockout season, and they certainly weren't the team to help the NBA regain its jilted fan base.

Victories in 2003 over New Jersey, 2005 over Detroit and 2007 over James' Cleveland Cavaliers were all low-rated, lukewarm-interest series in which the Spurs were supposed to win and did, just not in a way that erased the idea that they had boring players with a boring brand of basketball.

Win this one, though, and they will surely get their due. They would be

knocking off the league's winningest team and the game's best player.

"We'll reflect back and let it hit us when it's over. We still have a lot more work to do. There's still some business to be done. We have to carry it out and finish it," said Green, who was cut previously by the Cavaliers and Spurs and now has made 25 3-pointers in the first five games.

It looked as though the game was finally passing by the Spurs last year, when the young Oklahoma City Thunder blew by them with four straight victories after San Antonio had taken a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference

finals.

The Heat routed the Thunder for the championship and the Spurs brought back essentially the same team, believing another year in their system for players like Green and Kawhi Leonard was a better option than seeking out some quick-fix outsider.

That's almost always been the Spurs' way, and it's on the verge of again being the model for an NBA title — at the expense of Miami.

"I think every one of us wants this very badly from the top on down," Duncan said. "We're trying to play that way."

RANGERS

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"It was the run we need in that situation. It was very emotional," Cruz said. "In our minds, we

believe we can do it. We showed what we're capable of doing."

Oakland, which entered the four-game series opener with a three-game division lead over Texas, wiped out an early 3-0 deficit with a six-

run fourth ignited by a bizarre play before Neal Cotts (3-1) worked 2 1-3 perfect innings in relief of rookie Nick Tevesch.

Robbie Ross and Tanner Scheppers each worked 1-2-3 innings, then Joe Nathan gave up a run before securing his 21st save in 22 chances. After being held to

two runs or less in a team record-matching six games in a row, the Rangers took care of that in the first three innings. Pierzynski pulled a two-run homer off the right-field foul pole in the second, an inning before an RBI double by Ian Kinsler. That was Kinsler's first hit in 10 at-bats since coming

off the disabled list Saturday after missing 25 games with a rib cage injury.

The Rangers' eight runs and 12 hits were both their most in 16 games this month.

In the Oakland fourth, Yoenis Cespedes hit a grounder that ricocheted off third baseman Adrian Beltre toward shortstop. Elvis Andrus was about to throw to first when he saw John Jaso running in front of him toward third. Andrus threw to Beltre, who made a swiping attempt at a tag. Jaso, sliding headfirst in front of him, lifted his arm into the air trying to avoid the tag and then dived into the base with his left hand.

He was called safe by third base umpire Jordan Baker even though it appeared his hand came off the bag while being tagged. Beltre was irate and Washington also came out to argue the call.

"It's a little odd that the umpire can miss the call twice. ... He's right on top of the play and he still missed it," Beltre said. "I got him twice. I know that, because I did it myself, and I went to see the replay to confirm. The replay showed

I tagged him twice. I don't know what he saw."

Tevesch then allowed three hits and a walk to the next four hitters, including a two-run single by Seth Smith, who scored on Jed Lowrie's double. Eric Sogard had a sacrifice fly and Coco Crisp's RBI single made it 6-3 and chased Tevesch.

"He made some good pitches in the bottom of the strike zone, and they went down there and they got them and they found holes," Washington said.

Oakland rookie Dan Straily had a 2.21 ERA in his previous five starts, a stretch that began at Texas on May 21 when the right-hander worked seven scoreless innings and faced 22 batters — one more than the minimum for that span — in a 1-0 win over Yu Darvish.

Straily hadn't allowed a homer in his last six starts and 38 innings until Pierzynski went deep. The first of Cruz's two homers came off him as well.

Cruz was the first batter faced by Chavez when he took over for Straily, who allowed six runs and eight hits over 4 2-3 innings.

Sudoku Answer on Page 7

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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Bidding Tells the Tale

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 8 6 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A Q 8 4
♣ Q 5
WEST
♠ K J 4
♥ Q J 10 9 4
♦ 9
♣ K 10 9 3
EAST
♠ Q 9 3
♥ A K 7 6 2
♦ 5 2
♣ 8 7 4
SOUTH
♠ A 7 5
♥ —
♦ K J 10 7 6 3
♣ A J 6 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ 1♥ 2♦
4♥ 5♦

Opening lead — queen of hearts.
Whatever value you place on your 13 cards when you first see them, that value seldom remains the same as bids are made — or not made — by the other three players.

Thus, South's hand is a minimum opening bid in terms of its high-card strength, but it rises greatly in value when his partner bids two diamonds. It then grows still more in value when both opponents bid hearts.

This is because East-West are likely to have considerable heart

strength, which in turn means that North's high cards are apt to be in the other three suits — exactly where South would like them to be. South's five-diamond bid is based in large part on these factors.

West led the heart queen, ruffed by South. Declarer then cashed the K-A of trumps and led dummy's queen of clubs, losing the finesse to West's king. South later lost two spade tricks to finish down one.

Declarer should have made the contract. West's lead had almost certainly marked him with the Q-J-10 of the suit. It followed — since West had made a vulnerable overcall in a suit headed by the Q-J-10 — that West was highly likely to have strength in spades and clubs, including, most importantly, the club king.

South should therefore have initiated the club suit by leading the club deuce toward dummy on the basis that West probably had the king. Had he done that, South would have gotten home safely. If West took the king, declarer would later discard two spades from dummy on the A-J of clubs and lose only one club and one spade to make the contract.

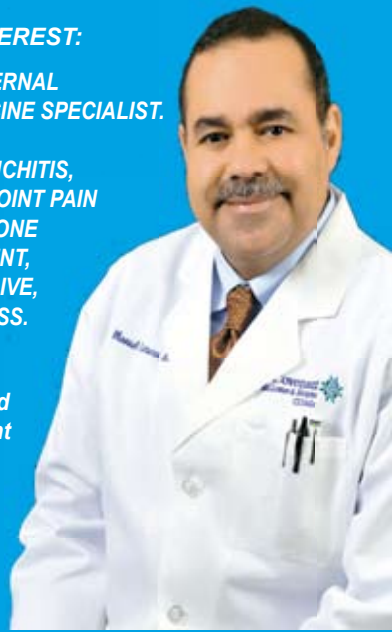
If West did not take the king of clubs, the outcome would be the same. South's only losers in that case would be two spade tricks.

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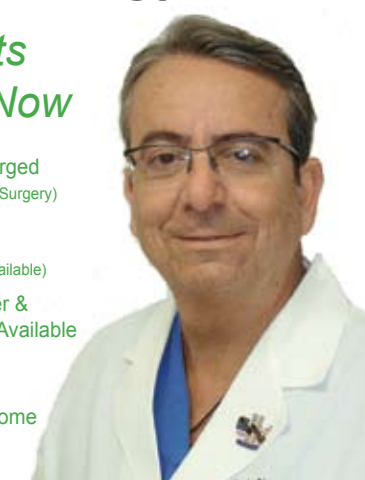
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