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Big Spring Water Department crews spent a good chunk of their workday Monday replacing a section of 12-inch line on Goliad Street between 23rd and 24th. The break, which interrupted water service to homes and businesses in the area and forced traffic detours, was reported at 5 a.m. and repaired by 3 p.m., officials said.

Are you ready for POPS?

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

With a little more than 24 hours to go before they strike up the orchestra and light the fuse on the fireworks, Pops in the Park officials are putting the final touches on preparations for the popular event.

The 16th annual Pops in the Park Independence Day celebration, featuring music, food, fun and fireworks, is set to begin Wednesday afternoon at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

While the highlight of the evening will undoubtedly be the annual fireworks display — complete with musical accompaniment from the Big Spring Symphony — there will be lots more for people to enjoy, Pops Committee Chairperson Kelly Seales said.

The amphitheater will open to the public at 5 p.m. More than 20 vendors have been confirmed for the event, supplying food and much-needed drink to help people deal with expected high temperatures.

The pre-show portion of the festivities will feature Vocal Trash, the Metroplex-based musical group which will perform at Pops in the Park for the first time since 2008. The group has been compared to such successful specialty acts as legendary a cappella group Nylons, and Stomp, a popular drum act of which the members are

KBST t-shirts are back

Special to the Herald

K-BEST Radio Group is keeping a good idea rolling this year as they bring back the Pops in the Park T-shirts for sale.

Last year was the first time the radio group decided to sell a small portion to the public. The shirts are usually launched into the crowd during the Pops in the Park festivities, but due to popular demand for the shirts, the idea came out to make them available to sell.

"We had no idea that we would have the huge response that we did last year when we decided to sell the

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Watch where you pop

City is off limits for those who want to set off fireworks

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

While the risk factors for wildfires may be at its lowest point in approximately seven years, local fire officials are urging residents to be careful if they plan to include fireworks in their Independence Day celebrations, as the risk of injury is still a major concern.

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, recent rain and favorable weather conditions have the risk level in the county at low-medium going into the holiday.

"These are probably the best conditions we've seen in about seven years," Sullivan said. "There is still some fuel — mostly under the green

ground-cover we're seeing — but it poses considerably less of a risk. It will still catch fire, however, it usually causes spot fires that people can easily put out themselves without rolling a fire engine."

While the risk of causing a wildfire is considerably lower this holiday, Sullivan said it doesn't diminish the risk of personal injuries.

"Just use common sense," Sullivan said firmly. "A sparkler burns at around 2,000 degrees, which can easily cause third degree burns. Is it really a good idea to hand one to your 2- or 3-year-old child?



Use extreme caution and make sure you have a cell phone nearby, that way if something goes wrong you can call for emergency services."

Sullivan said it's important for residents to know where they can't — and can't — legally set off their fireworks.

"It's a bit confusing, but setting off fireworks in the roadway isn't actually illegal. However, if you do and get caught, you're going to get a ticket — not for shooting fireworks, but instead a \$200 ticket for littering," Sullivan

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Patrol officers to key in on DWI suspects

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

If your plans to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday include drinking and driving, they could include a trip to the county detention center. State and local law enforce-

ment will be on the lookout for violators during the next several days.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has increased DWI patrols for a 10-day period which includes Thursday, according to state officials, with troopers focusing on high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"Plan ahead. If you are drinking, make sure you have a designated driver or some other form of transportation," DPS Director Steven

McCraw said. "Otherwise, you could be making a very expensive or even fatal mistake."

The enhanced patrols which target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

During the 2012 Independence Day enforcement effort, DPS troopers made 1,294 arrests for driving while intoxicated, with 361 of those the direct result of the increased patrols. DPS enforcement also resulted in nearly 13,700

speeding citations, more than 2,200 seat belt and child safety seat citations, 750 fugitive arrests and 518 felony arrests.

"The Fourth of July is a time of celebration in our country and we encourage Texans to enjoy and mark this holiday responsibly," McCraw said. "Impaired driving can quickly turn a time of celebration into a tragedy, so Texans should designate a sober driver or secure another form of transportation if they plan to drink alcohol. The goal of our enforcement effort is to save

lives and make traveling in Texas safer for residents and visitors during the July 4th holiday."

DPS troopers won't be the only law enforcement officers on the lookout for violators during the holiday.

Both the Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Department will have patrols paying close attention to motorists.

"If you get pulled over and you've been drinking, don't

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Obituaries

Boyd Anderson



Boyd Anderson, 91, of Big Spring died Friday, June 28, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 5, 2013, at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

He was born Nov. 1, 1921, in Westbrook, Texas. He married Edna Cate on March 21, 1942, in Stanton. She preceded him in death

Sept. 1, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was in the 77th New York Infantry Division and his service included the Ryukyus Campaign, Guam, Ie Shemi and the invasion and securing of Okinawa. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor.

He graduated from the West Texas College of Mines, now the University of Texas at El Paso. He was a civil engineer for Morton Thikol, near Brigham City, Utah. He was a Southern Baptist.

He is survived by two daughters, Wyleen Anderson of Midland and Renee Siddal of Pensacola, Fla.; two sons, Boyd Rae Anderson Jr. of East Berne, N.Y., and Bruce Anderson of Wallis, Texas; one sister; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

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

Police blotter

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

- NATHAN POYNER, 35, of Kirtland, N.M., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LIAM WOLFE BAKER, 27, of Fort Stockton, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALBARO ARANDA, 39, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and assault by contact.
- ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS, 47, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 24B, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal mischief – substantial inconvenience.
- BETTY JANE MCWILLIAMS, 71, of 1408 E. Sixth St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft – stealing/receiving stolen check or sight order.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported: In the 2500 block of Fairchild. In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80. In the 600 block of Linda Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- LIAM WOLFE BAKER, 27, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALBARO ARANDA, 39, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and assault – physical contact.
- ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS, 47, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- BETTY JANE MCWILLIAMS, 71, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, failure to appear and stealing/receiving stolen check.
- MICHAEL CRAIG COLLINS, 60, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.

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Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of S. Gregg Street and 19th Street. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of McAusland. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of State Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Jennings. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of State Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the 165 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 1200 block of Nolan.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of State Street.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 300 block of N.E. Seventh Street.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 5600 block of Murphy.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and

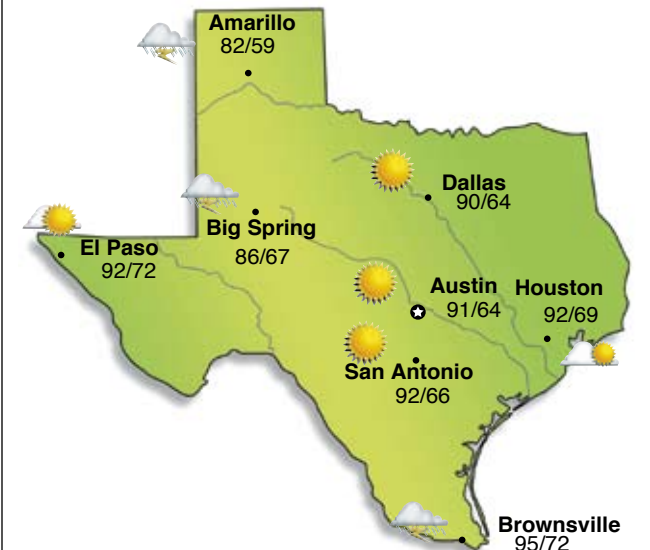
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 7/3	Thu 7/4	Fri 7/5
86/67 Scattered clouds with the possibility of an isolated thunderstorm developing during the afternoon. High 86F.	89/68 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	91/70 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	64	sunny	Kingsville	97	71	pt sunny
Amarillo	82	59	t-storm	Livingston	91	63	mst sunny
Austin	91	64	sunny	Longview	87	63	mst sunny
Beaumont	89	67	mst sunny	Lubbock	82	62	t-storm
Brownsville	95	72	t-storm	Lufkin	90	63	mst sunny
Brownwood	91	63	sunny	Midland	85	68	t-storm
Corpus Christi	95	74	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	71	pt sunny
Corsicana	88	62	sunny	Rosenberg	93	68	pt sunny
Dallas	90	64	sunny	San Antonio	92	66	sunny
Del Rio	95	72	sunny	San Marcos	92	64	sunny
El Paso	92	72	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	64	sunny
Fort Stockton	88	66	pt sunny	Sweetwater	87	64	sunny
Gainesville	86	59	sunny	Tyler	88	64	mst sunny
Greenville	87	61	sunny	Weatherford	89	60	sunny
Houston	92	69	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	89	61	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	82	60	sunny
Boston	81	70	t-storm	New York	81	74	t-storm
Chicago	70	57	cloudy	Phoenix	107	86	mst sunny
Dallas	90	64	sunny	San Francisco	78	63	mst sunny
Denver	79	55	sunny	Seattle	84	62	sunny
Houston	92	69	pt sunny	St. Louis	74	61	t-storm
Los Angeles	85	69	pt sunny	Washington, DC	80	74	t-storm
Miami	86	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

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Take Note

• As part of the July 4 activities in Fort Davis, Tumbleweed Smith will perform his one-man show, Texas Stories, in the Fort Davis library at 8 p.m. Friday, July 5. Tickets are \$5 at the door. He will also be master of ceremonies and announce the patriotic parade Saturday, July 6 at 10 a.m.

• 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.

• 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 peo-

ple'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 foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The mission of CASA of

West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

Reunion

Coahoma High School will hold an All-School Reunion on Saturday, July 20, at the Elementary School in Coahoma. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who attended Coahoma schools or taught or worked in the Coahoma school system is invited to attend.

Rather than a theme this year, the emphasis will be upon visiting with old friends and renewing acquaintances. Individual classes are encouraged to utilize this opportunity for their milestone class reunions (20th, 40th, etc.). Invitations will not be mailed this year, so everyone is asked to help spread the word to all CHS alumni. E-mail information will be sent upon request to Michael Hinsley at mdhinsley@mac.com.

A barbecue lunch will be prepared by school organizations as a fundraiser, and pre-payment of \$10 per person is requested by July 1 to: CHS REUNION, PO Box 84, Coahoma, TX 79511. Include the names; tickets will be waiting at the registration desk.

The reunion is expected to last until 2 or 3 p.m. and will include auction and drawings to raise money for college scholarships to CHS students. Attendees are asked to bring new or novelty items for the auction. That evening, a CHS Reunion social for all classes will be held in Big Spring at Kokapelli's. Additional details will be available by e-mail, Facebook (Michael Hinsley) or at the reunion.

If you need further information, please contact any of the CHS Reunion Officers:

Joyce York Baumann, president, at jefnjoyce@yahoo.com or 432-816-1588

Barbara Ballard Reilly, vice president at reillyb@coahoma.esc18.net or 432-263-7808

FIREWORKS

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said. "That's something we've been trying to get corrected for years. If you get caught shooting your fireworks in a roadway, however, don't expect the officer or deputy to have a sense of humor about it."

Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray said there should be no confusion regarding where it's legal to

set off fireworks in the Big Spring city limits.

"It's never legal to set off fireworks in the city limits, regardless of bans or restrictions," Condray said. "It is against the law to discharge fireworks in the city limits. If you're going to light fireworks you need to find a place in the county that you have access to and have permission to be there, especially if it is on private property."

Sullivan said he hopes area residents are able to enjoy the

Independence Day holiday — and fireworks, if they choose — however, a failure to be responsible when it comes to other people's property and safety isn't likely to elicit any kind of pity from him or law enforcement officials.

"Regardless of whether there's a ban in place or not, we will operate on a zero-tolerance basis when it comes to fires this Fourth of July holiday," said Sullivan firmly. "If your mistake results in the loss of someone else's proper-

ty, you're looking at a charge of reckless endangerment and a \$500 fine. And if you start a fire and that fire injures a firefighter or anyone else, you're going to be looking at felony arson charges."

This year will mark the second year in quite some time rockets and other high-flying fireworks will be sold in Howard County, a fact Sullivan said area residents should pay special attention to.

"A lot of these rockets and missiles are capable of going

a lot farther than some folks realize," he said. "If you're planning to purchase and set these kinds of items off, then you have to be responsible for them. That means being able to get to them, wherever they may land and put them out. Make sure you have access to water or a fire extinguisher. Don't underestimate these flying items. It only takes one getting away from you in the wrong direction to destroy someone else's home ... or worse."

KBST

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t-shirts. Not only did we decide to sell them again this year, we are prepared," said Malinda Flenniken, KBST general manager. "We made sure that we ordered plenty of shirts in all sizes so that we don't run out like we did last year."

The 2013 Pops In the Park shirt is a little dif-

ferent this year than previous ones. The American Blue shirt features a breathable design and the fireworks on the back are in color this year compared to the plain white print from previous years.

"We specifically requested a breathable design this year so that the shirt would be cooler, since the temperatures are so hot," Flenniken said. "We are also pleased with the color-

ful fireworks featured on the back of the shirt with our sponsors."

The back of the shirt displays all 29 sponsors, which according to Flenniken are the ones that make the shirts possible. Those sponsors have also donated special prizes to be included with the T-shirts that will be launched at Pops In the Park.

"We will continue to launch free shirts into the crowd like always;

we don't want to mess with a tradition," Flenniken said. "However, in the past couple of years we have noticed that there is a good number of community members wanting the shirts before the event, so we want to make sure that they have an opportunity to get one."

"We at the K-Best Radio Group strive to make community service our top priority. I look forward to this time

of year because Pops In the Park gives us an opportunity to give back to the community in a fun way. The sponsors also enjoy it," Flenniken said, "and a portion of the proceeds from the sponsors, as well as the sale of the shirts will be donated back to the Pops In the Park event."

Sizes range from adult small to 4x, as well as youth small and medium, and are \$15 each. To purchase t-shirts,

stop by KBST, located at 608 Johnson, today until 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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Benny G. Frasier, 71, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Eastland Cemetery, Eastland, Texas.

Magdalen "Maggie" Carter, 81, died Saturday. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Boyd Anderson, 91, died Friday. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 5, 2013 at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

POPS

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portion of the celebration begins at 7:45 p.m., highlighted by the annual flag ceremony and a fly-over by commemorative Air Force planes based out of Midland.

Following that, the symphony, directed by Dr. Keith Graumann, will perform a selection of popular and patriotic

tunes before a video tribute to Howard County military personnel and veterans is shown at 9 p.m.

The highlight of the night, a \$20,000 fireworks display conducted by Terry Hurt of Odessa, is scheduled to begin at 9:45 p.m. The display will be synced to a performance of patriotic tunes by the symphony.

The celebration is free to the public, although

donations will be gladly accepted.

As for parking, handicap parking will be directed through the Wasson Main Gate entrance to the lot between the aquatic center and amphitheater and in designated spots on top of the amphitheater. General parking will be located in numerous areas throughout the park, including off Highway 87, at Kid's Zone and overflow will be behind

the pro shop. Vendors are asked to park vehicles and trailers behind the clubhouse at the golf course.

sudoku

ANSWERS

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8	2	5	1	6	4	3	9	7
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behind the wheel while intoxicated will land drivers a one-way trip to the county detention center.

"This isn't some sort of joke," Parker said. "These are people's lives. These are their families. If you get stopped and you've been drinking, you're going to be in a world of trouble. Be smart about it and have a designated driver."

Sheriff Stan Parker echoed those sentiments, saying getting

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that the July 4 holiday ranks No. 1 nationally for alcohol-related fatal crashes. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, more than 1,000 Texans are killed each year as a result of impaired drivers and Texas is frequently ranked as the nation's deadliest for impaired driving deaths.

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OTHER VIEWS

Time to re-think the U.S. farm bill

The gooey glob that was to be the next iteration of the federal Farm Bill has died a suitable death in the House of Representatives.

The nation's farm policy dates back to the Great Depression when Congress tried to help keep small, independent farmers on their land with various price supports

But over the years it has become a handout to large corporate farming interests, skewing markets and keeping prices for some commodities such as sugar artificially high.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the political theater.

In order to keep urban members of Congress on board with the farm programs, the food stamp program was added to the Farm Bill — using as a premise that food stamps would keep demand for food, and thus commodity prices, high.

However, under the Obama administration, millions of new recipients have been added to the food stamp rolls, taking the tab for the program to nearly \$80 billion. This president wants to make as many Americans dependent on the government as he can.

It's eminently clear that Congress needs to rethink the nation's farm policy. If some disaster were to occur, lawmakers could step in with temporary help for agriculture, but for the most part ag can survive without federal handouts.

And Congress needs to rethink the food stamp program. Feeding oneself and one's family is the most basic of responsibilities.

People in this country survived without food stamps and they can once again.

— *The Pueblo (Colo.) Chieftain*

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Those who abuse their health

In addition to being a fine actor, James Gandolfini was smart and rich. He could afford the best medical care the West has to offer and understand the stakes of being so overweight and stressed. Yet he let his weight balloon in an orgy of careless eating and drinking. Did he think himself invincible or assume that he had time to deal with health issues later, his age being only 51? Surely a doctor somewhere read him the riot act, so why didn't he make health a priority?

This is something I'd like to know.

We've seen highly educated people fully aware of the facts nonetheless abuse their bodies through obesity, alcoholism or smoking. Sometimes their lack of self care is so extraordinary that we wonder whether they are suicidal. But then, when diagnosed with the predictable dread disease, they undergo any expense and gruesome treatment to stay alive.

The writer Christopher Hitchens was brilliant in many ways, but he died at 62 of esophageal cancer tied to his chain smoking.

Asked about his smoking habit in a 1995 interview, Hitchens dismissed the concern with his trademark bravado, saying, "I don't want to live forever." But from his first race to an emergency room to his death

18 months later, he subjected himself to every awful treatment offered at the most cutting-edge facility.

The American Medical Association recently classified obesity as a disease, though many within the doctors organization disagree. It's not entirely clear what constitutes a disease or obesity. The body mass index used to define it is considered a primitive tool.

The question arises, though: If obesity is a disease — as some consider addictions to alcohol or cigarettes — what kind of disease is it? Is it chiefly biomedical or psychological?

No doubt some have a biological tendency to put on weight, but it is clear that obesity is related to low education and low income.

That's why obesity and the attendant diabetes run rampant in poor populations. Here patients often ignore all dietary advice. They may not take their blood-pressure medicine. They might not see a doctor at a community clinic if it means waiting a few weeks.

Even though the Affordable Care Act will generously subsidize health coverage for low-income Americans, some doctors fear many won't seek medical care if that means paying the smallest of copayments. Preventive medicine has little meaning in some communities, where health risks that could be minimized with simple self care end up as catastrophes in emergency rooms.

The health care reforms will give the community clinics

treating the poor \$11 billion over five years to meet the growing demands. But suppose their medical providers can't get through to the passively sick, despite the greater resources. Dealing with a chronic condition requires lots of follow-up and dedication on the patient's part.

In states that participate in the Medicaid expansion, the poorest will get virtually free medical care and drugs, but might have to shell out for a few items. Some health care professionals worry based on their experience, that many low-income patients won't spend even a small sum for their medical care.

This seems so far from the other America, land of the organized and the super-fit. Here the citizens sweat, they meditate, they do yoga. If a fingernail cracks, they take a dietary supplement.

But what to do about the smokers, the heavy drinkers, the overeaters and the stress machines unwilling to slow the train speeding toward their demise? Providing medical advice and psychological counseling is a worthy effort, but — and this is a pessimistic ending — perhaps some people can't be helped.

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Summoning moral courage

The totalitarian political left proves every day its relentless determination to complete President

Obama's stated goal of funda-

mentally transforming this country. The political right can either wake up to this reality and unite in promoting a better vision or stand by and watch its children's future disintegrate.

The left criticizes the right for its alleged partisanship, extremism, intolerance and angst, when the left dwarfs the right in all these characteristics.

Contrary to leftist propaganda, mainstream conservatives haven't grown more strident or extreme — unless you define extremists as those who are valiantly trying to preserve America's greatness and prevent the left from steamrolling its agenda against the will of the people.

At this point, conservatives would almost be happy just to preserve a modicum of the institutional greatness that has made this country the most extraordinary nation in world history.

Notwithstanding a recent Rasmussen poll revealing that Obama supporters believe tea party members constitute as great a threat to the country as Islamic terrorists, we don't see misbehavior, violence or extremism emanating from the maligned tea party.

We do, however, see it from the leftist Occupy Wall Street movement and leftist union thugs.

It is the left that has grown dramatically more extreme and belligerent.

The left has no interest in bipartisanship or camaraderie with the right except to the extent that it can secure support of useful, establishment Republicans to naively enable its extremist agenda.

Liberals are forcing their agenda on this nation bit by bit, dismantling its institutions brick by brick, but there is no satisfying them.

With each victory, their appetite for more only increases. Likewise, with each defeat, they renew their resolve and redouble their efforts.

They know they are rewarded for their relentlessness and their perseverance.

They know that the right lacks the unity, the moral courage and the stamina to put as much on the line in behalf of its own ideas, so they think it's just a matter of time before they prevail.

The so-called wealthy pay dramatically more in income tax and most other taxes, both in terms of a percentage of their income and in actual dollars. The bottom half of income earners pay no income taxes; 20 percent of the people are on food stamps; and other welfare programs are bursting at the seams. But it's never enough for liberals, especially Obama.

Until the wealthy are no longer wealthy, Obama will not be satisfied.

No matter what progress the nation has made on civil rights and race, it will not be enough for the left, for grievance is its lifeblood.

The left doesn't want merely to live and let live.

It must demonize the wealthy, corporations, big oil, the coal industry and banks.

It doesn't just want acceptance of gays. It wants to demonize as bigots those who believe in preserving traditional marriage.

Its professed dedication to religious liberty is a sham.

We've seen the selective assaults on speech and on Christian expression in the United States military under this administration. We've watched Obama brazenly obliterate his promise not to intrude on the conscience rights of religious institutions.

Obama has succeeded in cramming Obamacare down the people's throats with endless lies and bribes and, to this day, remains unaccountable for any of his deceptions. The program is recognized as a "train wreck," but he's unapologetically doubling down.

Obama has openly targeted for

extinction and abuse the coal and oil industries in the name of the junk science of man-made "climate change."

Yet even if this "science" were true, all of the left's proposed remedies wouldn't appreciably reduce global temperature over the next century, even if other powerful nations participated. So it is not abating global warming liberals seek but the statism they are advancing in its name.

Obama's Justice Department refuses to prosecute actual cases of voter intimidation committed by the left's constituents and manufactures false allegations of voter suppression by its opponents, and Obama's White House orchestrates the systematic suppression of opposition voters through the instrumentality of a dangerously politicized and tyrannical Internal Revenue Service.

When caught, they stonewall and plead the Fifth but never apologize.

They just soldier on as if on a mission from some god.

The examples are endless, but what will never be endless is the left's determination to radically and permanently change this country from what made it great to what will ensure its demise.

Unless and until the political right comes to its senses about Obama and the left's ultimate goals, demonstrates the moral courage to fight back just as hard as they do and unites in a firm commitment to keep America strong, prosperous and free, America as we know it will end; it's just a matter of time.

But despite my seeming pessimism, in the end, I believe that America will awaken to the gravity of the threats it faces and fight back to beat them back. I refuse to believe otherwise.

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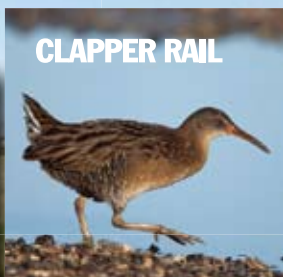
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Kid Scoop Together
Have a friend give you NOUNS, ADJECTIVES and VERBS. Then read the silly story aloud. Prepare for big laughs!

Exploring Swamps and Wetlands

Wetlands are areas of land that are covered by water at least part of the year. Wetland habitats include freshwater and salt water marshes, wet meadows and vernal pools. They are some of the most productive places on earth. They are defined by the type of soil and plants found and the presence of water.



Wetlands are important because they:

- Provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- Absorb and slow excess runoff during rainy seasons and help prevent floods.
- Filter toxins and wastes out of water.
- Provide protection and nourishment for the young of many species.
- Provide a resting place for migratory birds.
- Provide a natural area where humans can go for relaxation and recreation.

Wildlife photos courtesy of Ryan Pedrotti.

A wetland is like each of these things. Match the description to each item.

A wetland is like a pillow because

A wetland is like a wisk because

A wetland is like a cereal box because

A wetland is like a sponge because

A wetland is like a house because

A wetland is like a broom because

A wetland is like a colander because

- it absorbs water.
- it provides food.
- it is a resting place for migratory birds.
- it provides shelter for wildlife.
- it filters impurities from the water.
- it helps clean the environment.
- it mixes nutrients and oxygen in the water.

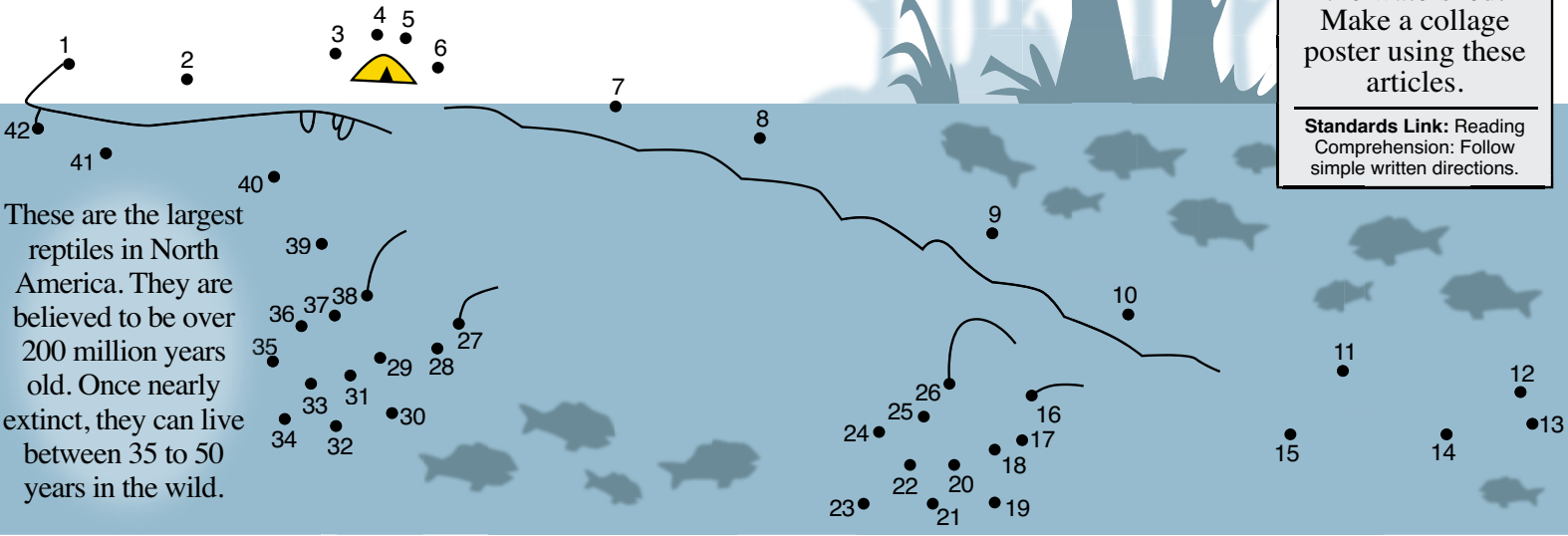
Extra! Extra! Water Collage

Look through the newspaper for headlines and articles about water. These can include rivers, lakes, oceans, streams and the watershed. Make a collage poster using these articles.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Swamps

Swamps are wetlands that are always covered with water and have lots of trees, grasses and wildlife. Connect the dots to discover one of the most famous swamp creatures.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Dig into Reading at Your Local Library!

Miss Viola Swamp is the meanest substitute teacher ever. She appears in class one day after a classroom of students are not so nice to their teacher. Did something sinister happen to their teacher? The students begin to wonder!

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

SIMS LONSNE SI GIMSISN
by Harry G. ALLard, Jr.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

Crazy Cabin

My Uncle Fred lives in a little _____ at the edge of a swamp. It's no ordinary swamp!

The last time I visited, instead of a dog, Uncle Fred had a pet _____ . It was well behaved, but it kept trying to _____ through the back door.

Uncle Fred let me borrow his fishing pole. I felt a tug on the line and reeled in a _____ ! I couldn't believe it.

Aunt May said, "I can make a _____ sauce out of that." I said I really wasn't very hungry.

It began to rain one afternoon. Uncle Fred sat several rusty buckets on the _____ and to my surprise, they were soon filled with _____ . Uncle Fred was delighted.

I went for a ride in their _____ canoe one evening. I could hear the sound of _____ in the distance. My _____ lantern didn't give off much _____ . A large _____ swam under the canoe, bumping it and nearly tipping me into the _____ . I saw a pair of glowing eyes moving towards me. But it turned out to be just a _____ .

Kid Scoop-doku™

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

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FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Little Known Facts

Look through today's newspaper and find three to five facts that you think not too many people know. Create a question for each fact. See how many people know these facts.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Ask questions to demonstrate comprehension.

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I HAVE A PERFECT SMILE,

WITHOUT AN EMPTY SPACE,

FOR EVERY TOOTH I LOSE,

ANOTHER GROWS IN ITS PLACE!

What am I?

ANSWER: An alligator.

Write On!

SWAMP CREATURE

Imagine you are exploring a creepy swamp in a canoe late one night. There is a bubbling sound, and out of the water rises a ...

Finish this story.

News in brief

NSA leaker Edward Snowden withdraws asylum request to Russia, faces hurdles in Europe

MOSCOW (AP) — NSA leaker Edward Snowden's attempts to seek refuge outside the United States hit hurdles Tuesday, after Russian media reported he canceled his asylum bid in Russia and several European countries said such applications wouldn't be considered if they were made from abroad.

Russian news agencies Tuesday quoted President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov as saying that Snowden withdrew his request when he learned about the terms Moscow has set out. Putin said on Monday that Russia is ready to shelter Snowden as long as he stops leaking U.S. secrets.

At the same time, Putin said he had no plans to turn over Snowden to the United States.

Several of the other countries where the WikiLeaks says Snowden has applied for asylum have said he cannot apply from abroad. Officials in Germany, Norway, Austria, Poland, Finland and Switzerland all said he must make his request on their soil.

WikiLeaks said requests have also been made to Bolivia, Brazil, China, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Iceland, India, Italy, Ireland, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Spain and Venezuela.

Obama defends U.S. spying on Europe, others as normal for all nations; Europeans not amused

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama had a simple answer to European outrage over new allegations that the U.S. spies on its allies: The Europeans do it too.

Obama said Monday during his trip to Africa that every intelligence service in Europe, Asia and elsewhere does its best to understand the world better, and that goes beyond what they read in newspapers or watch on TV. It was an attempt to blunt European reaction to new revelations from National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden that the U.S. spies on European governments.

"If that weren't the case, then there'd be no use for an intelligence service," Obama told reporters in Tanzania.

"And I guarantee you that in European capitals, there are people who are interested in, if not what I had for breakfast, at least what my talking points might be should I end up meeting with their leaders," Obama said. "That's how intelligence services operate."

European spies have been spying on the U.S. for years, according to two former intelligence officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss espionage programs. They said such spying includes tracking senior U.S. officials to see what they are doing in countries like France and Germany, which have both complained bitterly about the EU reports.

Egypt's military says it will intervene in 48 hours unless Morsi meets protester demands

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's military issued a "last-chance" ultimatum Monday to President Mohammed Morsi, giving him 48 hours to meet the demands of millions of protesters in the streets seeking the ouster of the Islamist leader or the generals will intervene and impose their own plan for the country.

The military's statement, read on state TV, put enormous pressure on Morsi to step down and sent giant crowds opposing the president in Cairo and other cities into delirious celebrations of singing, dancing and fireworks. But the ultimatum raised worries on both sides the military could outright take over, as it did after the 2011 ouster of autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

It also raised the risk of a backlash from Morsi's Islamist backers, including his powerful Muslim Brotherhood and hard-liners, some of whom once belonged to armed militant groups. Already they vowed to resist what they depicted as a threat of a coup against a legitimately elected president.

Pro-Morsi marches numbering in the several thousands began after nightfall in a string of cities around the country, sparking clashes in some places. An alliance of the Brotherhood and Islamists read a statement at a televised conference calling on people to rally to prevent "any attempt to overturn" Morsi's election.

"Any coup of any kind against legitimacy will only pass over our dead bodies," one leading Broth-

erhood figure, Mohammed el-Beltagi, told a rally by thousands of Islamists outside a mosque near the Ittihadiya presidential palace.

Obama and Bush find common ground far from home at Tanzania memorial

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican predecessor President George W. Bush found common ground in Africa on Tuesday, honoring the victims of a terrorist attack in an unprecedented chance encounter a world away from home.

The U.S. presidents had a brief, silent appearance together at a monument to victims of the 1998 embassy bombing here in the east African city where Bush coincidentally happened to be as Obama wrapped up a weeklong tour of the continent. While the two U.S. leaders didn't say anything publicly, their wives engaged in a warm and chatty joint appearance at a summit on African women.

Initially the two presidents weren't even planning to meet while in town, but first lady Michelle Obama joked as she sat next to her predecessor: "They're learning from us."

The Obamas departed Africa for home shortly after crossing paths with the Bushes, who were hosting the summit promoting the role of African first ladies in bringing change to their countries. Bush ended up joining the current president for the wreath-laying ceremony honoring the Tanzanian victims of the simultaneous attacks at the U.S. embassies here and in Kenya masterminded by Osama bin Laden.

The two presidents bowed their heads as a Marine placed the wreath of red, white and blue flowers in front of the large stone memorial on the grounds of the new U.S. Embassy. After a few moments, they shook hands with survivors of the attack and relatives of those killed before walking back into the embassy together in private discussion.

Kerry: U.S., Russia want transitional government set up for Syria 'sooner than later'

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry says both the U.S. and Russia are seriously committed to holding an international conference to set up a transitional government to end the Syrian crisis.

Kerry says the two countries both believe the meeting should take sooner rather than later, but acknowledged it might not be possible until August or later.

Kerry spoke outside the U.S. Embassy in Brunei after a 90-minute-plus meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on the sidelines of an Asian security summit.

Russia has been a key backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad regime's in the two-year civil war that has claimed more than 93,000 lives.

Kerry said the objectives of both countries remain the same — to "save the state of Syria and to minimize destruction."

Love of 'hard work' and 'arduous adventure' lured elite Arizona fire crew to 'hotshot' world

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — They were fathers and expectant fathers. High school football players and former Marines. Smoke-eaters' sons and first-generation firefighters.

What bound the members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots together was a "love of hard work and arduous adventure," and a willingness to risk their lives to protect others. And now, 19 families share a bond of grief.

All but one of the Prescott-based crew's 20 members died Sunday when a wind-whipped wildfire overran them on a mountainside north of Phoenix. It was the nation's biggest loss of firefighters in a wildfire in 80 years and the deadliest single day for fire crews since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

In the firefighting world, "Hotshot" is the name given to those willing to go to the hottest part of a blaze. They are the best of the best, crews filled with adventure-seekers whose hard training ready them for the worst.

"We are routinely exposed to extreme environmental conditions, long work hours, long travel hours and the most demanding of fireline tasks," the group's website says. "Comforts such as beds, showers and hot meals are not always common."

Splits on immigration, cracks on gay marriage offer early preview of 2016 GOP primary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pivotal developments on two cultural issues — immigration reform and gay marriage — offer an early preview of potential fault lines among Republicans weighing White House bids in 2016.

When the Senate approved a comprehensive immigration reform measure, Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Rand Paul of Kentucky voted in opposite directions amid divisions in the party over how to curb the fast-growing flow of Latino voters to Democrats.

At the same time, the Supreme Court rulings supporting gay marriage attracted broad criticism from most 2016 hopefuls, though Paul suggested that Republicans need to "agree to disagree on some of these issues." That foreshadows likely fissures ahead, as Republican contenders face increasing pressure to show more tolerance toward gay marriage with many Republican voters in their 20s, 30s and 40s calling for acceptance.

Taken together, the issues offer an early test for a Republican Party looking for a White House winner after back-to-back Democratic victories and seeking to transform itself amid rapidly changing public opinion toward acceptance on these and other cultural matters.

Republican strategists say both topics serve as gateway issues for many voters. If the party's tone on immigration or gay marriage sounds too intolerant, they say, it could prevent voters from listening on other issues.

Taliban hit NATO supply compound in Kabul, kill 6 in latest high-profile attack in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban suicide attackers blew up a truck bomb early Tuesday at the gates of a NATO supply company's compound in Kabul and sprayed gunfire at security personnel, killing four guards and two civilians, Afghan officials said.

The morning attack was the latest in a series targeting high-profile locations in the Afghan capital. The attacks have made clear the Taliban have no intention of ending the violence, even as they say they are willing to enter peace negotiations.

Tuesday's attack started before dawn, when a suicide bomber drove a small truck to the outer gate of the logistics center used to supply NATO troops and detonated it. The explosion made a massive crater in the ground and damaged a guard tower, said Kabul provincial police chief Mohammad Ayuob Salangi.

Two truck drivers waiting nearby to enter the compound were also killed in the blast, along with the bomber.

Three gunmen then stormed into the breach and battled with security guards for more than an hour before being killed. Four Nepalese security guards were also killed, Salangi said.

Officials in the Florida Keys stop debating sea level rise, start adjusting infrastructure

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane storm surge can inundate the narrow, low-lying Florida Keys, but that is far from the only water worry for officials.

A tidal gauge operating since before the Civil War has documented a sea level rise of 9 inches in the last century, and officials expect that to double over the next 50 years. So when building a new Stock Island fire station, county authorities went ahead added a foot and a half over federal flood planning directives that the ground floor be built up 9 feet.

Seasonal tidal flooding that was once a rare inconvenience is now so predictable that some businesses at the end of Key West's famed Duval Street stock sandbags just inside their front doors, ready anytime.

"It's really easy to see during our spring high tides that the sea level is coming up — for whatever reason — and we have to accommodate for that," said Johnnie Yongue, the on-site technician at the fire station for Monroe County's project management department.

While New York City's mayor was announcing a dramatic multibillion-dollar plan for flood walls and levees to hold back rising water levels there, sea walls like those that encase the Netherlands wouldn't help much in the Keys.

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Bird Poop: Toot answers the call of the wild

As we drove past the refinery on our way to the east, I glanced at the towers that seemed to stand guard over the facility. From their heights had come the very same specie that had prompted an early morning call.

Saying her family had held a bird for three days, a woman mentioned her husband thought it might have a wing injury. Found on the ground at the football stadium, the little bird of prey would be at the back of their carport.

Turning off the interstate, we drove over the railroad tracks and continued north. Soon, we were heading east. To our right was the public school complex. We were nearly there.

Parking in the driveway, we gathered my gloves and a carrier from our vehicle. Easily finding the small raptor in a narrow, wire cage, we noticed that it was not unduly antsy at our approach.

When I opened the access, the falcon was leery enough to try to evade my gloved hand. Quickly grabbing it before it became overly active, I withdrew it from its cramped quarters. Surprisingly, it did not scream a shrill displeasure.

Worn tail and wing feathers indicated the American kestrel had been captive for longer than three days. More disturbing were its bill and talons.

Normal usage would not have rendered the tip of the beak and the ends of its claws to be so dull. Instead, its main instruments of defense had been altered beyond what nature would have provided to keep them at their peak of performance.

Someone had filed the sharp ends to an almost

blunt appearance. While that might have prevented its captor from being pierced, it was a deterrent for an early release. Even if the small falcon had escaped its confinement, its ability to hunt, kill, and eat its food would have been hampered.

Obviously, this female kestrel had been "somebody's bird" for a while. As a juvenile, it, like its mother, was colored in a rusty hue on its wings, back, and tail that was accented with blackish bars. Its breast and belly had the typical buff that was streaked downward with cinnamon. Accenting her cheeks were two black, vertical stripes.

As we walked back to our vehicle, I glanced toward the school. Towering above the athletic field were the typical light standards. Previously, we had received calls concerning fledgling kestrels that had left the safety of the heights to discover their world. Landing on the turf in the center of the gridiron, the young birds had waited for their parents to guide their next efforts.

Waiting for a "curb service" of grasshoppers or mice from alleys, easements, or the countryside close by, the kestrels were still dependent upon their parents for an education in the skills of hunting. Encouraged by the older birds to follow them to safer surroundings, the youngsters would have developed the muscle tone and stamina needed for sustained flight. All they really needed was to be left alone.

Initially, whoever had found this kestrel apparently had thought it would make a nice pet. What that person



The smallest of our country's falcons, an American kestrel develops a wingspan of nearly 24 inches, and has the ability to hover or glide. Often seen perched on telephone and fence posts, it hunts for large insects, lizards, mice and sparrows.

Courtesy photo



BEBE McCASLAND

had not realized was, that even in its seemingly helpless appearance, the bird of prey had already developed an attitude toward its own existence. To expect it to act like a parakeet and be a happy house bird was ludicrous.

No matter what the circumstances, the kestrel had either escaped or been set free because of its temperament. Since its parents had been unable to find it, they had resigned themselves to raising their other young.

Once home, I placed the kestrel in a large enclosure. Over time, roosts wrapped in rough sandpaper allowed her to hone her beak and talons. A natural diet of mice and insects was readily accepted.

Daily, her dark, black eyes followed my every movement. Appreciating her inner wildness, I felt it could be enhanced. A call to the manager of the wildlife center was encouraging. "Go for it!"

With the freedom to explore our double garage, the kestrel's flight abilities improved. Although she protested being enclosed at night, she was making

progress. The closeness with another specie prompted me finally to give her a name.

Because she could be unpredictable to our human way of thinking, and often bemused us, we called her "Toot." As she developed, she seemed determined to live up to being one.

One day as I finished placing fresh bowls of water and food inside her enclosure, Toot signaled that she was ready for the next phase of rehab. With my lower left arm and hand still inside her enclosure, she jumped on my wrist and started taking chunks out of my flesh. Pulling her off was not an alternative.

Quickly, I grabbed her water bowl with my right hand and poured its contents on top of her.

Flustered by the sudden inundation, she jumped to a perch while I removed my battered arm.

When I called Debbie Tennyson at the wildlife center in Lubbock, she was delighted to hear of the kestrel's progress. Telling her Toot was as wild as they come, she agreed that, if the bird could kill live food and master the

flight cage, she would be set free.

We missed seeing Debbie when we arrived. Since she had taken several birds to their veterinarian, I warned a volunteer to wait until she returned.

Once home, we learned from Debbie that Toot, as she escaped our carrier, had bitten the volunteer. Loose in the receiving area, it had taken several people with pole nets to capture her. "That bird is wild," she emphasized.

The next week, she called to say that Toot had been released. "That's the wildest kestrel I've ever seen!"

Toot had overcome a human assumption that, because she was found on the ground, she had been abandoned.

In the time that she had spent with her parents, she learned the nuances of self-preservation. It turned out to be the most important aspect of her life.

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

Changes bring about excitement, new challenges

From time to time we all go through changes — yes, I know what you're thinking, but the change of life is not what I am referring to at this writing. I am beginning a new position for the district in the area of school safety.



DARRELL RYAN

There have always been concerns for the safety, health and well-being of our students and school personnel and with recent scares such as intruders with intent to harm, weather emergencies, schools are choosing to be more proactive in handling such situations.

I am looking forward to my new position and will do all I can to make sure our school district

is a safe place for our school community.

My job will be what the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) calls Environmental Health and Safety.

I will plan, implement and monitor the district's safety efforts, review and monitor the Emergency Operations Guide, identify and appraise accident producing conditions and practices, develop accident prevention procedures and programs and ensure compliance with all state and federal statutes relating to safety.

I'm not a rookie in this position, for several years ago when I was coordinator of administrative support for Region 9 Education Service Center in Wichita Falls, I was certified and many of these programs were under my supervision; however, it has been a while.

Since my position is changing, I asked the

Herald if they would like for me to continue writing my weekly column and they very graciously consented, so I'll continue looking for things that I feel will interest you.

Starting a new job brings about a certain degree of excitement and that's what I am currently feeling, but

I am also filled with anticipation in my desire to do a good job. If you are aware or notice anything that would be a safety issue for our schools, please bring it to my attention.

My office will be located at the north end of the Goliad Annex (old Goliad school). I appreciate any infor-

mation you can give me; together we will work to continue a safe environment for our school community and together we will succeed.

As Yogi Berra once

said, "We see things alike, that is if you see things like I do!"

Darrell Ryan is director of school safety for Big Spring Independent School District.

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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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Misguided Safety Play

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 7 5 3

♥ 7 5 2

♦ 9 8 4

♣ 7 4 3

WEST

♠ 8 2

♥ Q 9 6

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ Q 10 5 2

EAST

♠ J 9 6

♥ K 8 4 3

♦ 6 3 2

♣ K 9 6

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 4

♥ A J 10

♦ A K 5

♣ A J 8

The bidding:

South West North East

3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

You can't play bridge by rote and expect to get the best results. General rules are certainly valuable in the play of many hands, but they can't serve nearly as well as independent thought.

Consider this deal where South went astray. He won the diamond lead with the king and cashed the ace of spades. He then played a low spade to the queen to guard against the possibility that East might have started with four to the jack. In that case, South could lead another spade

from dummy and so trap the jack.

But both defenders followed suit, and South's precautionary move proved to be unnecessary. Declarer next led a heart and finessed the jack, losing to the queen, and eventually finished down one after West returned the jack of diamonds. Thus South scored only the eight tricks he had started with.

Declarer could have made the contract had he eschewed the safety play in spades. Instead, he should have cashed the A-K of spades and then led the ten to dummy's queen, retaining the four in his hand.

This would have allowed him to finesse the jack of hearts and later return to dummy by leading the spade four to the seven for a second heart finesse. When the second finesse succeeded, he would have had nine tricks.

Declarer's spade plays would have been correct had the contract depended solely on making four spade tricks rather than three. In the actual circumstances, however, a 3-2 spade division had to be assumed, since it was essential to lead hearts twice from dummy in order to score a second heart trick. There could be no advantage in trying to protect against a condition that would defeat the contract if it actually existed.

Tomorrow: Two birds with one stone.

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D-backs to honor fallen firefighters

NEW YORK (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks are going to wear a patch on their uniforms for the rest of the season honoring the 19 firefighters who died in the wildfire about 80 miles from Phoenix.

The firefighters died Sunday night in Yarnell.

During the four-game series against the New York Mets that began Monday night, the Diamondbacks will wear

black bands on the right arm of their jerseys to pay tribute to the fallen firefighters who were from a crew in Prescott, Ariz.

Both teams will hang a jersey in their dugouts bearing the name "Yarnell" and the No. 19. Those jerseys were shown on the scoreboard at Citi Field during a moment of silence before the national anthem. There was a moment of silence at ballparks across

the majors.

The Diamondbacks will wear black jerseys when they return home for a weekend series against Colorado. Those tops will have a white patch over the heart with the No. 19.

"Our hearts are aching for the fallen firefighters and the entire community turned upside down by this unfair act of weather and nature," Diamondbacks President Derrick

Hall said in a statement. "It is devastatingly amazing how quickly our lives can change in a matter of moments."

The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation will match all donations made to dbacks.com up to \$100,000. Donations of \$19 or more will be entered for the opportunity to win a signed jersey with "Yarnell" and the No. 19 on the back.

Additionally, proceeds from a weekend raffle and an on-

line auction on dbacks.com will go the families of the firefighters.

"We'll never replace what they've had to go through, but hopefully we can help them in some capacity," Diamondbacks manager Kirk Gibson said.

A logo with the number 19 will be painted on the grass at Chase Field for the Diamondbacks' homestand that begins Friday.

Moore mows down Astros

Throws 2-hit shutout to lead Tampa past Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Tampa Bay's Matt Moore shut down Houston on Monday night for his 11th win.

The Rays are impressed with his performance thus far, but believe the 24-year-old can do much more.

Moore allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings, and Ryan Roberts homered twice to give the Rays a 12-0 win over the Astros.

"He's going to continue to get better," manager Joe Maddon said. "That's his 11th win right there and we're still talking about the little foibles that he may have, yes. But to his credit he knows that and he knows that there's room for improvement, and because he does he's going to continue to get better."

Moore (11-3) won his third straight decision and Cesar Ramos pitched

two perfect innings to complete the two-hitter and help the Rays win their third in a row.

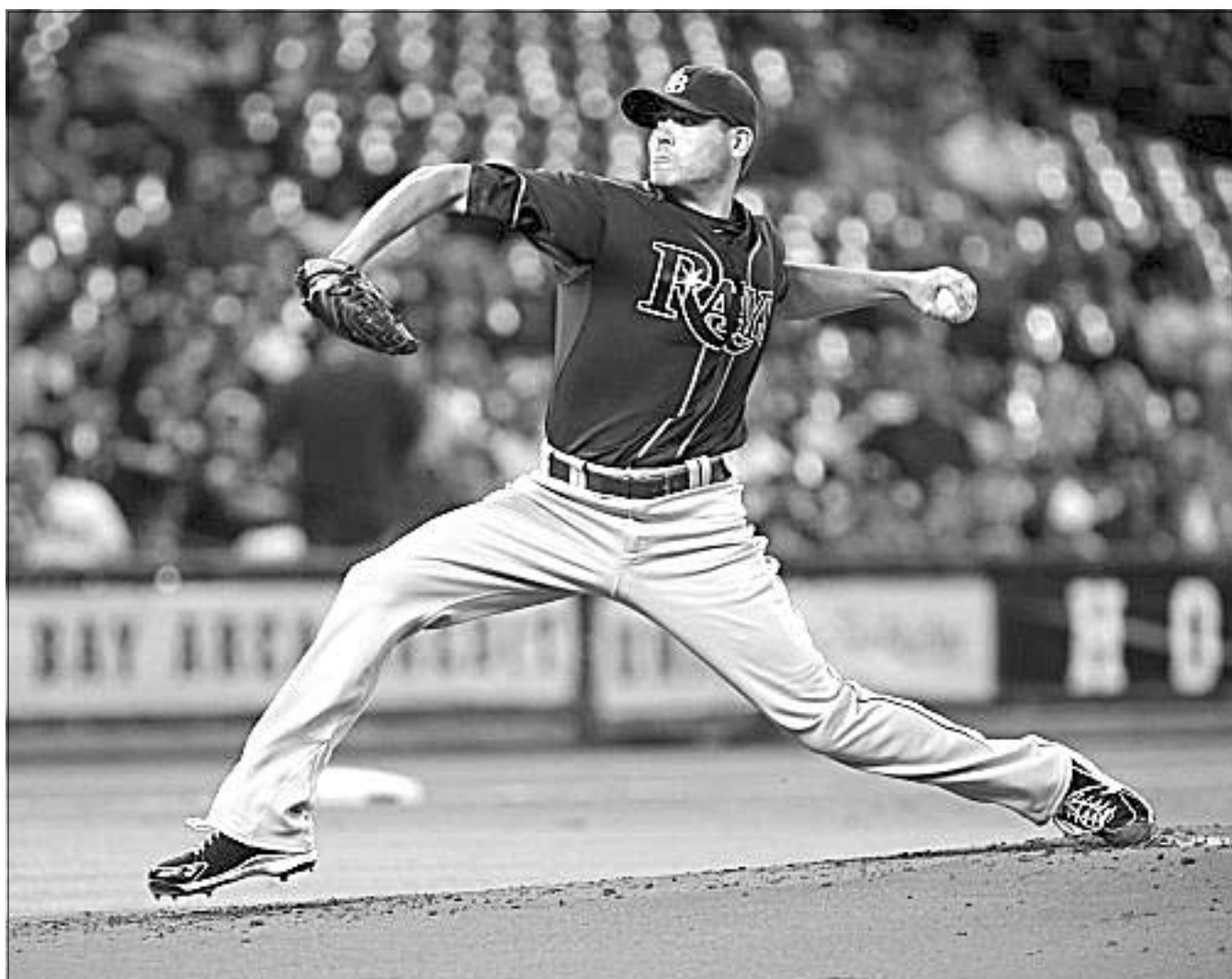
He credited a lot of his success on Monday to his curveball.

"Yeah it was pretty good," he said. "It was definitely one of those things I could use later in the count pretty consistently without fear."

Roberts made it 3-0 with a two-run homer in the third inning off Dallas Keuchel (4-5) and tacked on another run with a solo shot in the eighth inning. It was his second two home run game of the season and the third of his career.

"We know everybody can hit on this team, and to see the guys come out and do it tonight, it was awesome to be a part of," Roberts said.

Sean Rodriguez had a career-high four hits — two doubles — with



Tampa Bay's Matt Moore delivers a pitch during the Rays' game vs. Houston on Monday. Moore allowed only two hits en route to a 12-0 victory over the Astros.

three RBIs and three other Apies added three hits apiece on a night they tied a season high in scoring and finished with 17 hits.

Chris Carter and Jake Elmore got Houston's

only hits with singles as the last-place Astros dropped their fourth game in a row.

"It was just a tough, frustrating game watching them score the runs and just being

on defense all day and watching it happen," Carter said. "Moore was tough today ... A lot of quick innings out of him and then we were on defense for a long time. It makes it tough."

Moore, who moved into a tie for second in wins among AL pitchers, struck out nine and walked three to tie his win total from last

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NBA: Chris Paul staying put

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

Chris Paul's answer was brief, just like his market on the free agent market.

"I'M IN!!!" he wrote Monday on Twitter.

He will be staying with the Clippers, the long-time losers he helped turned into a division champion in just two seasons.

Dwight Howard will need more time to think.

Free agency opened Monday in the NBA with the focus on the pair of Los Angeles All-Stars, though Paul took himself off the market only hours after shopping season started.

Agent Leon Rose confirmed Paul's return, which had been expected after the Clippers signed Doc Rivers as their new coach. The Clippers can pay the two-time Olympic gold medalist around \$108 million for five years.

Howard can make even more by staying with the Lakers, but that won't stop him from looking elsewhere.

He met with the Houston Rockets early Monday, the Dallas Maver-



Los Angeles Clippers' guard Chris Paul, shown in this file photo, announced he will sign a new contract with the club.

icks and Atlanta Hawks also are interested, and the Lakers have said repeatedly they want to keep him.

The Rockets got the first crack at persuading him to leave. With Hall of Famers Hakeem Ola-

juwon and Clyde Drexler joining its contingent, Houston pitched Howard on joining All-Star James Harden.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey wrote on Twitter that it was a great meeting with How-

ard and that having Olajuwon and Drexler there "made it obvious how (Howard and Harden) could be the next (great) big/wing combo."

Hawks general man-

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Not a fluke

Lisicki backs win over Serena with another

LONDON (AP) — Less drama and more finesse did the trick for Sabine Lisicki, who backed up her victory over Serena Williams by topping Kaia Kanepi 6-3, 6-3 on Tuesday to advance to her second career Wimbledon semifinal.

The 23rd-seeded Lisicki, who matched Williams' power in her stunning victory Monday over the world's No. 1 player, came back less than 24 hours later and hit six drop shots for winners in dissecting the 46th-ranked Kanepi.

"I've had some great challenges on the way to the semis, and now I'm ready for the semis," said Lisicki, installed as the new tournament favorite at London sports books shortly after she snapped Williams' 34-match winning streak.

Lisicki will face the winner of another quarter-final between No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 6 Li Na. She'll have more time to rest. Though the two quarterfinals began at the same time, Radwanska had just finished beating Li in a first-set tiebreaker at the time Lisicki and Kanepi were shaking hands.

Then, rain started falling and the Li-Radwanska match had to be stopped for about 15 minutes while the roof on Centre Court was closed.

By then, Lisicki was back in the locker room, getting ready for her first Grand Slam semifinal since 2011, when she fell to Maria Sharapova at the All England Club.

Lisicki broke Kanepi in the first game and didn't look back in the opening set.

She double-faulted three times in the third game of the second set to lose serve for the first time, but broke right back, then won four of the next five games. She sliced and diced more than in the win over Williams, finishing with only two aces (compared to 10 against Williams in their three-set match) but hitting 22 winners.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Cosmic Tug o' War

Between the Mercury retrograde, the Venus-Saturn square and the tense arrangement of the sun and Pluto, people feel pulled in many directions. Resisting only makes it worse. Relax and enjoy the stretch. "Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them — that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality." — *Lao Tzu*

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As the saying goes, "From an acorn grows a mighty oak." But acorns need sunlight and plenty of water to take root. Be sure your little idea is getting all the tending it needs to grow into a big idea.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Like a cosmetic advertiser, life might try to convince you that what's in the bottle will make you beautiful for \$100. Do your research, though, because there's a \$3 version that's just as effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know the truth when you hear it. It's that spontaneous bit of information blurted from out of the blue. Believing one true thing will change your whole day for the better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The ocean of your life is bright blue and definitely enchanting. A shark will shout, "Come on in! The water's fine!" This might be quite a novelty, but be wary: A talking shark is still very much a shark.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't be too afraid to make the wrong choice. Wrong choices lead to right choices. Bonus: They make your life and work complex, informed and beautiful along the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're an artist honing your aesthetic. Maybe you don't relate to these terms. Perhaps you

doubt your own taste. Still, you can't deny that you feel creative. What do you want things to look like? You'll make it so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An old joke: Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana. But don't forget that time can be a banana, too. If you never peel it and open yourself up to new experiences, you'll never taste its riches.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're catching vibes that people don't even know they're sending. You read micro facial expressions and shifts of body language like an expert and learn all you want to know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who say they need a fast answer or they'll withdraw their offer are using scarcity tactics. You don't have to fall for this. Be shrewd. Buy time before you buy anything else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Children may suddenly notice they have bigger feet, but their hands and heads are bigger, too. Like a child growing into an adult, things are happening for you little by little and every part at once.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Socializing is like a dance, and you have a knack for tuning in to other people's rhythms. You sidestep when appropriate, and you know when to push or pull back. You're a beautiful dancer!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A line from a song goes, "If it wasn't for disappointment, I'd have no appointments." But it's high time you stop keeping that particular rendezvous and make a date with hopefulness instead.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 2). Your efforts to freshen up your style will change what you project visually and verbally. Financial luck and professional opportunity come through a new friend in August. November is

your chance to break through a limitation that's held you back for years. December is the most romantic month. Capricorn and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 14, 38, 11 and 24.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm not an overly attractive or charming person. I'm average in almost every way — intelligence, finance, looks — except for my weight, which is on the heavy side. I'm not a great friend in that I don't go out of my way to call people or do things for them. I'm not even that social. Sometimes I feel downright shy. And yet, I get invited to a lot of parties and get-togethers. When I go, my friends fight over me in this subtle way. They give me lots of compliments and attention and are always jockeying for conversation with me. It amazes me, makes me really uncomfortable and also baffles me. I have no idea why I'm the "it" girl. Can you shed any light on this for an unremarkable Leo?"

In the way that pretty girls don't think about how pretty they are, or zebras don't think about how zebra they are, you don't think about how creative you are. The overwhelmingly favorable reaction to you is likely because you're fun to be around. You're a good listener and a playful person — rare talents that mean a lot to people. Bask in your status. If your friends love you this much, you're probably more deserving of it than you think.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: As well as being a sought-after actress, voiceover talent and singer, Ashley Tisdale has her own production company. This overachieving Cancer was born when the moon was also in Cancer, suggesting that Tisdale is guided by strong intuition. Her Venus in Leo points to a true love of entertaining people, a playful nature and a special connection with children.

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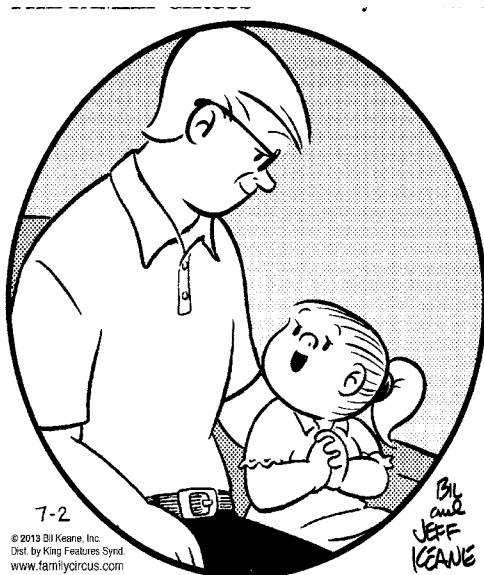
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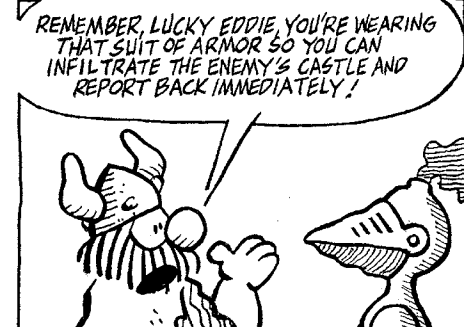
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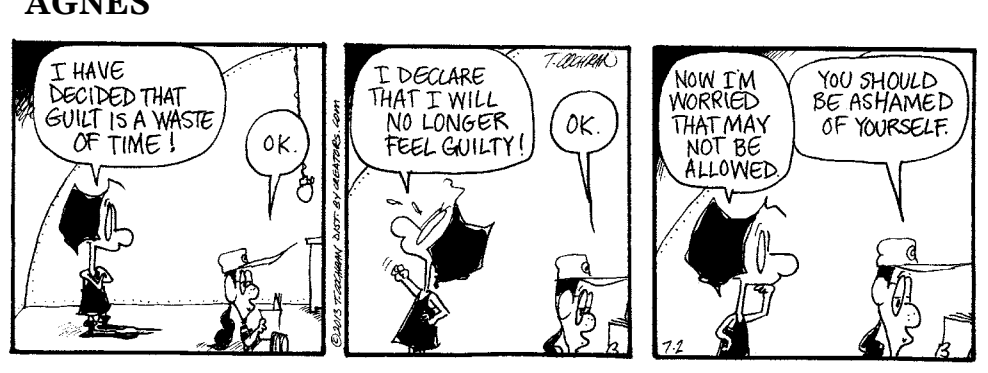
CONGRATULATIONS, MY BOY... YOU BARELY BOTCHED UP A SINGLE THING TODAY!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU DON'T BOTCH UP TOMORROW!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HONEY?
THE BOSS KEEPS RAISING THE BAR ON MY JOB PERFORMANCE AT WORK



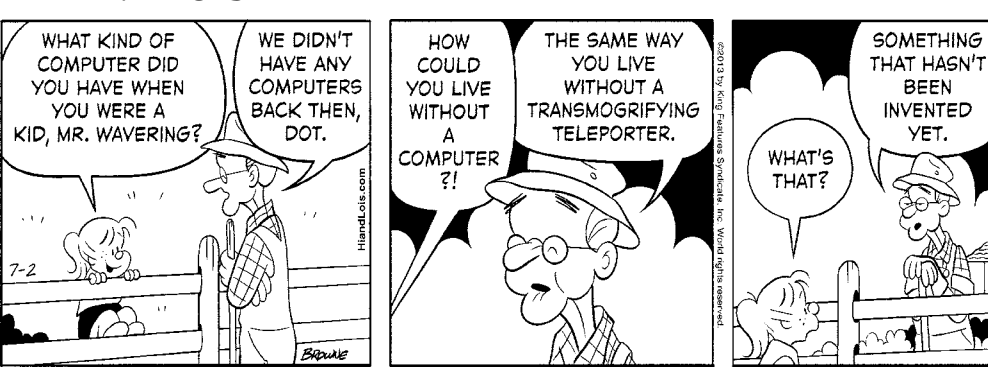
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JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M CHARGING DOUBLE FOR THIS...
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I HAVE DECIDED THAT GUILT IS A WASTE OF TIME!
I DECLARE THAT I WILL NO LONGER FEEL GUILTY!
NOW I'M WORRIED THAT MAY NOT BE ALLOWED
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF.
HI AND LOIS



HEY, CAESAR, HOW GOES THE GUARD DOG JOB?
TERRIBLE. I WAS FIRED THIS MORNING BECAUSE THE BANK I WAS GUARDING WAS ROBBED LAST NIGHT.
I WENT ON A FIRE HYDRANT BREAK, AND BY THE TIME I GOT BACK, THE PLACE HAD BEEN CLEANED OUT.
I DIDN'T EVEN GET ONE BARK IN.
THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN IF THEY PUT FIRE HYDRANTS INSIDE THE BANKS.
THE OTHER COAST



I KNOW THAT'S NO CRYIN' IN BASEBALL...
NOT SHORE WHAT TH' RULE IS FER POKER !!
SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE IS TOO TIRED FROM WORKING LATE YESTERDAY TO HIKE TO MT. BALDY TODAY
TELL HIM HE'S GOING TO HIKE TO MT. BALDY IF HE HAS TO CRAWL! I DON'T CARE HOW HE GETS THERE!
WHEN DO YOU WANT ME THERE?
GREG + MORT WALKER
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2013. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 2, 1882, President John F. Kennedy met Pope Paul VI at the Vatican, the first meeting between a Catholic U.S. chief executive and the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

On this date:

In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1812, Connecticut Gov. Roger Griswold declared his state's militia would not serve in the war against Britain, reflecting New Englanders' opposition to the conflict.

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September.

(Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)

In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created.

In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

In 1943, Bing Crosby and the Ken Darby Singers recorded "Sunday, Monday or Always" for Decca Records.

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

In 1973, actress Betty Grable, 56, died in Santa Monica, Calif.

In 1982, Larry Walters of San Pedro, Calif., used a lawn chair equipped with 45 helium-filled weather balloons to rise to an altitude of 16,000 feet; he landed eight miles away in Long Beach.

In 1997, actor James Stewart died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 89.

In 2002, American adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to fly a balloon solo around the world as he returned to western Australia.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Marvin Rainwater is 88. Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 84. Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 83. Actor Robert Ito is 82. Actress Polly Holliday is 76. Racing Hall of Famer Richard Petty is 76. Former White House chief of staff John H. Sununu is 74. Former Mexican President Vicente Fox is 71. Writer-director-comedian Larry David is 66. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, is 66. Actor Saul Rubinek is 65. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 64. Rock musician Gene Taylor is 61.

Answer to previous puzzle

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1 Head cook

5 It's all the rage

10 Cave sound

14 Ring out

15 Consumers

16 Cozy corner

17 "Are not!" reply

18 Razor sharpener

19 Region

20 The Office or M*A*S*H

23 Thumbs-down vote

24 Ripen

25 Smooths, as wood

28 Doctors' grp.

31 Peruvian beast

35 Oak or maple

36 Fit to consume

38 Spider's creation

39 High school subject

42 Fishing pole

43 Rotten to the core

44 Heart tests, for short

45 Secret rendezvous

47 Make a blunder

48 Runs away

49 Slice of history

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Poland's big day: Two men reach Wimbledon quarterfinals

LONDON (AP) — On one of Poland's best days on the tennis court, one of Poland's best players gave a shout-out to none other than ... America's Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

Hard to blame Jerzy Janowicz for that.

Truth is, apart from Wojtek Fibak, a wily doubles foe of John McEnroe's who made three Grand Slam singles quarterfinals in 1980, there aren't many luminaries to choose from on the list of Poland's greatest men's tennis stars.

"Yeah, it's unbelievable what's going on right now,"

Janowicz said after beating Jurgen Melzer 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 at Wimbledon on Monday to become Poland's first men's Grand Slam quarterfinalist since Fibek.

Janowicz's next opponent: That would be Lukasz Kubot, whose five-set win over Adrian Panarino ended minutes after Janowicz's victory, thus making him Poland's second men's Grand Slam quarterfinalist in 33 years.

Kubot celebrated by walking to the far end of the service line, then doing his own version of the can-can, high-stepping it across the court before falling into the arms of

his coach and friends in the stands.

"My (coaches) told me that every time I'm going to play on the big courts, the big tournaments, big events, I should do the can-can after a win," Kubot said. "So I've had no other chances and I had to do it."

Janowicz, the 22-year-old who said he grew up wanting to be like Sampras and Agassi, will meet Kubot on Wednesday and the winner will become Poland's first men's Grand Slam semifinalist.

Keeping an eye on that one will be Agnieszka Radwan-

ska, also from Poland, who won her own match, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 over Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria, to move to the quarterfinals and cap a great day for her country.

"They really have nothing to lose," Radwanska said. "For sure that will be very good match."

When Serena Williams lost, fourth-seeded Radwanska became the highest-seeded player left in an upset-strewn women's draw. She was a finalist here last year, so seeing her this far along in the tournament isn't such a surprise.

(Quickstat: Poland has three

of the final 16 singles spots at Wimbledon this week. The United States? One: Sloane Stephens.)

The men are a different story.

Though Janowicz vaulted nearly 200 spots in the rankings when he made the finals at the 2012 Paris Masters — "I gave answer to this question about 58 times," he said when asked how that changed his life — this is only his fifth Grand Slam tournament. At 6-foot-8, he's advancing with the help of a serve that has topped out at 140 mph, the fastest of the tournament so far.

Soccer, rugby teams play on same day for Mandela

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South Africa's national soccer and rugby teams will play on the same day at the former World Cup showpiece stadium in Soweto to honor Nelson Mandela, bringing together the country's two most popular sports that once portrayed its racial divisions.

The South African sports ministry said

Tuesday that the Nelson Mandela Sports Day on Aug. 17 at FNB Stadium — formerly Soccer City — was aimed at uniting the country and the world "in celebration and promotion" of the anti-apartheid leader's legacy.

While calling it a celebration, the ministry also noted the somber mood in South Africa, with its inspiring for-

mer president, now 94, still critically ill in the hospital.

"The launch happens at a time when South Africa is a nation in distress following the hospitalization our father and icon Nelson Mandela, who also happens to be the primary inspiration behind this initiative," the ministry said.

On the day, South Af-

rica's soccer team will face Burkina Faso in an exhibition match and the Springboks will start their Rugby Championship campaign against Argentina, both at the 94,000-seat FNB Stadium on the outskirts of Soweto, a site which also holds significance for sport and for Mandela.

The old FNB was where Mandela made

his first speech in Johannesburg and held his first major rally after his release from prison in 1990. Soccer City was where Mandela made his last public appearance at the 2010 World Cup final, the first time soccer's biggest tournament was held in Africa.

South Africa's first democratically elected president has strong

ties to sport, having famously supported the rugby team when it won the World Cup in 1995, and then the soccer team a year later when it lifted the African Cup of Nations trophy at the FNB.

Rugby and soccer were previously examples of South Africa's racial segregation, with rugby followed by whites and soccer by blacks.

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ager Danny Ferry and new coach Mike Budenholzer were visiting Howard later Monday, trying to convince him to join his hometown team.

And he'll meet Tuesday with the Lakers' delegation. His first — perhaps only — season in Los Angeles was a disappointment and he acknowledged being unhappy at times. But the Lakers want to keep the former Defensive Player of the Year, believing the extra year and about \$30 million more they can give him will provide a huge advantage.

Steve Nash, who like Howard had a difficult first season in Los An-

geles, tweeted Monday that he was flying from New York to Los Angeles to help the Lakers make their pitch.

"(Dwight Howard) we're coming for you," he wrote. "You're going to love the statue we build for you outside Staples in 20yrs!"

Contracts can't be signed until July 10, after the next season's salary cap has been set.

The Hawks also were expected to meet with their unrestricted free agents, Josh Smith and Kyle Korver, on their trip to Los Angeles, a person with knowledge of the plans told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because Monday's meetings have not been officially announced.

There is plenty of interest in Smith, a versa-

tile forward, and Deron Williams announced the Nets' interest in Korver by posting a picture of the sharp shooter in a Brooklyn uniform on social media.

Andray Blatche will return as a backup in the Nets' soon-to-be upgraded frontcourt.

The 6-foot-11 forward-center agreed to a multi-year deal, his agent said. Blatche will provide minutes behind All-Star center Brook Lopez and Kevin Garnett, who will come from Boston along with Paul Pierce in a deal that was agreed to on draft night, but can't be completed until after next season's salary cap is set.

The Knicks are hoping Andrea Bargnani relocates his outside shot after agreeing to a deal with Toronto to acquire

the No. 1 overall pick in the 2006 draft.

The Raptors will receive Knicks reserves Steve Novak, Marcus Camby and Quentin Richardson, who will be signed-and-traded. The Knicks are also sending the Raptors a 2016 first-round pick and two second-round picks, according to a person with knowledge of the details.

Bargnani averaged a career-best 21.4 points just three seasons ago, but finished with his worst scoring and shooting numbers last season since he posted career worsts of 10.2 points and 38.6 percent shooting in 2007-08.

Other top players that are available include Denver's Andre Iguodala and Philadelphia's Andrew Bynum — both

part of the four-way trade that sent Howard from Orlando to Los Angeles last summer — and Indiana's David West. Sixth Man of the Year J.R. Smith of the Knicks is a free agent, as is former winner Manu Ginobili of the San Antonio Spurs, who also could lose forward Tiago Splitter.

Miami is trying to hold onto Chris Andersen, which would essentially keep together the entire core of the team that beat San Antonio in seven games to win the NBA championship.

A person with knowledge of the deal told the AP that Eric Maynor agreed to a contract with the Washington Wizards.

Maynor will serve as the backup point guard behind John Wall.

Maynor confirmed the news on his Twitter account, saying he appreciated all the love and support and was "excited to be signing" with the Wizards. He averaged 4.5 points with Oklahoma City and Portland last season.

The New Orleans Pelicans made an offer to Sacramento Kings restricted free agent guard Tyreke Evans, two people familiar with the situation said Monday.

Several media outlets reported the deal was for four years and ranging between \$40 million and \$48 million.

Because he's a restricted free agent, the Kings will have the opportunity to match any offers Evans signs. Contracts can't be inked until July 10, after next season's salary cap is set.

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season when he finished 11-11.

Keuchel yielded eight hits and five runs with five walks in 4 2-3 innings. Paul Clemens couldn't slow the Rays down either, allowing five hits and four runs over the next two

innings.

Wil Myers walked to start the third before a double by Ben Zobrist. The Rays took a 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly by James Loney with one out and Roberts extended the lead to 3-0.

Yunel Escobar drew a one-out walk in the fifth and Ryan Roberts singled with two outs. Jose Lobaton's groundball

single scored Escobar to make it 4-0. Sam Fuld's RBI single left Tampa Bay up 5-0 and chased Keuchel.

Houston didn't get a hit until Elmore singled with two outs in the third. But Moore struck out Jose Altuve to end that inning.

He got into a bit of trouble in the fourth when Jason Castro

walked with no outs before advancing to third on a single by Carter. He escaped the jam by striking out J.D. Martinez before Matt Dominguez grounded into a double play.

Moore sat down the next nine batters he faced before being replaced by Ramos for the eighth inning.


"I think we just kind

of got on rhythm and got on a good pace," Moore said. "There were a lot of strike ones which we followed up with strike two. We weren't trying to mess around too much tonight."

Loney extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a one-out single in the seventh. The Rays then hit five consecutive singles, with the

last four driving in a run each, to push the lead to 9-0. The Astros replaced Clemens with Hector Ambriz after the fourth hit in that stretch, but the trouble didn't end.

Ambriz allowed the fifth single before walking Zobrist to load the bases. Houston finally got out of the inning when Escobar grounded out.





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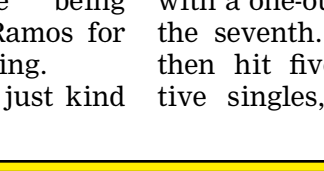
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Host city hopefuls, presidential candidates make pitches

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — With the voting just over two months away, the bidding for the 2020 Olympics and the race for the IOC presidency are reaching a pivotal stage.

Both campaigns come together this week in Lausanne as the three bid cities and six presidential candidates make vital presentations to the voters — the 100-plus members of the International Olympic Committee.

Istanbul, Madrid and Tokyo make their pitches to the IOC assembly on Wednesday, with the Turkish city having the most at stake following the wave of anti-government protests that swept the country. The presidential contenders present their platforms to the members

on Thursday.

Both events could prove decisive going into the final weeks before the IOC session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where the members will vote by secret ballot for the host city on Sept. 7 and the new president on Sept. 10.

The presentations will be made behind closed doors at the Beaulieu convention center. The bid cities will each have 45 minutes to make their case, with another 45 minutes allotted for questions and answers. The presidential candidates will each have 15 minutes to outline their manifestos.

Overseeing the proceedings will be IOC President Jacques Rogge, who steps down in September after 12 years in office. He served an initial eight-year term

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and was elected to a second four-year mandate.

Vying to succeed Rogge are: IOC vice presidents Thomas Bach of Germany and Ng Ser Miang of Singapore, executive board members Sergei Bubka of Ukraine and C.K. Wu of Taiwan, and former board members Richard Carrion of Puerto Rico and Denis Oswald of Switzerland.

The presidential race is generating more buzz than the 2020 contest among the members.

"Basically the most important thing we do is to elect a president," senior Norwegian IOC member Gerhard Heiberg told The Associated Press. "It's more important than organizing cities for the games. We have many challenges coming.

"We will elect a person for eight years. This

person will mean a lot of difference in the IOC, the thinking, the strategy. I meet a lot of IOC members and they talk about nothing else."

Bach has been considered a front-runner, but favorites don't always win in the unpredictable world of IOC elections.

All six candidates have already sent their campaign platforms to the members. Now the voters will get a chance to see and hear them in person, the first time such presentations have been organized for an IOC presidential campaign.

The six will speak one after the other. It is not a debate and no questions will be allowed. The IOC says it wants to keep the format to a controlled, civil campaign.

"They have 15 minutes

to stand in front of the session, to show their personality and to lay out their programs for the eight years coming," Heiberg said. "This will give a good indication, especially for members who don't know the six, to finally get to see them performing."

The candidates' platforms have steered away from revolutionary change and centered on common themes: reaching out to youth, stepping up the fight against doping, reviewing the bidding process for the games, improving the system for selecting sports on the Olympic program, raising the 70-year age limit for IOC members.

"The race really starts this week," Heiberg said.

By contrast, the 2020 bid cities have been campaigning for nearly two years already, but this will be the first time they appear before the IOC assembly.

All three are bringing high-ranking delegations to try to earn the members' trust and confidence.

"The ones who don't take this seriously make a big mistake," Heiberg said.

It was at a similar meeting in 2009 that Rio de Janeiro seized the momentum in the race for the 2016 Games, focusing on the theme that the Olympics had never been to South America and Brazil was an emerging economic force.

Last week, the IOC released a technical evaluation report on the 2020 bid cities to give members as much factual information as possible.

The report did not rank or grade the cities, but Tokyo appeared to come out the best overall.

Istanbul is bidding for a fifth time, Madrid is back for a third consecutive time and Tokyo is trying for a second time in a row.

Istanbul is inviting the IOC to take the Olympics to a new region, to a predominantly Muslim country for the first time, to a city that connects Asia and Europe. Tokyo claims to be a "safe pair of hands" at a time of global economic and political uncertainty. Madrid, despite Spain's severe financial troubles, boasts that it would spend far less money than the others on infrastructure because 80 percent of its venues are already in place.

No city has more at stake than Istanbul, following the unprecedented street demonstrations across the country in June.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, facing the biggest challenge to his 10-year rule, has come under international criticism for his crackdown on the protests. Turkey's image has also been hit by a spate of doping cases in recent weeks.

"Although the games will be seven years ahead, what's going on (in Turkey) right now is important to the voting of the members," Heiberg said. "There will be many questions, absolutely. This is a good opportunity for Turkey, for Istanbul, to answer the questions and lay it out in the open how they think, what they're going to do about it."

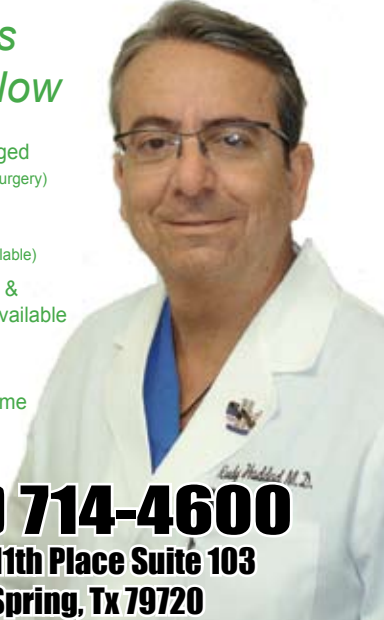
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