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## Bodies discovered in home

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Investigators with the Big Spring Police Department made a grisly discovery Monday afternoon, as the bodies

of two female subjects were discovered at a home in the 1400 block of Stadium. According to police officials, the bodies — which were heavily decomposed

— are believed to be 83-year-old Helen Thomason and her daughter, 51-year-old Carol Thomason. Officers were dispatched to 1420 Stadium at approximate-

ly 4 p.m. Monday, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "Officers were dispatched in reference to a welfare con-

cern," Everett said. "A postal worker delivering mail noted that the mail box at the residence was full and was

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## Alleged scammer locked up

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man who allegedly scammed a number of local residents — including elderly citizens — is behind bars, according to officials with the Big Spring Police Department. Liandro Ventura, 43, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft against the elderly — more than \$1,500 and less than

\$20,000. According to law enforcement officials, more charges are expected to be filed against the suspect. "Ventura is suspected in several cases and more charges will be filed as the investigations are completed," Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, said. According to Everett, Ventura is suspected in numerous scams against citizens, including the elderly. "The suspect in these cases offers to do home repairs

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## On the move



**BSISD super Saldivar accepts post on N.M. border**

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Steven Saldivar announced this morning he has accepted the chief administrator's post at Anthony ISD in far West Texas. Saldivar, who recently submitted his resignation here, was named "lone finalist" for the superintendent position at Anthony during that school district's board meeting Monday. His hiring will become official after a mandatory three-week waiting period. He first interviewed for the position two weeks ago, then was called back for a second interview last week before being named the lone finalist. Anthony, which straddles the New Mexico border west of El Paso, is a slightly smaller school district than Big Spring, although its high school is in the same University Interscholastic League classification. Saldivar will replace Ron Haugen, who is retiring after six years as superintendent of the district. "Anthony does well academically and philosophically, it seems like a good match for me," Saldivar said.

File photo  
**Steven Saldivar, who has been superintendent of Big Spring public schools since 2008, said today he has accepted a similar position with Anthony Independent School District in far west Texas.**

## City approves lease with West Tx Centers

*Contingent on grant funds*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved a 10-year lease with West Texas Centers for a 6,500 square foot area in the Malone and Hogan Clinic during a special meeting Monday evening, a move that could net the mental health agency a large federal grant. The council voted unanimously to move forward with the lease, which covers the area of the first floor of the clinic which formerly housed

Texas Surgery, according to City Manager Todd Darden. "The lease is part of a grant application being submitted by West Texas Centers," Darden said. "The funds come from the federal government and are dispersed by the state of Texas. However, to qualify for the grant, West Texas Centers — and all of the agencies currently vying for the funding — had to show it has a lease for the space, which

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
**A truck plows through water near the intersection of Scurry and Eighth streets during Monday's rainstorm. The Agriculture Research Services office in Big Spring received more than 1.5 inches of rain, officials reported.**

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## Obituaries

### Mary Ruth Peterson



Mary Ruth Peterson, 83, of Big Spring went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, July 29, 2013, in Big Spring. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. this evening at the funeral home.

Mary Ruth was born Jan. 29, 1930, in Ackerly, Texas, to J.C. and Maybelle (Reed) Niblett. She married Rodney Peterson on Feb. 13, 1954, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death July 29, 2011.

Mary Ruth loved to crochet and quilt. She was known for her chocolate pies and banana pudding. Mary Ruth operated the Peterson's Grocery in Ackerly for more than 20 years after her mother passed away. She enjoyed and cherished spending time with her grandchildren and especially her great-grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon McGrievy and husband Mike of Big Spring, Jill Reed and husband Johnny, also of Big Spring and Kim Merket and husband Rusty of Hermleigh; three grandchildren, Stacia Coleman and husband Chad of Big Spring, Jarrod Reed and girlfriend Jessica Riddle of Blanket and Kendra Merket of Hermleigh; two great-grandchildren, Mia Coleman of Big Spring and Trenten Merket of Hermleigh; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Cecil Yvonne Stickels.

The family suggests memorials be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130; or the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, TX 79721-2121.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. July 29, 2013 and 7 a.m. today:

- DANIEL GLENN BEDFORD, 31, 2513 Dow, was arrested Monday on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- LIANDRO LEE VENTURA, 43, of 408 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 against an elderly person.
- NEAL LAVALLE SAMPLE, 19, of 1100 Picken, was arrested Monday on warrants for delivery of controlled substances - four counts.
- LAURA LEE SMITH, 50, of 2607 Carol, was arrested Monday on a two warrants from another agency.
- LINDSAY ROCHELLE WAGNER, 26, of 13 Riva Ridge, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft of aluminum, bronze, copper or brass.
- THEFT was reported at the 1500 block of Chickasaw, the 1600 block of Lexington.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 5900 block of North Service Road and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 700 block of West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 800 block of South Owens and the 800 block of West 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 500 block of Lamesa Highway.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 100 block of Stadium.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 1000 block of East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- HARRASSMENT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 3100 block of South Highway 87.

## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 93 inmates at the time of this report.
- LIANDRO LEE VENTURA was booked Monday

by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

- NEAL LAVALLE SAMPLE was booked Monday by the BSPD on warrants for delivery of a controlled substance — four counts; one greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams, one less than 1 gram, one less than 1 gram and one greater than or equal to 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

- LINDSAY ROCHELLE WAGNER was booked Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of theft of material, i.e., aluminum, bronze and copper less than \$20,000.

- STEVEN DOUGLAS ELDER was booked Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of speeding — 40 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone and public intoxication.

- LAURA LEE SMITH was booked Tuesday on charges of failure to appear — three counts.

## Take Note

- Spring Creek Fellowship will hold a fundraiser, "We Sent Our Harts to Zambia," Saturday at Big Spring State Park. Pre-registration will guarantee a commemorative T-shirt. Registration and sign in will be at 8 a.m. on top of Scenic Mountain. Entry fee is \$30. Race will begin at 9 a.m. Awards for all participants. Medals for the top three finishers. For more information, contact Shawn Hart at 432-238-0642 or Lauren Hart at 432-213-0790. Proceeds will be used to send the Harts to Zambia.

- Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is accepting applications for its fall semester classes through the final week in August. For more information, call 432-517-4627.

- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Crispy's Cafe, located near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700. The local group is looking for new members and would like to encourage anyone interested in joining to attend the meeting. For more information on the Howard County Sheriff's Posse or the meeting, contact Steve Gray at 432-213-6104 or Bert Sheppard at 432-263-4483.

- Diabetes and Nutrition will be the August Healthy Woman event in Room 215 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Paula Sue Sisson, new SMMC dietitian, will be the featured speaker. Find out about inpatient and upcoming outpatient services regarding diabetes and nutritional consultations. The event, set Aug. 8 with a Lunch n Learn at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments and light snacks at 5:30 p.m., is free to the public, as always. For more information or to RSVP, call 268-4842 or 268-4721.

- Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program present "The Love Chromosome" featuring Derrick Tennant as the Fall Speaker Series on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for admittance. Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his own life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks. For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.

- Parenting classes will be held in room A-10 at Howard College from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, call 263-2673 and ask for Linda.

- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

- 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 people's lives. For

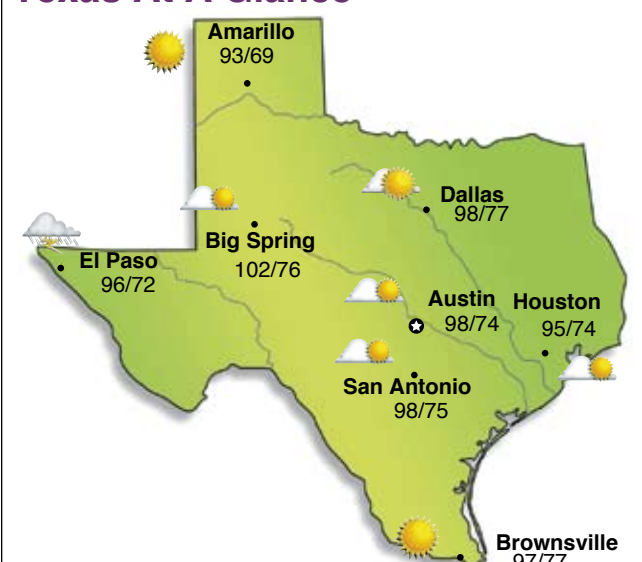
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 7/31	Thu 8/1	Fri 8/2
<b>102/76</b> Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. Hot. High 102F.	<b>102/75</b> Partly cloudy. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 70s.	<b>100/75</b> Plenty of sun. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:00 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:45 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:00 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:44 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:01 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:43 PM



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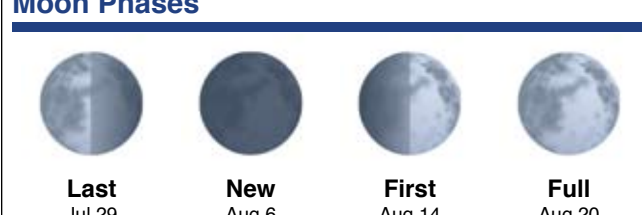
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	76	sunny	Kingsville	100	77	pt sunny
Amarillo	93	69	sunny	Livingston	96	71	mst sunny
Austin	98	74	pt sunny	Longview	95	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	94	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	98	73	sunny
Brownsville	97	77	sunny	Lufkin	96	72	mst sunny
Brownwood	101	76	pt sunny	Midland	100	77	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	96	79	pt sunny	Raymondville	101	77	sunny
Corsicana	97	75	mst sunny	Rosenberg	96	73	pt sunny
Dallas	98	77	mst sunny	San Antonio	98	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	79	pt sunny	San Marcos	99	74	pt sunny
El Paso	96	72	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	97	76	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	98	73	pt sunny	Sweetwater	99	75	pt sunny
Gainesville	98	75	mst sunny	Tyler	96	74	mst sunny
Greenville	97	74	pt sunny	Weatherford	99	76	pt sunny
Houston	95	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	102	76	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	70	mst sunny	Minneapolis	77	63	pt sunny
Boston	82	61	sunny	New York	80	68	sunny
Chicago	73	65	cloudy	Phoenix	102	82	sunny
Dallas	98	77	mst sunny	San Francisco	59	52	pt sunny
Denver	85	60	mst sunny	Seattle	82	59	mst sunny
Houston	95	74	pt sunny	St. Louis	76	70	t-storm
Los Angeles	76	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	86	70	mst sunny
Miami	86	79	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 7/31	Thu 8/1	Fri 8/2
<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 is lowest and 11 is highest. A higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

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- You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

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# BODIES

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concerned. Officers arrived and found the front door unlocked.

Everett said upon entering the home, officers discovered two badly-decomposed bodies, both believed to be female.

"Neighbors advised that an elderly woman and her daughter lived in the home but they had not been seen for several weeks," Everett said. "Officers entered the residence and discovered two bodies in the bathroom. Both were females and were badly decomposed.

"Investigators learned that Carol was totally dependent on her mother due to extremely poor physical condition. Justice of the Peace Benny Green responded to the scene and pronounced death. An autopsy was ordered and will be performed in Lubbock on Wednesday."

Everett said investigators feel confident the two bodies found are the Thomasons, but a positive identification can only be made by the medical examiner.

"There were no indications at the scene as to the cause of death," Everett said. "There were also no obvious signs of foul play. We hope to know more when the autopsy is completed."

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Access to the Interstate 20 on ramp at the 177 mile marker was temporarily restricted Monday afternoon when a portion of an 18-wheeler's load fell off its trailer. Normal traffic resumed shortly thereafter.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

# SCAM

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for people under the agreement the homeowner pays for all materials," Everett said. "He asks for a portion up front and will come back for more until the victim refuses. Once the victim stops the purchase of materials, the suspect does not return, nor does he complete

any of the promised labor. The victim never sees the materials they purchased or the suspect again."

Everett urged area residents who may have been targeted by Ventura to come forward.

"These kinds of scam artists can be very convincing. Unfortunately, some folks feel embarrassed about being taken and never file a police report," Everett said. "The more witnesses

who are willing to come forward, the stronger the case we build against these kinds of people will be. There should never be any shame for the victims. They didn't do anything wrong."

Everett said this isn't the first time a con artist has used the guise of manual labor or construction to dupe local residents. However, by keeping a few tips in mind, citizens

can greatly reduce the chances of landing between the crosshairs of such a scam artist.

"When choosing a contractor for home repairs or any type of work, research the person well," Everett said. "Be extremely careful anytime you are asked for money up front. There are numerous scams going on all the time all around the country. Remember if something sounds too

good to be true, it most likely is."

Everett said another scam law enforcement officials are seeing quite often in the Crossroads area involves the use of checks.

"This scam involves checks being mailed to local citizens who are asked to deposit the check and send a processing fee to a certain location," he said. "The check is a fake and could

be costly to those who fall for this scam. Approach these situations with the knowledge that no one gives you anything free so do not fall victim to these scams."

To report a scam, contact the Big Spring Police Department at 432-264-2550.

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# SALDIVAR

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"It's almost like this was the place I was meant to go next."

Saldivar, who was superintendent at Big Spring since 2008, announced his resignation — effective on or before June 30, 2014 — at the end of the July 11 school board meeting.

He said he will be quite busy in the

three weeks leading up to his hiring being made official.

"Between now and then, I'll be visiting Anthony to meet with the staff and become acquainted with the campuses," he said. "At the same time, I'll be helping here with budget preparation, curriculum and getting the district prepared for the start of the new school year."

He said his official first day on the job at Anthony has not been deter-

mined, although it will likely be very soon after the start of the school year Aug. 26.

Saldivar said he will have good memories of his tenure at BSISD.

"We accomplished some good things while I was here," he said. "Voters approved the bond (which resulted in the construction of four new elementary campuses) fiscally, we're in very good shape ... and the technology we use at our schools is cutting edge.

"I wish Big Spring nothing but the best as they move forward," he added. "But, for me and my family, we're excited about this move."

BSISD trustees are expected to start laying the groundwork for finding a new superintendent when they hold their monthly meeting Aug. 15.

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# CITY

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is what the council approved."

Darden said the lease — which calls for West Texas Centers to pay the municipality \$12 per square foot, for an annual fee of \$78,000 — is a step forward for both the mental health agency and the city of Big Spring.

"The way Shelley Smith (chief executive officer for WTC) has explained it to me, the area would basically become an emergency room for the type of patients their agency serves," Darden said. "For example, when a patient is brought in to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and they need the type of mental health services West Texas Centers provide, they would immediately be moved to the clinic. It will help provide a service we are currently lacking within our city.

"The lease also represents a step forward for the city and the Malone and Hogan Clinic. It would give us a long-term client, which is instrumental in bring-

ing in other doctors and services to the clinic. Right now, the clinic is at approximately 50 percent occupancy, which means it's not operating at a very efficient level from a fiscal standpoint. This will help us move it closer to 100 percent occupancy."

Darden said the long-term lease will also bring a level of stability to the clinic.

"It helps that West Texas Centers is a state agency," he said. "That also helps bring a level of stability to the clinic, which is something we are always looking for. It's no secret the facility fell into a state of disrepair in the years before the city took control of it. There are maintenance issues that need to be addressed and this lease will help us do that."

Darden said the lease

calls for West Texas Centers to occupy much of the first floor, with the Clinic Pharmacy — owned by Leonard's Pharmacy — expected to move to a location near the intersection of Westover Road and FM 700 soon.

"Leonard's is currently building a new location for the pharmacy," he said. "So we're not looking at a situation where they will be left in limbo."

While the lease certainly appears to be a win-fall for both the municipality and West Texas Centers, Darden said it's not a done-deal just yet.

"The lease is contingent on West Texas Centers getting the grant," Darden said. "If they don't get it, then the lease basically just goes away. However, I've talked to a number of

officials about the grant and things look really good right now. West Texas Centers is by no means the only agency vying for the grant money, but they certainly appear to be one of the best choices. We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Even if the lease fails to come to fruition, Darden said city officials will continue to work to improve the Malone and

Hogan Clinic, which was given to the city by its previous owners more than a year ago.

"The facility needs a considerable amount of work, but we're not giving up on it," Darden said. "We'll continue to look for opportunities,

regardless of whether or not West Texas Centers gets this grant."

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Real patriots don't shut down the government

Richard Burr, a North Carolina Republican senator, calls it the dumbest idea he's ever heard and we agree: Some tea-party Republicans on Capitol Hill, including U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas, Marco Rubio of Florida and Rand Paul of Kentucky, presidential prospects all, seek to enlist others in a plan to shut down the U.S. government this fall if President Obama doesn't agree to defund his legacy achievement — the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

Don't get us wrong. This paper repeatedly railed against Obamacare when Democrats crafted it in 2009 and 2010.

We condemn any policy that demands companies and businesses, under penalty of added taxation, take health insurance benefits, restructure them to meet exacting and intrusive federal regulations, then provide them to employees. As we've noted in this space, we also see this act fast unravelling under the weight of its many flaws, several of which we've cited. Even our nation's major unions now concede it endangers such bedrock principles as the 40-hour work week.

This is one reason this paper backed Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan in the 2012 election. We believed Romney, with his business expertise, and Ryan, with his insights into the finer workings of government, might be able to fix Obamacare (and health care today is a crisis that needs fixing, not ignoring).

But the Republicans lost that presidential election. Worse, they offer no options for Obamacare other than gutting it. And the U.S. Supreme Court, where conservatives hold the edge, ruled the health-care law constitutional, however flawed. And we're still a nation of laws.

We're happy to note level-headed Republicans ranging from John McCain to John Cornyn to Tom Coburn are dismissing this crazy plan. Coburn, an Oklahoma lawmaker who unlike some Republicans battled government spending before Obama got to the White House, noted in Politico.com that shutting down the government is failed policy because, for one thing, "backbones don't hold long" afterward. He and others also believe it's an excellent way to hand the House over to Democratic control in the 2014 elections.

The hard work ahead involves Republicans working earnestly with willing Democrats, independents, health experts, business leaders and insurance executives to tweak, revamp, even overhaul health care in this nation. Health care costs impact everyone sooner or later.

It would sure help if lawmakers and the president acted as if their own health depended mightily on ours.

— *Waco Tribune-Herald*

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# Cheap labor is nobody's right

The Declaration of Independence says nothing about a right to cheap labor, but not everyone has noticed. Companies routinely pay market rates for electricity, real estate and legal services. But many find great injustice in market economics, as applied to wages they must pay to attract unskilled labor.

When companies can't find people to work for the meager amounts they are offering, a "labor shortage" is declared. And politicians seeking their favor come up with solutions such as the low-skilled visa program tacked onto the immigration reform plan. The so-called "W visa" would admit more immigrants to work in restaurants, stores, hotels and other enterprises.

The bipartisan immigration agreement is most welcome for humanitarian reasons and its measures for seriously enforcing the law against hiring undocumented workers. The provision to bring in more unskilled workers, however, is most unfortunate.

But it reflects a national conversation in which Americans without high school degrees play little part. They have no interests of their own in the eyes of those in power. They were put on this earth to make others comfortable.

Under the law of supply and demand, when something is

in short supply, the price for it rises. So if there were a shortage of unskilled workers, their pay levels would rise, right? But they have not. On the contrary, they have fallen.

The median hourly wage for maids and home health aides fell 5 percent from 2009 to 2012, after inflation, according to an analysis by the National Employment Law Project. In that time, the median wage for restaurant cooks plunged over 7 percent.

Even more depressing than the reality is a chief rationale for keeping these wages low — that it makes a whole bunch of services, from restaurant meals to housecleaning, more affordable for other Americans.

It's good for the consumer — assuming, of course, that you ignore how substandard pay affects the purchasing power of the working poor.

The real theme here is that low-skilled workers are "not one of us." Restaurant prices could go down if owners paid their accountants less or accepted smaller profits. But somehow those at the bottom of the wage scale have become the group assigned to keep prices low. They're nobodies.

In Beverly Hills, the owner of Urasawa, a stratospherically priced restaurant known to drop bills for \$1,000 on tables for two, is being investigated for allegedly withholding overtime pay for kitchen staff, some making less than \$9 an hour. These workers, generally immigrants from Mexico, say they were also denied the right to take breaks.

This is apparently not a unique case. Mario Batali and partners

recently paid a \$1.5 million settlement to workers at their fancy restaurants in New York.

By legalizing their status, the immigration reforms would empower undocumented workers to demand better pay and conditions. But some labor economists see the large supply of low-skilled help and entrenched attitudes impeding their upward mobility.

Many illegal and legal workers operate in a cash economy. They get picked up at street corners to do hard labor. Or they get hired for domestic work through a middle-class grapevine. The matter of wages and conditions, or lack of tax filings by the employer, never comes to the government's attention.

"We see employers in a number of industries act as if there is a third-class labor market that is paid below the minimum wage and are made to suffer all manner of violations of labor law," Nik Theodore, a University of Illinois urban planning expert, told The New York Times.

This kind of thinking has got to stop. An inexhaustible supply of low-paid labor should not be anybody's right.

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# Obama the unembarrassable

Sometimes I marvel at President Obama's apparent lack of an embarrassment sensor. How can he stand before the American people and deliver speech after speech making the same tired points and pretending he is delivering the speech of the century?

Is he truly impervious to feelings of self-consciousness, or is he trying to play us for fools?

His speech at Knox College on the economy contained all the ingredients of a vintage Obama speech: much fanfare about little substance; a stunning distortion of his record across the board, especially on the economy; refusal to accept responsibility and blaming others for the problems he's caused; his ludicrous portrayal of himself as an outsider pitted against the Washington political class he heads; predictable appeals to class warfare; tried-and-failed prescriptions for "growing the economy from the middle out"; his professed identification with the middle class, which his policies are devastating; his cynical dismissal as phony distractions of a raft of real administration scandals that would have brought other administrations to their knees; and an expression of affinity for government, not the American people, as the solution for all of our problems.

The upshot after Obama's nearly five years in office is that the economy is still sluggish. Unemployment and annual deficits remain disturbingly high based on historical standards; our national debt and unfunded liabilities represent an existential threat to America; Obamacare hangs like an ominous tornado playground over the economy and every employer and health care consumer in the nation; America is in steady economic and military decline at the hands of a president who is in denial about it, indifferent to it or intentionally pursuing it; and

the president and his renegade Justice Department and administrative agencies are riddled with scandals and gleefully flout the Constitution, the rule of law and the legislative branch.

Yet despite all of this, Obama tells us that everything is great and that things would be even better if it weren't for partisan, obstructionist Republicans. (If the economy is so wonderful, why is Obama hoptotching the country trying to convince us of what should be self-evident?)

Obama's refusal to accept responsibility for his policies and his scapegoating have reached comical proportions. Indeed, his economic adviser Austan Goolsbee once virtually admitted that Obama should only be associated with his economic record if and when we begin to see sustained positive results.

Such is the mentality of ideologues.

No amount of failure is proof of their policies failing. Others must always be blamed.

Obama no longer dazzles us with his smoke and mirrors; he bores us with them, droning on and on for more than an hour without offering any new ideas to turn the economy around — because he has none.

Obama is as bereft of new ideas as a ventriloquist's dummy. He is a prisoner of his own theological affinity for expansive government as a panacea. His liberal ethical code tells him that growing government is a moral imperative that must supersede everything else, even economic growth and prosperity for the very people to whom liberals claim allegiance.

As long as they are reliably growing government, statistes such as Obama will be held to account by their fellow liberals for their policy failures and for spreading misery, because they are doing god's work, whatever that might mean to them. If his "stimulus" fails to produce jobs, it doesn't matter, because a) his intentions were good, b) Republicans didn't let him spend even more, and c) things would have been worse without it — even though the weight of the evidence and history prove otherwise.

So don't ever expect Obama's soul mates in the liberal media to hold him accountable for his record or to compare it with that of other presidents. If it is worse, it will not be his fault. His failures will always be because of the "mess he inherited," even though no other president has ever enjoyed that absurd luxury.

But even measured against the situation he inherited, Obama has made sparse improvements, and in most cases, things have gotten worse, including the millions who have given up and left the workforce, the millions who have joined the government dependency rolls, the catastrophic national debt and our woefully insolvent entitlement programs, which he steadfastly refuses to reform.

For all his hoopla about hope and change, Obama is nothing more than a gloom-and-doom liberal who doesn't even aspire to robust economic growth. His sole focus is not on growing the economic pie but on redistributing what he believes is a finite one.

That's why the thrust of Obama's disgraceful speech was on class envy, resentment and warfare. He forever castigates producers and the wealthy and promises a continuation of policies that are antithetical to growth, except for the growth of government.

As long as Obama is in office and his policies are pursued, America will be shortchanging itself and suppressing the entrepreneurial spirit and liberty of the American people, without which America is destined for ongoing decline.

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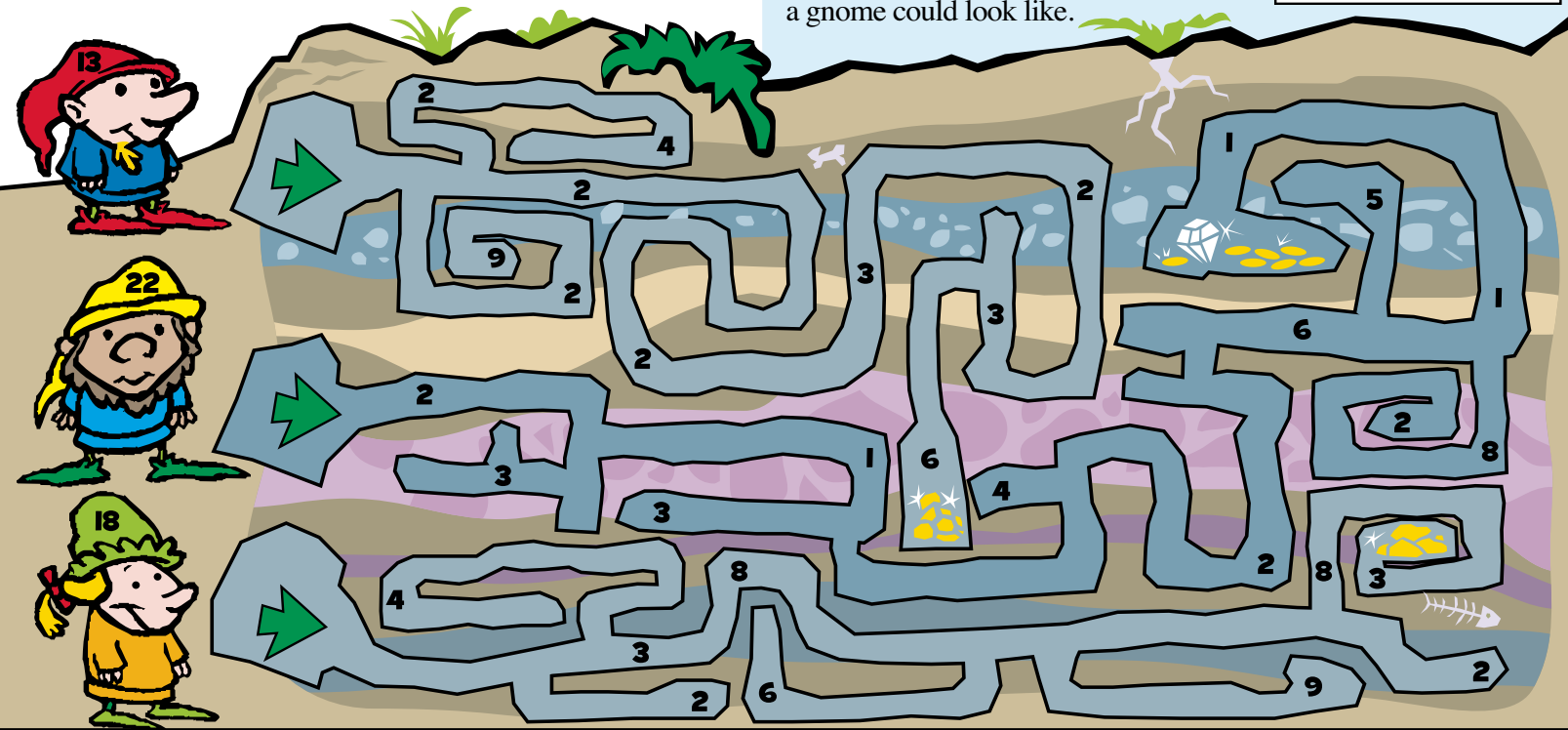


Mine Maze

In many legends, gnomes guard veins of gold, copper, coal and even diamonds. In general, gnomes are considered helpful to people and some say the gnomes have led them to underground treasures.

Which treasure belongs to which gnome? Add up the numbers along each path. The number on each gnome's hat matches the sum of the numbers along the trail to each one's treasure.

Standards Link: Math; compute sums and differences to 22.

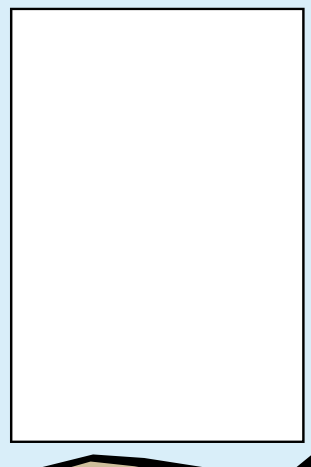


What's a Gnome?

A gnome, (pronounced *nome*), is a being that appears in legends around the world. Nearly every legend describes a gnome as a tiny, human-like creature that lives inside the earth.

Gnomes are said to look like small versions of the people in the countries where they live.

In the box at right, draw what you think a gnome could look like.



Silent Letter Game

Here's a game to play with a friend. Read the story aloud to your friend. Tell them that every time they hear a word with a silent letter, they should stand up. If they miss the word or stand up at the wrong time, you must tell them to sit down.

Nicolas the (G)NOME woke up at the bottom of a hedge. His S(W)ORD was missing, his THUM(B) was hurting, and his (K)NEES were dirty. With a SI(G)H he remembered what had happened.

Last NI(G)HT in the CAST(L)E he had sneaked some CRUM(B)S from the (K)NIGHTS table. By accident, he (K)NOCKED over a cup. He CLIM(B)ED on to the floor and (K)NELT to quietly pick it up but it was too late.

The (K)NAVE who W(H)ISTLED loudly had spotted him. With a flick of his (W)RIST he scooped Nicolas up and hurled him out of the window.

Luckily for Nicolas, he landed on the back of a LAM(B). CLIM(B)ING down, he slipped, rolled down the hill and into the hedge.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow simple written directions.

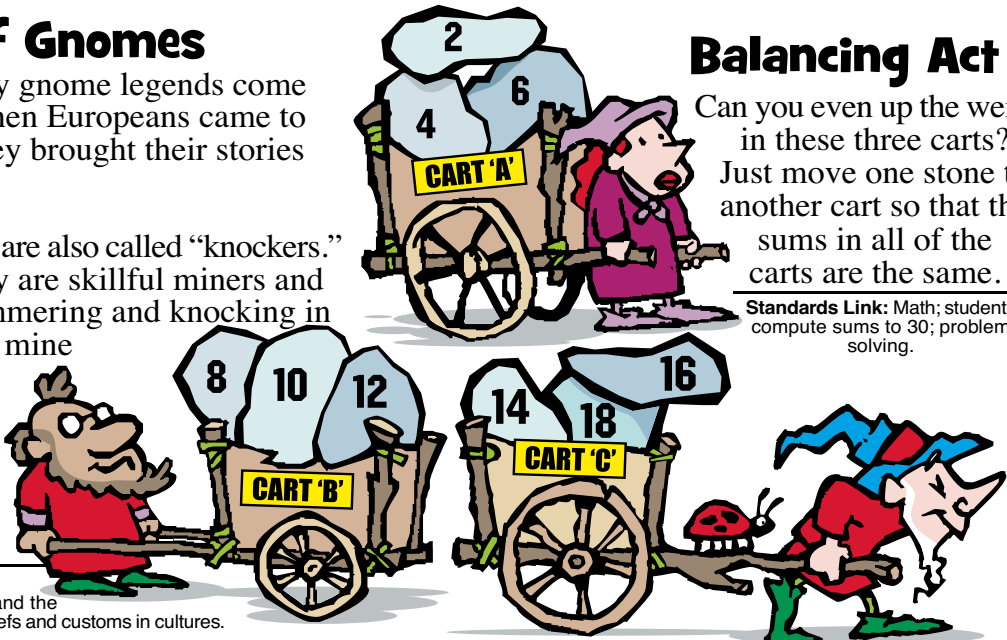
A World of Gnomes

Many of the early gnome legends come from Europe. When Europeans came to the Americas, they brought their stories about gnomes.

In Wales, gnomes are also called "knockers." It is said that they are skillful miners and can be heard hammering and knocking in deep, abandoned mine tunnels.

This endless knocking and hammering led to the name "knockers."

Standards Link: Social Science; students understand the importance of traditions, beliefs and customs in cultures.



Balancing Act

Can you even up the weight in these three carts? Just move one stone to another cart so that the sums in all of the carts are the same.

Standards Link: Math; students compute sums to 30; problem solving.

Extra! Extra!

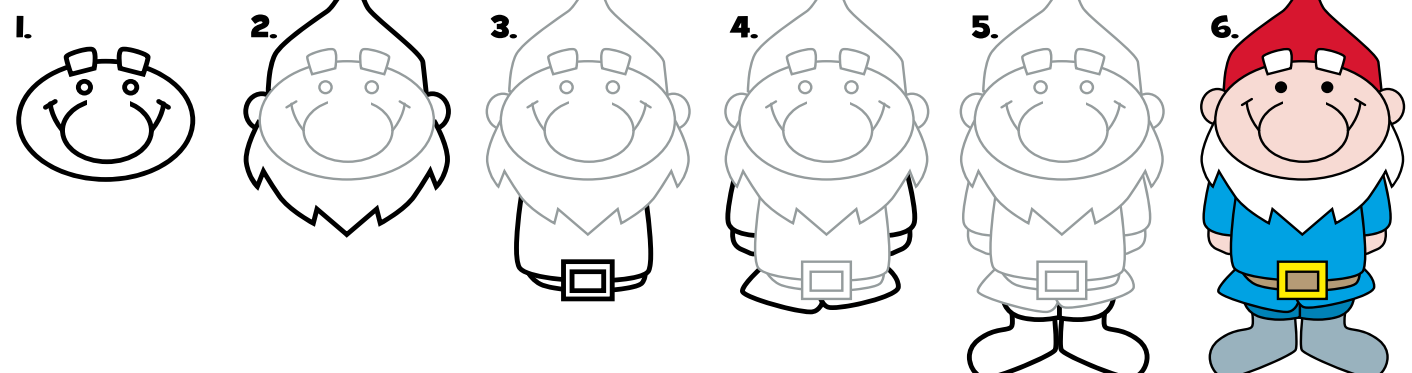
Silent Knowledge

Look through the newspaper for words that have a silent "g" or a silent "k" at the beginning. Cut out each word. Draw a picture that shows what each word means.

Standards Link: Decoding; recognize and decode consonant digraphs.

ANSWERS: Move the stone with the number 18 from cart C to cart A. All the carts should add up to 30.

Draw a GNOME!



Kid Scoop Puzzler



Nobody has actually seen a gnome. They are most likely only characters in folktales. However, little gnomes made of clay can be seen in many gardens. Can you find which garden gnome in each row is different?

Standards Link: Recognizing similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

- LEGENDS
- GNOMES
- TUNNELS
- MINERS
- WALES
- STONE
- GARDEN
- DIAMONDS
- COAL
- GOLD
- CLAY
- WORLD
- TREASURE
- PATH

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

L	T	S	D	O	M	M	H	Y	E
K	E	L	R	E	N	O	T	S	R
N	O	G	O	E	L	U	A	D	U
G	C	K	E	A	N	E	P	N	S
S	E	M	O	N	G	I	E	O	A
T	E	C	E	R	D	D	M	M	E
O	S	L	A	R	R	S	E	A	R
N	S	A	A	A	G	N	O	I	T
E	M	Y	G	W	O	R	L	D	E

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

Kid Scoop-doku

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

G	O			
N			E	
O				
M				N
E	M	O		

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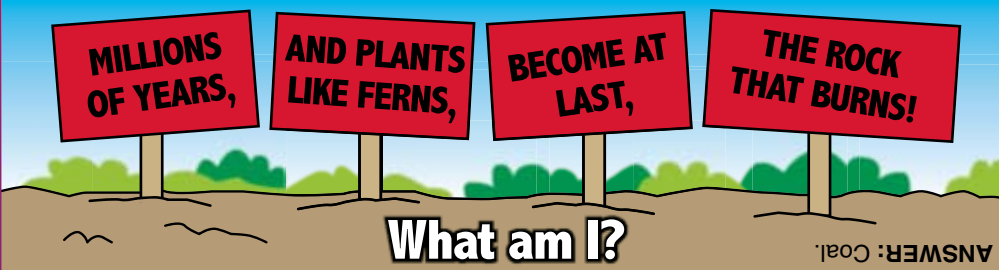
Big, Bigger, Biggest

Find three pictures in the newspaper, one to represent BIG, another for BIGGER, and a third to represent BIGGEST. Label each picture. Repeat this activity with other words such as FUNNY, SAD and SMALL.

Standards Link: Grammar: Use adjectives to describe situations.

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What am I?

ANSWER: Coal.

Write On!

Gnome Story

As you arrive at school, you feel something moving in your backback. Slowly, you open the backpack and discover a gnome! Write about what happens next.



# Bird Poop: What not to feed a roadrunner

By the time she finally held it in her hands, it was nearly dead. Listed on our permit, Diane Tracy told me, in an early morning call, that she had received a nestling roadrunner the previous week. "It's taken me this long to see if it could make it."



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Continuing, Diane said she had received a phone call from a woman who also lived in the San Angelo area. After describing the diet she had used to sustain the youngster, the caller had said the bird seemed to be getting weaker.

Upon receiving the roadrunner, Diane

knew that the first few weeks are critical in any bird's development. Even though the woman had meant well, her knowledge of nutrition was lacking. Improper care of the roadrunner had lessened its chance for survival.

Through persistence in attending to the bird's needs, Diane had managed to "pull it through." Since she felt it was now ready to be transferred to Lubbock, we agreed to meet in Sterling City.

Nestling roadrunners are unique in appearance. At first, during their brief time in a nest, their black skin appears greasy as late morning sunlight illuminates coarse, white hairs lying in a row. These are an indication of feathers to come, and are pronounced in relation to their dark background.

As the feathering process begins and

proceeds, it is hard to image that in the wild, in another three weeks, a youngster would be on the ground catching some of its food.

Attempting to raise the youngster had been harder than the woman had thought. Even if there were an abundance of insects around her property, the woman would have had a difficult time catching enough of them. Not knowing of the roadrunner's varied diet, she had almost realized too late that both she and the bird needed help.

We used the next day, the last of July, to deliver the roadrunner to South Plains in Lubbock. Stronger and feathering, it would have an adult companion to mimic.

After losing its natal hair, a youngster would soon be attired in its first winter plumage and resemble its older friend. While in the aviary, it could run, leap, fly, and cavort throughout the day. When released, the chaparral would spend most of its time on the ground while darting among native growth to hunt for mice, lizards, insects, small birds and snakes.

Remarkably long legs and unique toes would sustain it in walking, running and stalking.



Courtesy photo

In the west and southwestern parts of the United States, arid terrain is attractive to the roadrunner. Nearly two feet in length, the bird hunts for lizards, small snakes, scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas, mice, rats and insects.

With two toes pointing forward and the other two backward, its zygodactylous feet would enhance its ability to grip the roughest of surfaces and maintain extraordinary balance.

Eminent danger would prompt flight to a nearby tree or scrub. At that time, the white patches that adorned its short, rounded wings would be evident.

Brown above and light below, the roadrunner would have prominent streaking on its breast and back. Its tail would be almost as long as its body.

While prowling for prey, its long, black bill would easily extract insects and hiding sparrows from inside

the dried growth of native yuccas. Its crested head and the pale blue, orange-red bare skin back of its eyes would be most noticeable.

News of the roadrunner's release in August was heartening. Temporarily, we had enjoyed its presence, even if at an early stage of life.

The bird's name had been created to describe a unique being that ran ahead in the roadway during the pioneer days of horse drawn conveyances. Its place in history was assured.

From a nursery of interwoven layers of sticks, in a scrubby mesquite, the roadrunner had been fortunate to survive. Its mother had adorned her cre-

ation with leaves, dried grass, feathers, part of a snakeskin, small bits of dried manure and even remnants of mesquite bean pods. Whatever had been in the area had been utilized by this crafty parent.

Once again, a human interfering in the development of another specie had caused the natural rhythm of early life to be interrupted. Only through knowledge and determination, had a volunteer been able to right a biological wrong.

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By Steve Becker

## Sometimes It Pays to Worry

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 10 8 3  
♥ A 8 7 3  
♦ Q 6  
♣ A 7 5

**EAST**  
♠ 7 6 4 2  
♥ J 9 6 4  
♦ A 8 5 4  
♣ 10

**WEST**  
♠ —  
♥ Q 10 5  
♦ J 10 9 7 2  
♣ J 9 6 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 9 5  
♥ K 2  
♦ K 3  
♣ K Q 8 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass  
3♠ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♥ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Assume you're declarer in six spades and West leads the jack of diamonds. East wins with the ace and returns a diamond to your king. At this point, making the rest of the tricks appears routine. But when you cash the ace of trumps and West shows out, you have good reason to start worrying about the slam.

For example, if you decided to

draw East's remaining trumps at this stage, you would wind up with a club loser unless the opposing clubs were divided 3-3. Without the 4-0 trump split, you would have been able to ruff your last club in dummy. Going down one in a slam is never a happy prospect, so you start looking for a way to avoid the potential club loser.

And if you look hard enough, you find that there is a way out of your difficulties. You therefore stop leading trumps and instead cash the K-A of hearts. When East follows suit, you become certain to make the contract.

You next ruff a heart with the queen, lead the five of trumps to dummy's eight, then ruff dummy's last heart with the king before leading the nine of trumps to dummy's ten.

As a result of these plays, you have exhausted the trumps in your own hand. This is no real hardship, however, because you still have the jack of trumps in dummy to draw East's seven.

When you cash the jack, you discard the four of clubs on it, and just like that, the potential club loser disappears. The A-K-Q of clubs then take the last three tricks, and the slam is home.

Tomorrow: Plain horse sense.

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## Comparing cars and computers

Have you ever thought about comparing computers with automobiles?

You may have seen an article doing just that, but just in case you missed it, you will enjoy reading what I felt was well articulated. I think this article was intended for those folks who really love their computers but sometimes wonder why they even exist.

It seems that at a recent computer expo, Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto

industry and stated, "If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry

has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that get 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating: If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

- For no reason whatsoever, your car would

crash, sometimes twice a day.

- Every time the highway crew repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.

- Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason, you would simply accept this.

- Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.

- Macintosh would

make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive — but would run on only five percent of the roads.

- The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single warning light: "This Car Has Performed an Illegal Operation".

- The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.

- Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

- Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

- You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off (oops! Some of us are doing that now!).

- Then, as a postscript, the directions would state: When all else fails, you can call "customer service" in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!

These comments ring true for those of us who use the computer, but we must admit that computers and automobiles have certainly changed our lives. I'm glad we don't have to compare.

*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.

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

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# Rangers homer twice in 9th to top Angels

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Geovany Soto kept anxiously watching the ball as he trotted out of the batter's box. Finally, when it landed in the left-field seats, he thrust his right arm triumphantly into the air and set off quite a celebration for the Texas Rangers.

Soto's game-ending home run, after fellow catcher A.J. Pierzynski had already gone deep in the ninth off Los Angeles Angels closer Ernesto Frieri, gave the Rangers a 4-3 victory Monday night. That snapped a four-game losing streak in which they struggled to score runs.

"I was hoping it would stay fair," Soto said. "I'm the happiest guy."

When Soto got back to the plate, he was mobbed by teammates and got a huge hug for Rangers manager Ron Washington.

Pierzynski led off the ninth by pulling a pitch into the right-field seats, his 11th homer this season snapping a 4-for-27 slump and tying the game. Nelson Cruz followed with a single off Frieri (0-3) before David Murphy grounded into a double play. Soto, who entered the game hitting only .198 this season, then hit a towering flyball down the left-field line.

"You know, A.J. grinded one out, Cruz grinded one out. And then Murphy smoked that ball. That's just the way things have been going for him. He centers one and they turn a double play," Washington said. "But then Geo pulled us out for us. Had a great at-bat, that's what we needed."

In the Angels clubhouse after the game, Frieri sat silently at the locker for a few minutes, staring up toward the ceiling. Teammates and manager Mike Scioscia came by and patted him on the left shoulder.

The Angels, without slugger Albert Pujols for



Texas' Geovany Soto rounds the bases after hitting a walk-off home run to end last night's 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington. AP photo

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## Mavs sign 1st-round pick Larkin

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks have signed first-round pick Shane Larkin, who is coming out with a broken right ankle.

Larkin is slotted to make \$1.28 million in the point guard's first season under the rookie salary

scale.

The Mavericks traded down twice in the draft and ended up with the rights to Larkin, the son of Hall of Fame shortstop Barry Larkin. He was taken 18th by Atlanta.

Larkin helped Miami to its first Atlantic Coast Conference title

and a No. 2 seed in the NCAA tournament. Larkin led the Hurricanes at 14.5 points and 4.6 assists per game.

The 5-foot-11 Larkin broke his ankle while practicing for the summer league. He had surgery this month and should be sidelined about three months.

## Texans' pick Hopkins a quick study

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston first-round pick DeAndre Hopkins is making a lot from Andre Johnson, even if the star receiver doesn't say very much to the rookie when the two are on the field.

Hopkins gushed about his relationship with his new teammate Monday, saying the notoriously quiet Johnson sometimes simply gives him a look to let him know his performance isn't up to par.

"He really doesn't say too much to me, but he gives me that look sometimes when I do something wrong," Hopkins said. "I kind of know I didn't do my as-

signment. He just kind of gives me that look like: 'You could have done better.'"

Hopkins feels bad when he gets that look from Johnson and it spurs him to playing better. As the longest tenured Texan, Johnson feels a responsibility to help bring along the young players and is looking forward to seeing how the new pieces help improve the offense.

"You get excited, not only just about rookies they bring in on offense, you get excited about just players they bring in period because you know that they can come out and help

your team," Johnson said. "I'm just anxious to get out there in the preseason game and see how it all unfolds, but you have to lay the groundwork first. That's what's most important right now, so that's what we are trying to do."

Hopkins, a former Clemson star, has impressed the Texans so far at camp, making one-handed and otherwise acrobatic catches. While his gigantic hands, which require size 3XL gloves, are certainly large enough to snag the ball with one hand, Hopkins mostly reserves that skill for warm-ups before

practice and the walk-throughs at the end of each session.

And fans are unlikely to ever see Hopkins attempt such a stunt in a game.

"I don't think I'll try to go out there and risk a one-handed catch," Hopkins said. "I think I'll always try and catch it securely in a game."

But the fact that he's able to bring down passes with only one hand should certainly help him with run-of-the-mill grabs this season.

"It just makes it a whole lot easier," he said with a smile.

Regardless of how

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## Local briefs

### Youth Football Association sign-ups being held now

Crossroads Youth Football Association is holding sign-ups for players and cheer squads at the Big Spring Mall on Saturday, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Flag football (5-7 years), will cost \$85 per child; Tackle (8-9 and 10-12 years), will cost \$160; and cheer (K-12 years) will be \$125.

For more information, visit [www.freewebs.com/cyfa/](http://www.freewebs.com/cyfa/)

### BSHS season tickets on sale now

Steer football fans can now pick up their season tickets at the Athletic Training Center. The books — which can be purchased Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., until Aug. 23 — cost \$20 apiece and includes admission to all four home games, rapid access to the stadium and guaranteed seating in Section C. Call the athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

### Country Club to host low ball tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a two-person, low ball tournament Saturday and Sunday. The \$100 entry fee (plus cart costs, private carts welcome), includes registration for tourney, Mulligans and barbeque on the course Saturday.

Field will be pre-flighted with handicaps required at entry. Number of flights determined by number of participants.

For more information, call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

### Comanche Trail holding City Championship tourney

Howard County residents holding a membership to the Big Spring Country Club or Comanche Trail Golf Course are invited to play in the 36-hole individual play City Championship tournament Aug. Saturday and Sunday. There will be three divisions: Mens, Senior Mens and Women. Tee Times can be made for Saturday at player convenience, while Sunday will be flighted according to Saturday's scores.

Entry fee is \$40 per person. For more information, contact the pro shop at 264-2366.

### Sports physicals due by Monday

If your son or daughter is in grade 7, 9 or 11 and plans to participate in a fall sport, completed physical examination records must be turned in by Monday. The fifth also marks the start of two-day practices for most fall sports in the area. Big Spring parents can contact Jim Campbell at 264-3627 for more information.

### Over 80 Scramble to be held at C.C.

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting the Over 80 Scramble — meaning the combined age of each two-person team must add up to 80 or more.

A shotgun start will be held each day, with the field flighted by first round score.

The \$100 entry fee per player includes both rounds, Mulligans and barbeque on the course Saturday. Cart fees apply.

For more information, contact the Pro Shop at 267-

## AP Source: MLB may suspend Rodriguez under labor deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez may have to start serving a suspension as soon as it is announced rather than wait for a grievance to play out.

Major League Baseball may try to suspend A-Rod under its collective bargaining agreement instead of its drug rules, which would eliminate any chance of delaying a penalty until after the case goes to the arbitrator, The Associated Press has learned.

Rodriguez has never been disciplined for a drug offense, and a first offender under baseball's Joint Drug Agreement is entitled to an automatic stay if the players' association files a grievance — meaning the penalty is put on

hold until after an arbitrator rules.

While use of banned performance-enhancing substances falls under the drug agreement, MLB may argue other alleged violations are punishable under the labor contract, a person familiar with management's deliberations told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

Taking that action would prevent the New York Yankees third baseman from returning to the field, even if he recovers from a quadriceps injury cited by the team as the reason for keeping him on the disabled list.

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## Cooperstown doors open for White, Ruppert, O'Day

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — The rain, the gloom, the small gathering of fans didn't matter.

For the families of baseball pioneers Jacob Ruppert Jr., Hank O'Day and James "Deacon" White this was what they had long been waiting for.

All three have been dead for more than seven decades. Now their legacies were secure with their induction Sunday into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

When Lou Gehrig of the Yankees and Rogers Hornsby of St. Louis were inducted into the Hall of Fame, they never experienced a formal ceremony in Cooperstown.

That changed Sunday, when the two, along with 10 other players elected between 1939 and 1945 were feted.

Returning Hall of Famers took turns reading the text of those players' plaques in their honor.

The Class of 2013 — made the festivities something out of the ordinary. For only the second time in 42 years, baseball writers failed to elect anyone to the Hall of Fame, sending a firm signal that stars of the Steroids Era — including Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa and Roger Clemens, who didn't even come close in their first year of eligibility — will be judged in a different light.



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step back and ask what is really necessary.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You are not in the mood to lock horns over anything — there's no reason good enough. You'll get some flack from loved ones, but you'll shrug it off without harboring long-standing resentments.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Keeping things simple is not so easy for highly intelligent and complicated folks. That's why when a simple plan goes without a hitch today, it's a cause for celebration.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You can't argue with happiness — or you could, but happiness would win, so why bother? You may not want something to make you this happy, but you can't help that it does, so just go with it. Revel.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Jean-Paul Sartre wrote, "Hell is other people." Today you might agree, although not across the board. You would add the word "certain" after "is" because of one particularly maddening individual.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Feeling that you must be perpetually nice and attractive to others is a recipe for depression. You'll seize the opportunity to be yourself, no frills, and have a blast with it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because they are so self-involved, children sometimes have trouble matching the tone of their physical and social environment. The one who is not a child and yet still has trouble with this is similarly self-involved. Be forewarned.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll land in the right place at the right time. The question is: Do you also have the right attitude? You'll be thrown a rare opportunity — this is a test. Take the ball and run the distance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who are especially capable of a task will not study it closely or work hard to understand and master it. That's why the best teachers are people who themselves have struggled with the subject and overcome obstacles.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be

perusing a scene with a choice about with whom to connect. The most powerful person in the room isn't who you think it is. Seek out the person who is the most respectful, warm, open and direct.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People just don't listen well. Your intent ears, rapt attention and open heart are a rarity. People will come out of the blue with their stories and feelings because they sense that you genuinely care.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want more out of love than to live a parallel life with another without really connecting on many levels. Communication is the key to a flourishing love life.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a realist. You know that nothing is perfect. It is human nature to be compelled by the thrill of victory and also intrigued by the agony of defeat, which hangs, inevitably, behind images of perfection.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 30). Conservative financial choices prove that you're responsible.

(Insert yawn here.) This year you'll prove that you're creative and daring with the confidence to act on your big ideas. You'll form an alliance in August. September brings a meaningful new relationship. You'll show your influence in November. Pisces and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 1, 11, 10 and 18.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Lisa Kudrow is an entertaining Leo and one of three Leos in the cast of the hit television show "Friends." This comic beauty will soon appear in "Townies" with Zac Efron and Seth Rogen. Kudrow was born when the sun and Mercury were both in the sign of show business and the moon was in friendly, outgoing, adventurous Sagittarius. Her Venus in Cancer suggests a deeply nurturing, motherly spirit.

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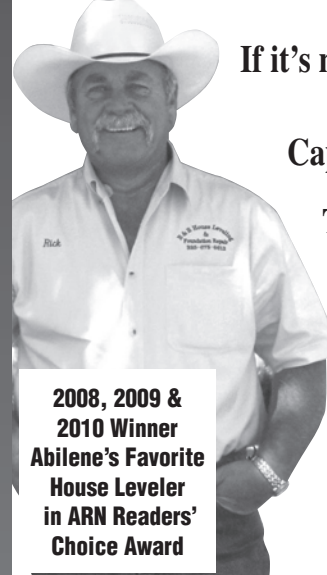
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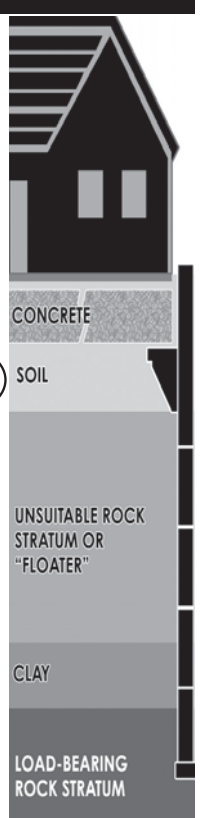
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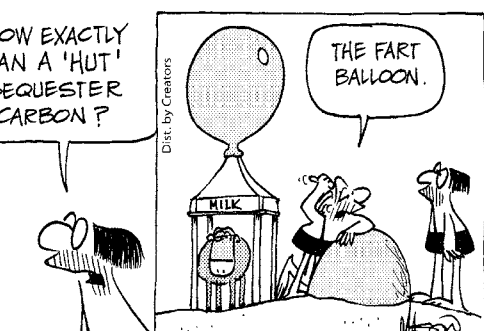
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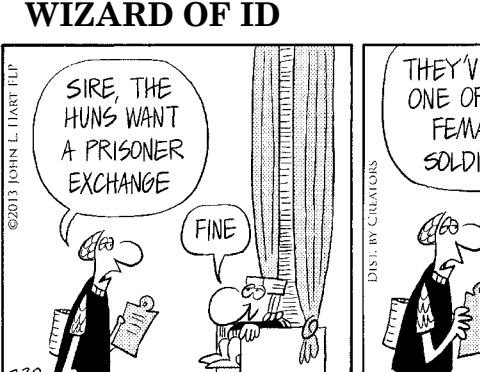
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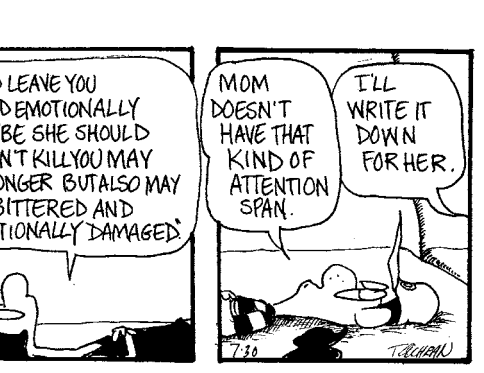
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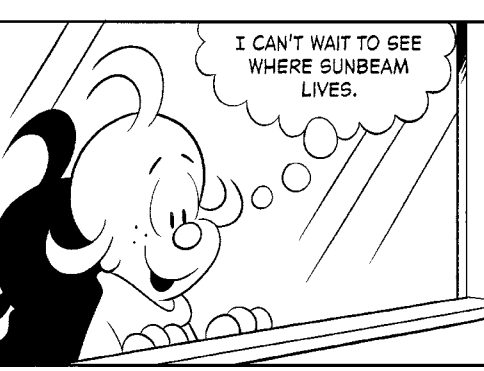
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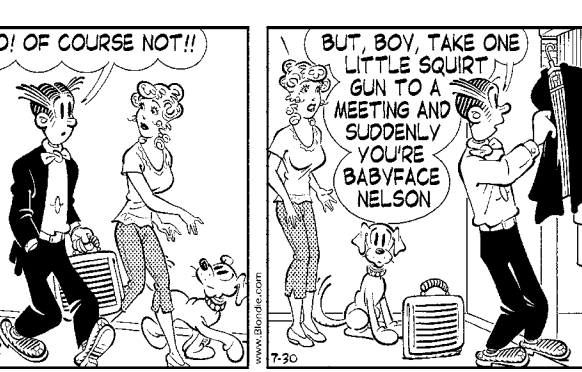
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, July 30, the 211th day of 2013. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 30, 1863, American automaker Henry Ford was born in Dearborn Township, Mich.

On this date:

In 1729, Baltimore, Md. was founded.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a gunpowder-filled mine under Confederate defense lines; the attack failed.

In 1918, poet Joyce Kilmer, a sergeant in the 165th U.S. Infantry Regiment, was killed during the Second Battle of the Marne in World War I. (Kilmer is perhaps best remembered for his poem "Trees.")

In 1932, the Summer Olympic Games opened in Los Angeles.

In 1945, the Portland class heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese

submarine during World War II; only 316 out of some 1,200 men survived.

In 1953, the Small Business Administration was founded.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure making "In God We Trust" the national motto, replacing "E Pluribus Unum" ("Out of many, one").

In 1963, the Soviet Union announced it had granted political asylum to Harold "Kim" Philby, the "third man" of a British spy ring.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Medicare bill, which went into effect the following year.

In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit; although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

In 1980, Israel's Knesset passed a law reaffirming all of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

In 1990, British Conservative Party lawmaker Ian Gow was killed in a bombing claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Johnson is 86. Actor Edd (correct) "Kookie" Byrnes

is 80. Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig is 79. Blues musician Buddy Guy is 77. Movie director Peter Bogdanovich is 74. Feminist activist Eleanor Smeal is 74. Former U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., is 73. Singer Paul Anka is 72. Jazz musician David Sanborn is 68. Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is 66. Actor William Atherton is 66. Actor Jean Reno (zhahn rih-NOH) is 65. Blues singer-musician Otis Taylor is 65. Actor Frank Stallone is 63. Actor Ken Olin is 59. Actress Delta Burke is 57. Law professor Anita Hill is 57. Singer-songwriter Kate Bush is 55. Country singer Neal McCoy is 55. Actor Richard Burgi is 55.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Revise, as an article
  - 5 Piece of bacon
  - 10 "Let's go!"
  - 14 Mechanical learning
  - 15 Got up
  - 16 Enthusiastic review
  - 17 "I had no \_\_\_!"
  - 18 Enthusiast
  - 19 Former spouses
  - 20 Task force leaders
  - 23 Cleverly ironic
  - 24 Sizzling
  - 25 Birchbark boat
  - 28 Police officer
  - 31 Meat avoider
  - 35 Aroma
  - 36 Military greeting
  - 38 Fish story
  - 39 Deception, so to speak
  - 42 Baking pan
  - 43 "I can't agree to that"
  - 44 Assist in a felony
  - 45 War horse
  - 47 12-mo. periods
  - 48 Newspaper essays
  - 49 Family nickname
  - 51 Tax agcy.
  - 52 Is unfazed
  - 61 Neck of the woods
  - 62 Quarrel
  - 63 "Would you like anything \_\_\_?"
  - 64 Depend (on)
- DOWN**
- 1 Explorer called "the Red"
  - 2 Long-gone bird
  - 3 News tidbit
  - 4 Cooperative effort
  - 5 Like seawater
  - 6 Easy run
  - 7 Go here and there
  - 8 "Now it makes sense!"
  - 9 Parakeet seat
  - 10 Invent
  - 11 Long skirt
  - 12 Higher than
  - 13 Loch \_\_\_ monster
  - 21 Anger
  - 22 Float like a helicopter
  - 25 Expenses
  - 26 Allow in
  - 27 Opposite of "everybody"
  - 28 Sweet snack
  - 29 More mature
  - 30 Mountain lions
  - 32 Spherical map
  - 33 Showed on TV
  - 34 Hummingbirds' homes
  - 36 \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
  - 37 Up to, in ads
  - 40 Finish with
  - 41 Felon's file
  - 46 English assignments
  - 48 "... man \_\_\_ mouse?"
  - 50 Play a guitar
  - 51 Deep-seated
  - 52 Pub missile
  - 53 Three-layer cookie
  - 54 Snaky fishes
  - 55 Melody
  - 56 Group of troops
  - 57 Solemn ceremony
  - 58 Female choir voice
  - 59 Analogy phrase
  - 60 Fishing rod attachment

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# HOPKINS

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he's snagging passes for the Texans, they're excited about his skills and hope he'll master the offense soon enough to start opposite Johnson and take some pressure off the 32-year-old receiver this season.

Quarterback Matt Schaub is thrilled to have another big target in his offense and said Houston's expectations for Hopkins are "through the roof."

"He is going to get plenty of one-on-one coverage and chances to get the football," Schaub said. "We're going to get him a chance to make plays with it in his hands and he's going to do that. Big, physical, fast receiver and I'm excited to watch him get through camp here, get toward the end and get in the preseason

games to see what he can do against other guys."

He caught 82 passes and set school records with 1,405 yards receiving and 18 touchdown receptions last year. His 24 catches of 20 yards or more last season were the most in the ACC and he averaged 17.1 yards a catch in 2012.

For his three-year career at Clemson, Hopkins had 206 receptions for 3,020 yards and 27 touchdowns, becoming the sixth player in ACC history with more than 3,000 yards receiving and the only player in conference history to gain that many yards in just three seasons.

Hopkins, taken 27th overall, is just the second receiver Houston has drafted in the first round and the first since Johnson was chosen third overall in 2003.

He said his only goal for this season is to help Houston win a Super Bowl, and he'll

work hard to help the team in whatever role he's given. Though he has a singular goal, he does hope to secure a starting job. The Texans believe that he'll be able to do that if he continues taking advantage of the tutelage and Johnson, who had a career-high 1,598 yards receiving last season.

"He's a worker and he gets to sit next to No. 80 (Johnson) every day, so he's learning from the right guy," coach Gary Kubiak said. "He's got all the ability and he's being trusted or pushed in a very quick direction and that's what we think is best for our team. We're excited to watch him grow up here — big challenge, but I know he can do it."

# A-ROD

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And merely threatening to use that provision might give MLB leverage to force a deal.

The Yankees expect Rodriguez to be accused of recruiting other athletes for the clinic, of attempting to obstruct MLB's investigation, and of not being truthful with MLB in the past when he discussed his relationship with Dr. Anthony Galea, who pleaded guilty two years ago to a federal charge of bringing unapproved drugs into the United States from

Canada.

Four years ago, Rodriguez admitted using PEDs while with Texas from 2001-03. He has repeatedly denied using them since.

Baseball has been investigating Rodriguez and other players since a January report in the Miami New Times alleging they received PEDs from Biogenesis of America, a closed anti-aging clinic on Florida.

Aside from the drug agreement, there is no automatic stay for suspensions under baseball's labor contract. Rodriguez could be punished under Article XII (B) of the Basic Agreement which states: "Players may

be disciplined for just cause for conduct that is materially detrimental or materially prejudicial to the best interests of baseball including, but not limited to, engaging in conduct in violation of federal, state or local law."

If suspended under that section, Rodriguez would serve the penalty while a grievance is litigated before arbitrator Fredric Horowitz — unless the union asks for a stay and the arbitrator grants one, which would be unusual under the grievance procedure. And baseball could always try to punish A-Rod on drug violations later.

# RANGERS

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maybe the rest of the season, lost their fourth straight game and are 2-8 their last 10 road games.

"It's a tough situation. We've been struggling, and I just went out there and gave up the game. We needed that win," Frieri said. "It was a fastball (to Soto). Supposed to be down and away but it was middle-in and up. Every time I miss, I get hurt really bad."

Jason Frasor (1-2) pitched a scoreless ninth for Texas, three days after he gave up a game-ending homer in an 11-inning loss at Cleveland.

Texas had gone 26 innings without scoring a run, two short of the 41-year-old team record, until Ian Kinsler's RBI single in the sixth to get the Rangers within 3-1. They had played 46 innings without leading a game until the second career game-ending homer for Soto, who was catching Matt Garza while Pierzynski got a night as the designated

hitter.

"We needed that game after the offensive struggled we've been through the last few weeks," Pierzynski said. "To have a game like that, especially at home after the trip we came off, it's huge."

The Texas comeback spoiled another solid effort for Angels starter Jered Weaver, who allowed only one run with six strikeouts over seven innings. The right-hander has a 1.31 ERA (seven runs in 48 innings) his last seven starts.

Dane De La Rosa allowed an unearned run in his inning of relief before Frieri's third blown save in 28 chances.

J.B. Shuck hit his first major league homer for the Angels, who have lost four in a row. Josh Hamilton had a two-run single against his former team.

Garza struck out six and allowed three runs

over seven innings in his second Texas start since getting traded. The right-hander had won six starts in a row, including his last five for the Chicago Cubs before a winning debut for the Rangers last Wednesday against the New York Yankees when the only run he allowed was unearned after his throwing error.

Weaver had retired 12 in a row before Leonys Martin, in the leadoff spot for the first time in his 124 major league games, had a drag bunt in the sixth. The pitcher fielded the ball along the first-base line, but didn't even attempt a throw since Martin had already run past him.

Martin got to second when Elvis Andrus unsuccessfully tried to bunt for a hit. Ian Kinsler, who went to No. 3 in the order with Martin leading off, followed with an RBI single for the first Texas run in three games, and also ended a scoreless streak of 19 2-3 innings for Weaver.

Andrus extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a single in the eighth, then stole second, went to third on catcher Hank Conger's throwing error and scored on Kinsler's sacrifice fly.

Shuck homered in the fifth in his 323rd career at-bat and 115th game. Later that inning, Erick Aybar drew a walk and Mike Trout had a two-out double before both scored on Hamilton's opposite-field grounder to left made it 3-0.

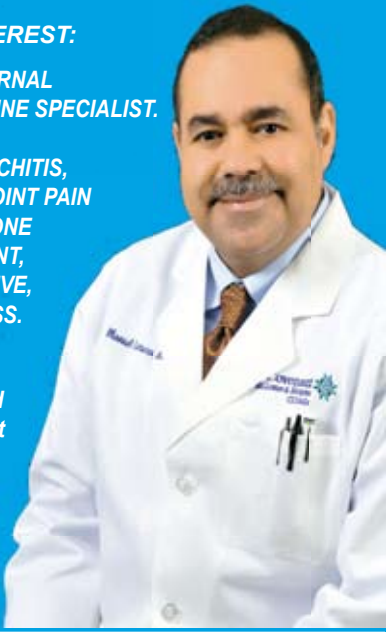
"It's a little frustrating. This was probably one of the best I've thrown the ball in Texas," Weaver said. "No lead is safe here, and obviously that was the case tonight."

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