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Officials eye 'road map to the future'

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

City representatives got a sneak peek at the first two parts of Big Spring's "road map to the future" Tuesday evening.

Members of the city council and planning and zoning committee met with consultants to begin hammering out future zoning and development plans for the city's air-

park and north sector, part of an overall comprehensive master plan for the city.

With this area experiencing the first wave of an economic boom brought on by exploitation of the Cline Shale Oil formation, city officials realized the need to drastically revise Big Spring's master plan, which serves as a guideline to help representatives plan out future growth.

"The city needs (the updated plan) to ensure growth occurs in an orderly manner," said Dan Sefko of Freese and Nichols, an engineering and architectural firm that is

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Volunteers paint the town with purple as Relay nears

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Paint it purple.

Relay for Life committee members are hoping the community will decorate the town with a sea of purple this week to celebrate 20 years of the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life event.

"We are encouraging businesses and residents to decorate their stores and homes with pink and purple decorations," said Debbye ValVerde, Relay For Life committee member and eight-year cancer survivor. "Relay For Life is a key fund-raising event to help fund the fight against cancer. We are hoping to get community support. All the purple decorations outside city hall, the chamber and courthouse are to show support for this very important community event."

"Right now we have a business that has joined with Relay — Dazzling Décor at 1304 Scurry Street," ValVerde continued. "For every roll of purple deco mesh purchased at Dazzling Décor, \$5 will be donated to this year's Relay For Life. Let's paint the town purple to show our support to all those cancer survivors as well as caregivers who are going through this fight, and let's finish the fight."

Relay for Life will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus. This year's Relay will end at midnight instead of extending through part of the next day.

"We will still hold our Survivor's Dinner which is free for all survivors and one guest or caregiver," ValVerde said. "We will have our opening

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 Nancy Davenport, assistant to the Chamber of Commerce executive director, adjusts a large purple wreath hung on the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce outside sign.



Photographer to exhibit work at Heritage Museum

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Staff Writer

The Heritage Museum will hold a reception Saturday for local photographer Charlene Shelton.

Charlene Shelton hangs a photo at the Heritage Museum for her upcoming show. Shelton photographs a wide variety of wildlife in her back yard. A reception will be held Saturday, June 7 from 6-8 pm. For more information contact the museum at 267-8255.

HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Shelton. Her work consists of more than 50 varieties of birds as well as squirrels and butterflies.

A microbiologist at Midland Memorial Hospital, Shelton's photographs were taken mostly in her back yard at Coronado Hills.

"They each have their own personality," Shelton said as she described watching the interactions of the birds, mammals and other creatures in her back yard. "If you just stop and look, you'll notice that they are thinking things through and interacting with each other."

With the encouragement of her husband, who was suffering from Parkinson's Disease, Shelton has turned what began as a hobby into awards and recognition.

"I would take them to work on my I-Pad and my coworkers really liked them," said Shelton.

With the encouragement of her peers, the amateur photographer hung some of the photos in a hallway where recovering cardiac patients

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BSHS students show improvement on tests

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Results from the end-of-course state assessment tests show passing rates increasing across the board for Big Spring High School students.

"We are encouraged more than we are excited," said George Bancroft, Big Spring Independent School District community relations coordinator. "We have seen enough success that validates some of the things we are doing. We have to keep a very methodical effort to continue this trend. It's encouraging, and we are doing some things well, but we still have a lot of work to do and everybody knows that. We still have some areas of concern. We are not out of the woods, but we are moving in the right direction. I don't think there is any question about that."

Students must pass the end of-course-tests as part of the requirements to receive a high school diploma in the state of Texas.

In algebra, 74 percent of Big Spring High School students passed the test in 2014, up by 14 points in 2013 from a 60 percent passing rate. Ninety-eight percent of students passed the biology test in 2014, up nine points from 87 percent in 2013.

Students taking the U.S. history exam had a 75 percent overall passing rate in 2014.

Students did not take this test in 2013.

English scores were at the lower end of the passing rate, but the results still showed improvement from last year. Passing rates for English I were 48 percent in 2014, up from 39 percent in 2013 and in English II, 58 percent passed in 2014, up 4 points from 54 in 2013.

"We have a lot of work to do in how we teach English," Bancroft said. "You can't look at that page and not come to that conclusion."

"We have some balanced literacy programs we are putting in," he said. "We are working harder at writing across the curriculum so that students aren't viewing writing as something you do only in your English classes. This is going to take a school-wide effort to improve. We are well aware of it."

"We've seen that coming, and we've taken measures to address it. I think you will see a dramatic improvement next year."

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Obituaries

Mary Mable Sneed



Mary Mable Sneed, 94, of Big Spring, Texas passed away and was welcomed into heaven on June 3, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ken Thomas and Don Allen Yoak officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary was born April 17, 1920 in Fife, Texas. She moved to Big Spring more than 50 years ago. She was a faithful member of the Eleventh and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. She devoted her life to Christ and family. Mary was one of the most selfless people anyone could know. She was good and kind to anyone she came in contact with, whether family, friend or stranger.

She went back to school and received her nursing degree. She worked in various nursing homes, the state hospital, and at the Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring, Texas. She made the world a better place as she touched many lives. Mary was loved by many who will miss her greatly.

She is survived by one son, Leonard Sneed and wife Zonell of Big Spring; two daughters, Cleta Pike of Haslet, Texas and Patricia Thomas and husband Kenneth of Big Spring; and her son-in-law Denzel Yoak of Waynesville, Ohio. Survivors also include granddaughter, Eunice Elaine Bates and husband

Tim of Denver, Colo. and their children, Stephanie, Colleen, and Tim; with great-great-grandchildren, Brooke, Zak, Claire and Cara; granddaughter, Amber Dutton and her husband Robert Dutton, and their son Jake Ellis Dutton of Fort Worth, Texas; grandson, Tony Alan Pike of Midland, Texas; grandson Brent Lee Thomas and great-granddaughter Avery Rose, of Lubbock, Texas; grandson Brian Thomas and wife Keely and their son Cademon and daughter Anna Kay of Plano, Texas; grandson Don Allen Yoak and wife Kelli and their children Katelyn, Taylor Nicole and Daniel, of San Antonio, Texas; granddaughter Jennifer Escobar and husband Moe and their daughters, Ada June and Carissa of Portland, Ore; and granddaughter Trena and son Nicholas, and grandson Thad Sneed and his children of Big Spring, Texas.

She was preceded in death by beloved daughters, Reba June Barber, and Jewell (Marlene) Yoak and son Ramond Keith Sneed; grandsons Jarrett Reaves Pike and Rocky Wayne Barber; sisters, Ethel Winslett, Lucy Lula Blair, Iva Ida (Brownie) Lee, Zelma Zemrude (who died at birth); and brothers, A.A. (Jake) Cooper, Cletus Clyde (Keet) Cooper, Earnest Earl (Mutt) Cooper, George Grant Cooper, Rex Ray Cooper and Lester Lee (Buck) Cooper.

The family wishes to thank all those who have expressed their sympathy.

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

Paid obituary

Russell A. Patrick Sr.



Dr. Russell A. Patrick Sr., 84, of Big Spring, died Monday, June 2, 2014 in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 6, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 4, 1929, in Jennings, Mo. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1946 to 1948. He graduated from Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth with a doctorate degree.

Dr. Patrick served as a missionary in Columbia, South America as well as pastoring churches in Kirkwood, Missouri and Washington, DC. He became a chaplain with the Veterans Administration System in 1976, moving to Big Spring to work with the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center before retiring in 1995. He was an avid golfer.

Survivors include one son, Russell A. Patrick Jr. and wife, Trini of Midland; four daughters, Donna Smith and husband, Richard of Harrogate, Tenn., Leann Ward and husband, Steve of Houston, Amy Aguilar and husband, Jess of Andrews and Michelle Kanz of New Braunfels; one brother, Luther Patrick of Hannibal, Mo.; two sisters, Wanda Kassebaum of Washington, Mo. and Sharon Ruble and husband, Don of St. Louis, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; and the mother of his children, Nancy Patrick and LaVerne Patrick, who he later married.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Mary Patrick; and one brother, Norman Patrick.

The family suggests memorials to the Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board at www.imb.org

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

Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

- KARLA ANN OLIVAS, 39, of 1204 E. 17th St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

- ERMELINDA CHAVARRIA CANO, 48, of 2508 W. 16th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

- ROSEMARY KELLY, 28, of 1401 Dixie Ave., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

- TIARA LASHAWN DOUGLAS, 22, of 3304 W. Highway 80 no. 10, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

- DANIEL RIOS, 27, of 711 Creighton was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- MATTHEW MENDOZA, 34, of 1104 Blackmon Ave., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for possession of a dangerous drug and failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.

- SHANNON MICHELLE NICKERSON, 39, of 9767 Pagewood Ln. no. 913, Houston, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on charges of speeding, failed to maintain financial responsibility and bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only multiple counts.

- JENNY MARIE LYON, 39, of 1002 N. Main St. no. 6, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for parent contributing to nonat-

tendance - two counts.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1400 block of Dixie Ave.

- THEFT was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700 - three incidents and the 7000 block of N. Service Rd.

- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 700 block of Johansen.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 1400 block of E. Highway 350.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

- MATTHEW MENDOZA was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a dangerous drug and fail to identify giving false/fictitious information.

- ERMELINDA CHAVARRIA CANO was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property.

- SHANNON MICHELLE NICKERSON was booked by HCSO on charges of speeding 83 miles per hour in a 70 mile per hour zone, violate promise to appear and no liability insurance.

- TIARA LASHAWN DOUGLAS was booked by BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

- TYLER KANE MASON was booked by Glasscock County Sheriffs Office on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2

ounces.

- AARON PENA was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

- ROSEMARY KELLY was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property.

- DANIEL RIOS was booked by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

- JENNY MARIE HAMILTON LYON was booked by HCSO on a capias warrant of parent contributing to nonattendance - two counts.

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 2600 block of Ann. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of 4th St. and Main. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1200 block of Gregg. No transport.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of Highway 87 and Driver Rd. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl. One patient transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-

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

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the Col-

lege 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 more information, call Dale at 432-270-8462.

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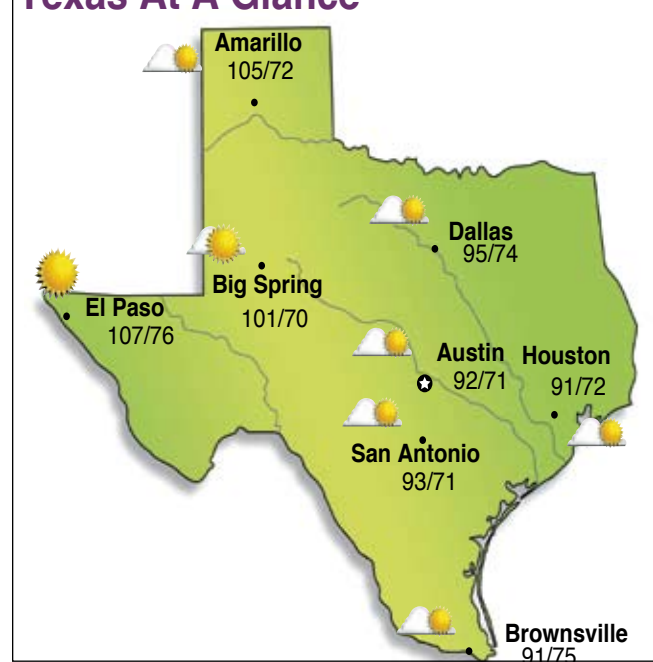
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- A medical expense account has been established for Amber Alean-der McCalister at Big Spring Education Employee Federal Credit Union. She was involved in a traffic accident and is faced with multiple surgeries and procedures. BSEE Federal Credit Union is located at 1110 Benton St. in Big Spring. Your love, support and prayers are also requested.
- The Howard County Republican Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. June 9 in the Howard County Library (basement meeting room). Guest speaker will be Sandra Bloom, Howard County elections clerk. For more information, contact Bo Fryar 432-399-4510.
- Marty Rowley, who is a member of the State Board of Education, will be

speaking to Howard County Republican Club on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the community room (basement) of the Howard County Library. The public is invited to come and hear him speak about the Common Core and C-Scope educational curriculums.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program is continuing the focus on fitness with the June event "Move Your Move." Occupational Therapist Becky Carter will be instructing attendees in a 20-minute workout at the YMCA at 5:30 p.m. June 26. As always, the monthly events are free and open to the public. To find out more information or to RSVP to the Healthy Woman event, call Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721. Bring a water bottle and be

ready to move your move.

- The goal of the Downtown Revitalization Association is to create a dynamic downtown Big Spring and promote Big Spring as a tourist destination. Our association supports downtown businesses by beautifying the area and by hosting events that bring residents and visitors downtown. The Alon USA 7-Eleven Fantastic 4th is our signature, annual event. Last year, more than 20,000 people attended the event, and this year we expect even more. Sponsors will get significant exposure and there will be plenty of potential customers for vendors. Please consider being a part of something truly good for our entire community.

- To participate as a sponsor, call 432-466-2268.
- To participate as a vendor, call 432-816-9381.
- A fund has been set up at BBVA Compass Bank to help Melinda Garcia with medical expenses while recovering from surgery. Account number is 673000597.
- Medical funds have been established for Kathran O'Brien Grant, who is recovering from a recent accident. An account is set up at Western Bank No. 1012020. Contact Donnie Baker at 432-556-2186 for more information. A medical fund has also been set up at Wells Fargo.

PLAN

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advising the city in the process. "We know the community will develop. The question is how it will develop ... This process will help Big Spring control its destiny."

The two areas discussed Tuesday night are the ones drawing the most attention from potential developers. Of the two, the airpark is closest to realizing its potential as a "multi-modal transportation hub" which developers find enticing, said Alan Greer of Freese and Nichols.

"Lots of cities are developing industrial areas, but not all have rail access or an airport nearby," Greer said. "You have both."

And with the addition of the Highway 87 reliever route, which will connect with the airpark, that will add a third transportation element — nearby highway access — to the equation.

"You'll have rail, air and vehicle access," Sefko said. "You'll have everything but an ocean."

Freese and Nichols officials are recommending a large chunk of the airpark sector be

zoned for industrial development, with the rest earmarked for light and heavy commercial use.

"That way, we will have a good mix of land usage," Greer said.

To help attract more industry to the sector, the city will need to provide more infrastructure support — Greer recommended water and sewer upgrades, as well as possibly extending the facility's rail spur even further south.

Development of the north sector is more long-range in nature, but its scale draws that of the airpark. The recommended plan takes into account not only land currently within the city limits, but thousands of acres that extend north to FM 700 and the proposed northern leg of the reliever route and east and west toward Interstate 20.

As opposed to the airpark, Freese and Nichols recommends almost no zoning for industrial purposes in the northern area. Instead, representatives envision the area being used for residential, commercial and retail uses.

"This entire area is currently zoned for light industrial usage," Sefko said. "In our opinion, the area is more suited for mixed usage ... The



Officials look at a map of a proposed master plan during a special workshop held Tuesday evening. HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

problem is there is very little infrastructure in place right now." The city is already taking steps to address infrastructure needs — plans are in place to run a major sewer line under the interstate north into the sector. The question the city

must decide, however, is exactly how much infrastructure support to provide to the area: Provide too little, and that will hamper potential growth; provide too much and the city will have spent millions of dollars to little effect. "It is sort of a gamble,"

City Manager Todd Darden said. "We will have to weigh the economic risk against the potential reward." Sefko concurred. "Not to put too fine a point on it, but if the city is going to invest millions of dollars in these areas, you'll want to know what kind of return you'll get." Sefko stressed that Tuesday's presentation was only preliminary in

nature and the proposal will likely undergo some tweaking between now and the time it is formally adopted. The current timetable calls for the plan to be presented to the council in early July.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

RELAY

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ceremonies at 7 p.m. with the survivor's walk to commence immediately after, and this year we are also going to honor our caregivers. If you are a caregiver or you were one and lost a loved one to this dreadful disease, come

and join us, and walk with us." Hundreds of luminaries, dedicated to the disease's victims, will line the track and will be lit at 10 p.m. Before the the closing ceremonies, a pep rally of sorts will take place — fight back. Fight back is an effort to remind people to never give up, to keep fighting, to find a way to defeat cancer once and for all, ValVerde said.

"Come and out and join us," ValVerde said. "If you have never been, come and out and see how moving the event is, especially for the survivors."

For more information on this year's Relay, call ValVerede at 263-7641.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

EXHIBIT

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often walked. "My coworkers would bring their families to look at them and the patients liked them and it kind of snowballed from there." Shelton has published a book of the photos entitled "Scenes from a backyard in West Texas." The book contains 53 varieties of birds as well as mammals, in-

sects and flowers. The popularity of the work led to the museum contacting Shelton about exhibiting her images. "It's a shock and a real surprise that there are so many people who like my photos," said Shelton. The reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the museum, located at 510 Scurry. For more information, contact the mu-

seum at 267-8255.

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I have been teaching a series on Wednesday nights about developing a desire for greatness. Trust me, I don't feel like I am great, nor is it so much that the world needs greater people than we already have. What is troublesome to me is that so many people who have tremendous potential for greatness are content with mediocrity. The question that plagues me about that is simply, "Why?" Is it just too much trouble? Is there an apparently insurmountable number of hurdles to get over to achieve greatness? Does fear of failure paralyze us from striving to go that proverbial next level?

If you've ever worked with the general public in any capacity, you have discovered there are generally three types of people operating in the workforce; those who hate their work and complain bitterly, those who just tolerate their work and see it as a paycheck and aren't looking for more (or feel they can't have more), and finally, those who love their work, and relish it. The third category is a small subset of all professionals globally, but this group stands out because these are, most often, the people who achieve a greater level of success.

Through my years of experience in leadership I have learned that many times the desire to improve is there, but the "know-how" isn't. The short answer solution to that problem is to research what may be a common denominator, or a consistent identifying trait, that is evident in all, or even a great percentage of, the people who are achieving greatness in whatever field they occupy.

Kathy Caprino, a respected success coach and author, offers several outstanding observations concerning this issue that I believe to be valid and worthy of consideration. She lists nine "core behaviors" that are identifiable in many world changers she has known.

First, they dedicate themselves to what gives their life meaning and purpose. They have found that there is a purpose to their life, and

that purpose usually involves some aspect of turning their "mess into a message," or using what they've learned (often the hard way) as a means of being of service to others. People with a sense of purpose are driven, focused, committed, and lit up from the inside — unable to be deterred or distracted from what they believe is the reason they're on this planet at this time.

Secondly, they commit to continually bettering themselves. People who impact the world for the better know that they are not perfect. Yes, there are powerful narcissists aplenty, but their influence isn't positive or helpful in the long run — it's damaging and destructive. Innovators who positively shape the world have a hunger for knowledge and a loving, compassionate heart, with an openness to see, learn, and experience new things on the way to being a better servant of the world.

Thirdly, they engage with people in open, mutually-beneficial ways. Those with huge positive influence understand the power of relationships, connection, and engaging with the world openly. They're not afraid to get "out there" — connecting with others, sharing their knowledge and talents, offering their authentic and often contrarian viewpoints and opinions.

Fourthly, she suggests they invest time and energy not in what is, but what can be. When they see something that agitates and disturbs them, they strive to know more, get to the root of the issue, research and understand the contributing factors, and arrive at new solutions.

They observe gaps and mistakes in common thinking and behavior, and trust themselves in their belief that it's time to push the boundaries of what's accepted. They want to affect change because they believe change will bring a better way to live.

Next, they embrace critique. The most powerful positive influencers don't need or want to be "right" — they want to grow and be more effective. For that to occur, they walk right into critique, and they embrace challenge. They're not afraid to put their work out there for others to poke holes in. They are strong and confident in the face of opposition, yet know how to

integrate constructive feedback to strengthen their work and ideas. They engage in open dialogue and welcome scrutiny.

Then, they spread what they know. There are plenty of "experts" who keep their knowledge secret, close to the vest. They're afraid to let it out for fear someone will steal it or make money on their ideas. This is the opposite of the positive influencer's mindset. Those who make a true positive difference can't help but share and teach what they've learned. They believe their ideas and innovations are of use and value to others, and can't help but share those openly, and teach others what they've learned. They live the universal principle, "the more you give, the more you get."

The seventh common trait is they uplift others as they ascend. There are scores of leaders and high-achievers who've gotten where they are by stepping on the heads and backs of those in the way. These are not true leaders or influencers because their power is a sham. It was obtained unethically and is shallow and weak, and can't be sustained over the long haul.

Next, they view the journey as the goal. Positive influencers don't take short cuts or go for the quick buck or easy answer. They don't view some arbitrary goal or outcome as a destination, because they believe there is no end — it's all in the journey.

Finally, they use their power and influence well. Sadly, it's a common occurrence today to witness power and influence being wielded as a weapon. It hurts and destroys.

Positive influencers use their power well and wisely. They understand the widespread influence they have, the power they have to build up and elevate, or tear down. Those who impact the world for the better are careful and judicious with their words, actions and behaviors.

I think she's discovered some pretty good "know-how" that all of us could use a little more of.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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Moscow's accidental tourist

National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden has found the court of public opinion to be far more receptive than a court of law. He conducts the occasional interview with seemingly sympathetic journalists. NBC News aired one such interview with anchorman Brian Williams on Wednesday night. "Do you see yourself as a patriot?" Williams asked.

"I do," answered Snowden, now 30. He was just trying to protect the country and the Constitution "from the encroachment of adversaries — and those adversaries don't have to be foreign countries."

Dianne Feinstein, who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee, was having none of it. "In many respects, I think that he's guilty of espionage," the senator from California told the San Francisco Chronicle's editorial board Thursday. "I do not regard him as a whistle-blower." Snowden should return to the United States to stand trial, she said.

Feinstein must be frustrated. Every so often, Snowden pops up with his butter-wouldn't-melt-in-his-mouth face.

On the one hand, he is supposed to be super-smart on tech. He was brave to leak a guesstimated 1.7 million classified documents — and then reveal his identity to the superpower government that he had so clearly outsmarted. You have to give him credit for the courage of his convictions.

On the other hand, he makes claims that defy credulity. He said he is surprised he ended up in Russia. He never meant for that to

happen. But he's not worried that the Russians will try to squeeze information from him, because he didn't bring any intelligence with him.

Paradoxically, Snowden also told Williams that he "was trained as a spy" and that he worked undercover overseas. That's not the expected profile for an innocent abroad.

Snowden argued that the government cannot "show a single individual who's been harmed in any way" by his leaks. That's a clever statement — and safe. He knows that the government doesn't name assets or operatives who have been harmed because of leaks. The intelligence community is wedded to secrecy, even when it undermines its own damaged credibility.

When I threw out Snowden's name-one-person challenge to George Washington University international affairs professor Amitai Etzioni, he countered, "Name one person who has been harmed by the NSA." Before I could say German Chancellor Angela Merkel — U.S. intelligence reportedly tapped her cellphone — Etzioni stipulated that the one person had to be an American. His point was taken: Leaking is, for the most part, a crime against institutions.

Surely, Snowden understands that his release of U.S. intelligence techniques has damaged Foggy Bottom's relations with allies and, worse, tipped off terrorist organizations to methods that can help them avoid detection. His decision to leak was not a victimless crime. For all his daring, Snowden doesn't dare acknowledge the price of his hijacking of U.S. intelligence.

Snowden has maintained that he had to leak documents because the NSA ignored his protests about what he considered illegal practices. Most recently, Snowden told Williams that when he complained to the NSA, "the response, more

or less, in bureaucratic language, was, 'You should stop asking questions.'"

On Thursday, Feinstein released an April 8, 2013, email that Snowden sent to the NSA Office of the General Counsel.

Hardly a jeremiad of moral misgivings about surveillance, it's a bureaucratic query asking a government attorney to clarify questions about executive orders superseding federal statute. A hierarchy of governing authority lists the U.S. Constitution on top, followed by "federal statutes/presidential executive orders." Snowden wrote rather daintily, "I'm not entirely certain, but this does not seem correct, as it seems to imply Executive Orders have the same precedence as law." Weak tea, that.

It's not as if Snowden doesn't know how to be blunt. In March, he swiped at Feinstein for condemning a CIA search of her Senate committee's computers. In a statement to NBC, he lamented that an "elected official does not care at all that the rights of millions of ordinary citizens are violated by our spies, but suddenly it's a scandal when a politician finds out the same thing happens to them."

It is instructive that the far-seeing Snowden never thought to save or leak documents in which he was supposed to have raged against the machine. Snowden has erected a shaky house of sticks to justify his decision to screw national security. It only stands because it is shielded from the elements.

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Big Spring military family receives funds donated by area residents

Herald Staff Report

Recently, the Veterans Families Fund, using money donated by Crossroads residents, presented the family of U.S. Navy MM2 Robert Morningstar with a check for \$500.

"This check from the local American people, is another thank you for the veterans and their families for their sacrifices during their service to our country," said Dr. J. Gail Kilgore, director of the fund.

Brandi Morningstar introduced her family

to the public with the following letter.

"My name is Brandi. I graduated from Big Spring High School in 2006 and my husband's name is Robert Morningstar.

"We have been married since November 2009. We have three wonderful children. Hunter, who is 4, Mattie, who is 2 and Lainey, who is 7 months old.

"We have just recently been stationed in Coronado, Calif., from Jacksonville, Fla., where we have spent the last three years.

"My husband is an MM2 in the Navy. the picture is of our family at his reenlistment ceremony where he has committed another six years to his country."

Anyone who would like to donate to the Veterans Families Fund may do so at Wood Forest National Bank in the Wal-Mart Super Center or by mail at Wood Forest National Bank, Veterans Families, Acct. 5901848, 201 W. Marcy Drive, Big Spring, TX 79720.



Courtesy photo

The Morningstar family recently received a monetary gift from the Veterans Families Fund.

National, world news in brief

Taliban release video showing handover of captured US soldier to Americans in east Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban on Wednesday released a video showing the handover of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl to U.S. forces in eastern Afghanistan, touting the swap of the American soldier for five Taliban detainees from Guantanamo as a significant achievement for the insurgents.

The 17-minute video, emailed to media, shows the moment of Bergdahl's handover. He was freed on Saturday after five years in captivity, and exchanged for the five Guantanamo detainees who were flown to Qatar, a tiny Gulf Arab country which has served as a mediator in the negotiations for the swap.

Since his release, the 28-year-old from Hailey, Idaho, was reported to be in stable condition at a military hospital in Germany.

The Taliban video shows Bergdahl in traditional Afghan clothing, the white salwar kameez, clean-shaven and sitting in a white pickup truck parked on a hillside. More than a dozen Taliban fighters with machineguns, their faces mostly covered by headscarves, stand around the truck and on the hillside.

Bergdahl is seen blinking frequently as he looks out of the truck and appears to be listening as his captors speak to him. A Black Hawk helicopter then lands and two Taliban fighters, one carrying a white piece of cloth tied to a stick of wood, lead Bergdahl half the way toward the helicopter, a few hundred meters (yards) away.

Analysis: Blending tea party and mainstream energies, GOP voters pick grade-A Senate nominees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican Party continues its disciplined march toward an impressive lineup of candidates this fall, when it hopes to wrest the Senate majority from Democrats and control both chambers of Congress during President Barack Obama's final two years.

Tuesday's primaries produced another batch of Senate nominees who seem about as promising as party leaders could have hoped for. There's still plenty of time for stumbles, of course. But so far, the GOP appears to be sidestepping the type of gaffe-prone and fiercely ideological candidates who blundered into excruciating losses in 2010 and 2012.

As they did Tuesday in Iowa, Republican activists have accomplished this by blurring the differences between tea party enthusiasts and the party's corporate and "country club" wings. Tea partiers are largely justified in saying they're winning the larger ideological struggle by pulling the entire party rightward. But establishment Republicans are happy to be called "nominee."

Suspenseful or not, Tuesday's results confirmed that Republicans will have top-tier nominees in South Dakota and Montana, where long-time Democratic senators are departing or have already left.

Former Gov. Mike Rounds' primary win in South Dakota puts him in a category with Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, who won the GOP Senate nomination last month in West Virginia. Both are well-established politicians favored to pick up Democratic-held Senate seats in states Obama lost badly. Businessman Rick Weiland was unopposed in South Dakota's Democratic Senate primary.

Meeting with new Ukraine leader, Obama says nation can be thriving democracy with global help

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Sitting down with Ukraine's new leader, President Barack Obama said Ukraine can become a vibrant, thriving democracy if the world community stands behind it. He pledged the United States would provide new support as Ukraine's fragile government seeks a path out of crisis.

"The Ukrainian people made a wise selection in someone to lead them through this period," Obama said after meeting with President-elect Petro Poroshenko.

In tandem with Wednesday's meeting, the U.S. announced it would send Kiev an additional \$5 million in equipment, as Ukraine's military continues to suffer casualties in its confrontation with pro-Russian insurgents, especially in the country's

east. More significant than the dollar amount was the nature of the new aid. The White House said for the first time, the aid would include body armor and night vision goggles — tools that could directly help Ukraine's troops as they battle separatists. Until now, the U.S. has only provided other nonlethal forms of aid like clothes, food and radios.

The new batch of aid followed an announcement by Obama a day earlier that the U.S. intends to beef up its military presence in Eastern Europe. Shortly after arriving in Warsaw, Obama asked Congress for up to \$1 billion to boost deployments and exercises throughout Europe in a significant departure from a two-decade trend toward a smaller U.S. presence on the continent.

Ukraine's National Guard: 6 militants killed, 3 Ukrainian troops injured in Luhansk

LUHANSK, Ukraine (AP) — Pro-Russian insurgents in eastern Ukraine have taken two government bases in battles around Luhansk, seizing quantities of ammunition and explosives from a border guards post and taking another installation after National Guard forces ran out of ammunition.

Officials said in a statement Wednesday that six militants were killed and three Ukrainian servicemen were injured in 10 hours of fighting overnight at the National Guard base.

Rebels seized a border guards base on the outskirts of Luhansk following nearly a nearly two-day-long siege. An Associated Press reporter saw pro-Russian militia carrying crates of ammunition and explosives out of the base Wednesday and driving away in border guards' cars.

There was no immediate report of casualties in the fighting at the border guards base.

The border guards answer directly to Ukraine's president while the National Guard is part of the country's police troops.

Security tight in Beijing on 25th anniversary of deadly Tiananmen crackdown on protesters

BEIJING (AP) — Heavy security blanketed central Beijing on the 25th anniversary of the bloody suppression of the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests on Wednesday, pre-empting any attempts to publicly commemorate one of the darkest chapters in recent Chinese history.

Scores of police and paramilitary troops patrolled the vast plaza in the city's heart and surrounding streets, stopping vehicles and demanding identification from passers-by.

Accompanied or otherwise monitored by police, some relatives of the crackdown's victims paid respects at cemeteries or at home, expressing frustration at being prevented from organizing public memorials.

China allows no public discussion of the events of June 3-4, 1989, when soldiers backed by tanks and armored personnel carriers fought their way into the heart of Beijing, killing hundreds of unarmed protesters and onlookers.

FBI: Suspect in San Francisco explosives case had ball bearings, screws, bomb components

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal investigators said a search of a social media expert's apartment in San Francisco turned up ball bearings, screws and components needed to make a homemade bomb designed to kill or maim, according to an affidavit unsealed Tuesday.

Investigators said they found the materials inside a bag at the apartment of Ryan Kelly Chamberlain during a search over the weekend. The discovery prompted a manhunt for the 42-year-old Chamberlain that ended with his arrest Monday in San Francisco.

The bag also contained a circuit board, screw top glass jar with batteries, a wire and a powdery green substance believed to be explosive material, FBI Special Agent Michael Eldridge said in the document.

"FBI bomb technicians believe that the circuit board described above was designed to serve as a remote control, allowing detonation of the device from afar," Eldridge said. "They further believe that the device was designed to maim or kill a human being or human beings."

The FBI has not said what, if any, plans Chamberlain might have had for the device, or how they were alerted to the material.

House Republicans divided on moving forward with alternative to 'Obamacare'

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are united as ever in their election-year opposition to "Obamacare," but they're increasingly divided over their promise to vote this year on an alternative to it.

The disagreement comes amid a shifting political calculus around President Barack Obama's health care law. Millions are enrolled for medical insurance through the law's exchanges, and an all-out repeal has become less practical and popular. Some Democrats have begun promoting the measure in campaign commercials, and some Republicans are treading more carefully in belittling the program.

At a recent closed-door House Republican caucus meeting, several conservatives pressed GOP leaders over the pledge Majority Leader Eric Cantor made in January that House Republicans would rally around an alternative to "Obamacare" and pass it this year.

"We said at the retreat in January we were going to do this. Well it's June and we still haven't done it," Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., said.

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Texas Briefs

NRA rolls back 'open carry' criticism

HOUSTON (AP) — The National Rifle Association has rolled back an earlier statement criticizing "open carry" rallies in Texas in which gun rights advocates have brought military-style assault rifles into public places.

Chris Cox, the executive director of the group's lobbying arm, said in an interview Tuesday on an NRA-hosted radio show that the statement was "a mistake" and that it was written by a staffer who was expressing his personal opinion.

"The truth is, an alert went out that referred to this type of behavior as 'weird' or somehow not normal, and that was a mistake. It shouldn't have happened," said Cox, who added that the group "unequivocally" supports open carry laws.

The open carry rallies in restaurants and other businesses — part of a push for less restrictive gun laws, including legalizing the open carry of handguns — have prompted public criticism, and the NRA appeared to join in last week.

The statement appeared on the website of the group's lobbying arm, the Institute for Legislative Action, saying that the demonstrations were counterproductive, scary and "downright weird."

"Using guns merely to draw attention to yourself in public not only defies common sense, it shows a lack of consideration and manners. That's not the Texas way. And that's certainly not the NRA way," the unsigned statement said. It remained on the NRA's website early Wednesday.

Open Carry Texas, one of the groups behind the recent demonstrations, had said if the NRA didn't retract the statement, Open Carry would withdraw its full support for the NRA.

Tov Henderson, an Open Carry member, told WFAA-TV in Dallas that the group's clarification was refreshing.

"Getting the clarification from them that it wasn't an official stance and that it was just a low-level employee ... it makes sense," Henderson said.

Texan gets 10 years for running prostitution ring

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man with a city permit to operate a candle store in San Antonio has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for instead running a prostitution ring.

The San Antonio Express-News reports 23-year-old Joshua Louis Edwards initially fled to Costa Rica after pleading guilty last September in a plea deal. Edwards was sentenced Tuesday in San Antonio for aggravated promotion of prostitution and received the maximum term.

Prosecutors say Edwards ran the prostitution ring out of the storefront operation. A 2012 Crime Stoppers tip about strange activity at the business led to Edwards.

San Antonio police investigated re-

ports that only men were allowed to enter the usually locked store and that female employees opened the door.

Man pleads guilty to voting twice

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A man who voted absentee in Texas and Minnesota during the 2012 general election then touted his bogus balloting on Facebook has pleaded guilty.

A judge in Galveston on Tuesday fined Richard Alan Collier \$4,000 after he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor violation of Texas election law.

Collier, who pleaded guilty to attempt to commit illegal voting, claimed residence in both states when seeking absentee ballots for the

senger who was aboard a flight from New York City that landed safely at William P. Hobby Airport.

A spokesman for JetBlue Airways on Wednesday had no immediate details on the problem aboard Flight 581 from John F. Kennedy International Airport. Rick Clark says nobody was hurt during the incident Tuesday afternoon.

KPRC-TV reports investigators say the man, whose name wasn't released, allegedly was intoxicated and tried to share prescription drugs with another passenger — a child.

Clark says authorities were called to meet the Embraer E-190. The plane carried 86 passengers plus a four-person crew.

Baker's defense attorneys contended Joniah died because of complications resulting from a months-old brain injury.

Coast Guard rescues pilot after small plane crash

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard has rescued a pilot after his small plane crashed south of Corpus Christi.

The Federal Aviation Administration alerted the Coast Guard at about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday that a civilian Cessna pilot had made a mayday call.

A Coast Guard helicopter was sent to respond and found the plane, which had crashed near Baffin Bay in South Texas.

The pilot was taken to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, where a waiting ambulance took him to a local hospital.

The pilot, whose name was not immediately released, was in stable condition.

MPD searches for second vehicle

From staff reports

The Midland Police Department is looking for the second vehicle involved in the fatal pedestrian wreck that took place Monday on Loop 250 near the Midland Drive exit.

MPD said 39-year-old Larry Dewayne Glover died after being hit by two pickups while trying to cross the loop on foot. Glover's death was the 19th death this year on roads in Midland County, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Officers were dispatched to the 4700 block of West Loop 250 at about 6 a.m. Monday and found a man lying in the center of the eastbound lanes of Loop 250.

November 2012 election. Authorities say Collier then voted in Anoka (uh-NOH'-kuh) County, Minnesota, and in Galveston County.

Prosecutors in Galveston say a tip that Collier posted a Facebook message about voting twice led to an investigation and documents examined from both counties.

Migratory birds make mess at San Antonio Zoo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some unwelcome visitors at the San Antonio Zoo have been making too much poo.

KSAT-TV reports several species of egrets and herons are nesting in trees above a popular attraction that's now been closed. Hundreds of migratory birds moved into trees above the Tiny Tot Nature Spot and the Riverbank Beach.

Zoo spokeswoman Debbie Vanskike (van-SKYK') said Tuesday that the bird droppings have coated the area. Vanskike says the Riverbank Beach was drained about a month ago and the area shut down to guests to avoid contact with the bird droppings that could contain diseases.

The zoo recently obtained special permits from San Antonio and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to remove and relocate the birds that are federally protected but not endangered. The process continues prior to cleanup.

Unruly man on JetBlue flight detained in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police have detained an unruly male pas-

The investigation revealed Glover was crossing from the south side of the lanes to the north side when he was hit by a red pickup. The driver stopped and remained at the scene. The victim was then hit by a dark-colored pickup that did not stop. MPD's traffic division is seeking the driver of the second pickup that struck Glover.

The investigation continues. Anyone with information on this vehicle and/or driver is urged to contact MPD at 685-7108.

Police were not able to locate any next of kin, according to a press release from the city's public information officer.

Houston police did not immediately return a message Wednesday.

Man given life sentence for infant son's death

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man has been sentenced to life in prison after being convicted of capital murder for killing his 11-month-old son.

The Dallas Morning News reports a jury deliberated for more than four hours on Tuesday before convicting Jonathan Baker for the death of his son Joniah.

Baker's infant son died in December 2011, two days after being admitted to a Dallas hospital with about 26 marks on his body.

The Dallas medical examiner's office later concluded Joniah died from a closed head injury.

Prosecutors told jurors that Baker lost his temper when the boy "threw a fit" and shook the infant.



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“The Man Who Loved Books Too Much,” (002.075 BAR A) by Allison Hoover Bartlett, is the story of a book thief. John Gilkey is an obsessed, unrepentant book thief who has stolen hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of rare books from book fairs, stores, and libraries around the country. Ken Sanders is the self-appointed “bibliodick” (book dealer with a penchant for detective work) driven to catch him.



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Bartlett befriended both outlandish characters and found herself caught in the middle of efforts to recover hidden treasure. With a mixture of suspense, insight, and humor, she has woven this entertaining cat-and-mouse chase into a narrative that not only reveals exactly how Gilkey pulled off his dirtiest crimes, where he stashed the loot and how Sanders ultimately caught him, but also explores the romance

of books, the lure to collect them, and the temptation to steal them. Immersing the reader in a rich, wide world of literary obsession, Bartlett looks at the history of book passion, collection and theft through the ages, to examine the craving that makes some people willing to stop at nothing to possess the books they love.

Reality shows really aren’t my thing to watch, unless it was the early Eco-Challenge shows where you saw teams traveling over dangerous terrains in a certain amount of time to win a minimal amount of prize money. It was the fore-runner of the “Amazing Race.”

Ali Vincent was the first female Biggest Loser and she has written a charming account of her struggle to win that title. “Believe It, Be It: How Being The Biggest Loser Won Me Back My Life” (613.250 VIN A) is a very inspirational account of the how and why she decided to enter and decide to be the first woman to be the Biggest Loser in the show’s history.

While I have not read this book, I do enjoy watching on occasion “Duck Dynasty.” Now you can learn about the women behind the beards

of Phil, Willie, Jase, Jep and Alan. In the pages of “The Women of Duck Commander” (B ROB K) by Kay Robertsons, you’ll find both fun and inspirational stories: Kay shares the honest story of her relationship with Phil — and his wild and philandering years — and the challenges of being a teenage mother. Korie tells of her first encounter with Phil when she was in just the fifth grade. At that first meeting, Phil came right out and told her what good husbands his boys would make and that she should keep an eye on them.

Missy tells the story of their daughter, Mia, who was born with a cleft palate, and their adjustments to this condition and Mia’s joyful spirit that inspires them all. Jessica recounts her first conversation with Jep and how unimpressed she was when Jep bragged that his dad was the Duck Commander Phil Robertson.

Lisa reveals the serious marriage problems she and Al had — problems that almost ended their marriage for good — and how they worked through those issues to have a more stable and loving marriage than she ever imagined possible.

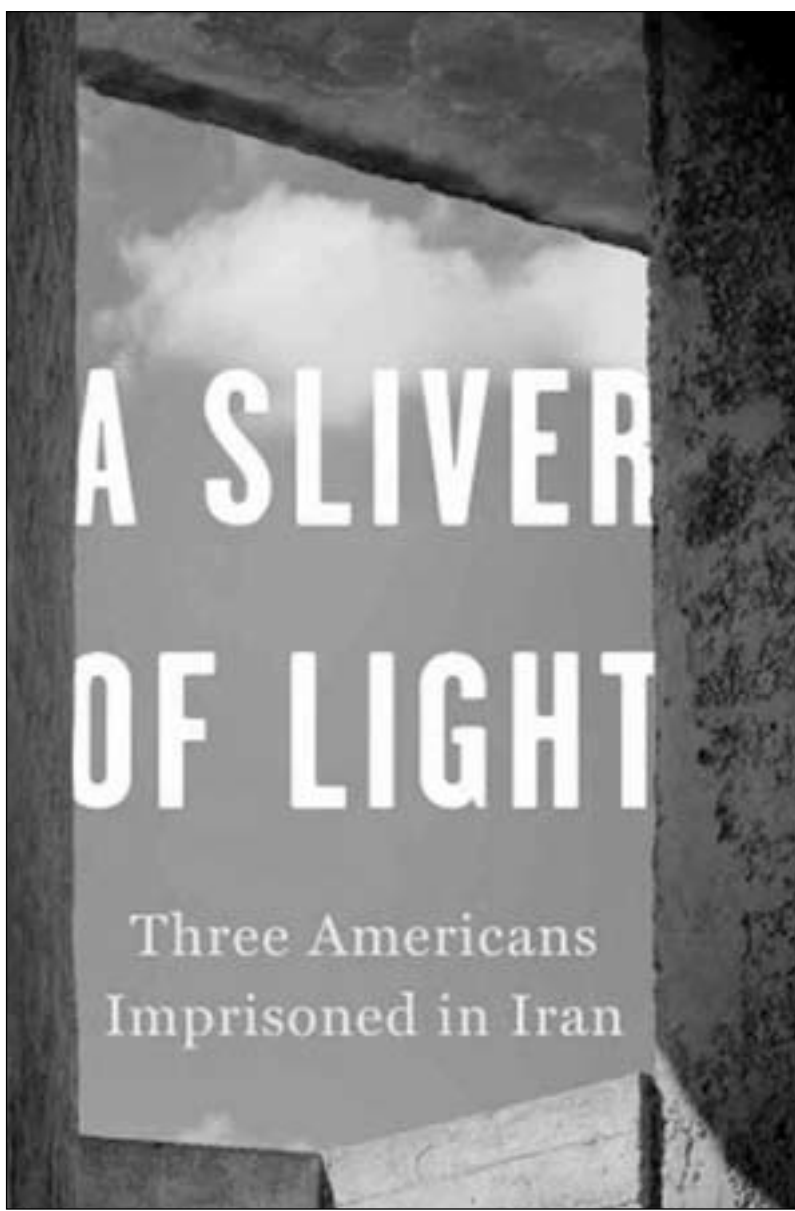
“A Sliver of Light: Three Americans Imprisoned in Iran” (365.450 BAU S) is written jointly by Shane Bauer, Joshua Fattal and Sarah Shourd and is the story of the three American hikers who were captured by the Iranian border guards when they accidentally crossed the border when hiking in the summer of 2009.

They spent nearly two years in the infamous Evin Prison in Tehran, undergoing rigorous interrogation and psychological intimidation until their release in 2011. A very interesting book.

A different type of captivity: “Zoo Story: Life in the Garden of Captives” (590.73 FRE T) by Thomas French is the account of the secret life of a zoo. Based on six years of research, the book follows a handful of unforgettable characters at Tampa’s Lowry Park Zoo.

You will read of an alpha chimp whose subjects are plotting his overthrow; a ferocious tiger who “loves” Obsession perfume and a diabolical and tyrannical CEO known as El Diablo Blanco.

The book also delves into

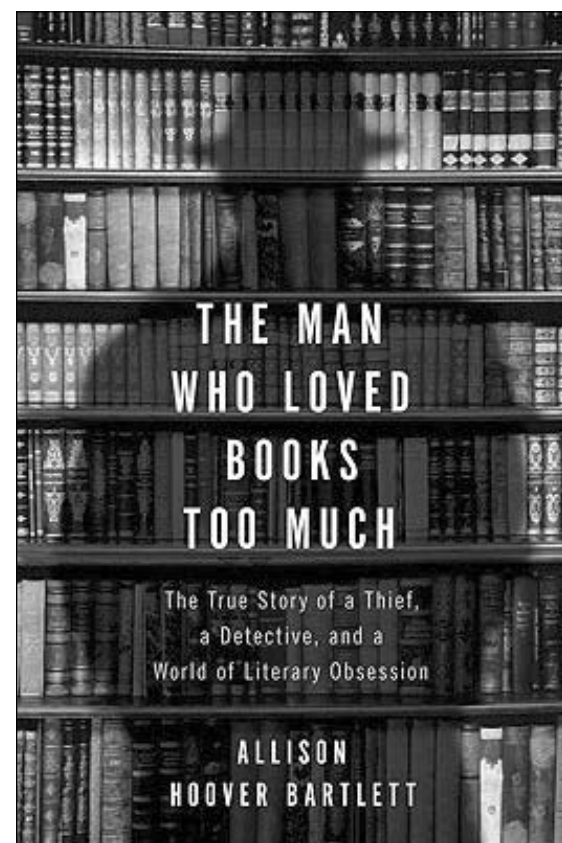
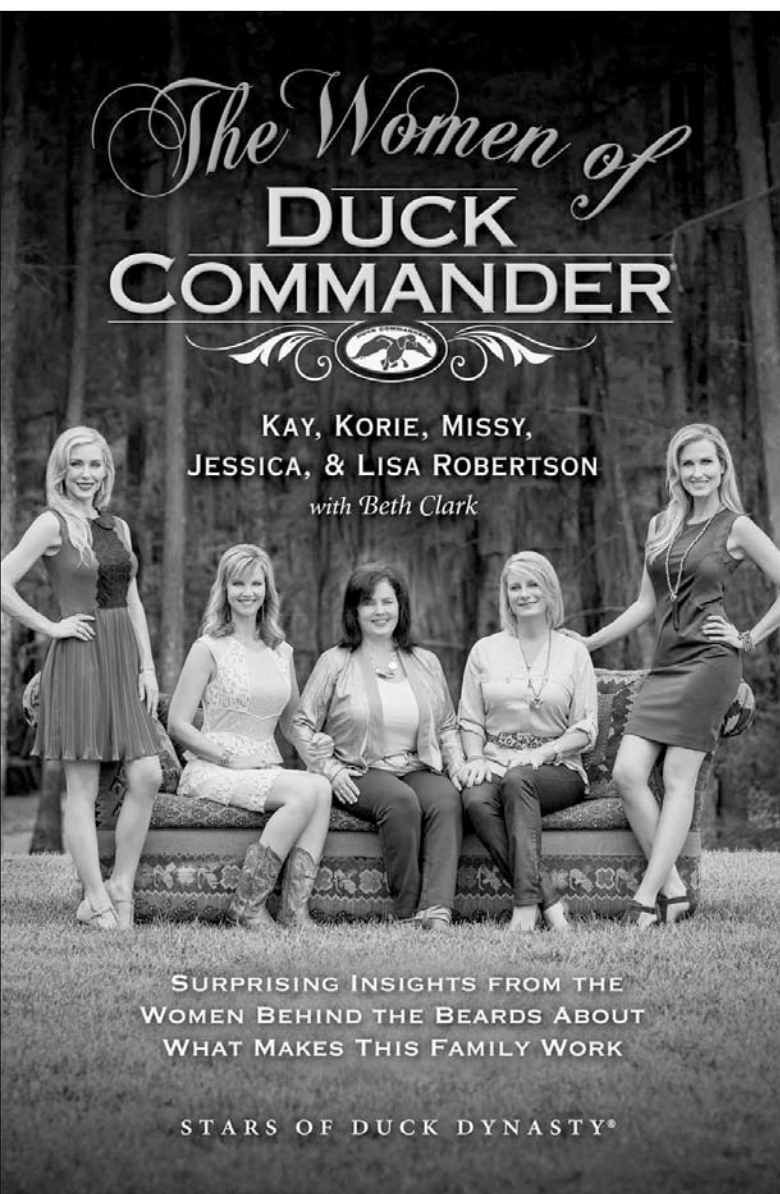


the politically charged question of whether a zoo is a refuge for endangered species or is it a jail for various species of animals. The expansion of Lowry Park Zoo is also an integral part of the book as is the question of direction should the park go in: expansion or better care for the animals.

Here are just titles and authors: “Miracles and Massacres: True and Untold Stories of the Making of America” (973 BEC G) by Glenn Beck; “One Way Out: Inside History of the Allman Brothers Band” (F 782.421 PAU A) by Alan Paul; “Caffeinated: How Our Daily Habit Helps, Hurts and Hooks Us” (615.785 CAR M) by Murray Carpenter; and “You Had Me at Woof: How Dogs Taught Me the Secrets of Happiness” (615.851 KLA H) by Heidi Klam.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Eliminating the Risk Element

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

EAST
♠ K Q
♥ J 9 3
♦ J 7 4 2
♣ 10 9 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 7 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ A 8
♣ K 8 6 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.

Declarer occasionally adopts a line of play designed specifically to prevent a particular defender from gaining the lead. One reason might be that the opponent in question has good tricks that he can cash. Another reason might be to protect a holding that is vulnerable to attack if led by one defender rather than the other.

Today’s deal presented declarer with the latter type of situation, and he came through with flying colors. After winning East’s jack of hearts with the king at trick one, South

could count eight certain winners — three diamonds, three clubs, a heart and a spade. He had excellent chances for a ninth trick if the jack of diamonds fell under the A-K-Q, or if the opposing clubs were divided 3-3.

But before staking the outcome on either of these possibilities, South pondered what might happen if both suits divided unfavorably. He realized he could overcome J-x-x of diamonds in the West hand simply by conceding a trick to West’s jack on the fourth round of the suit. But if East had J-x-x and was given a trick with the jack, a heart return could sink the contract.

It was at this point that it dawned on South that he had a sure way to make nine tricks. So, at trick two he led a club to the queen, returned the diamond three and finessed the eight! When the eight held, he cashed the ace, crossed to the ace of clubs and cashed three more diamonds to finish with 10 tricks.

The great advantage of South’s method of play was that it assured a favorable outcome regardless of which opponent had the jack of diamonds or how the suit was divided. Even if the finesse of the eight had lost to West, any return he made would leave South with at least nine certain winners.

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AmericanProfile

San Antonio says they respect James, Heat

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LeBron James has it all wrong. Gregg Popovich is a people person.

"I like everybody," the San Antonio Spurs coach said.

Sideline reporters might disagree, but that's what Popovich said in response to James' comments that the Spurs don't like the Miami Heat.

Immediately after San Antonio beat Oklahoma City in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals to set up the NBA Finals rematch with the Heat

that begins Thursday, Tim Duncan said, "We've got four more to win. We'll do it this time."

The Spurs nearly did it last year, but coughed up a five-point lead in the final half-minute of regulation of Game 6 before losing Game 7. The agony of that loss, San Antonio's first in five trips to the finals, led James to surmise that the Spurs aren't very fond of the Heat.

"They don't like us. They don't," James said Monday in

Miami. "I can sense it from Timmy's comments over the last couple of days. They want us, so they got us."

The Spurs, whose demeanor and remarks are normally as plain as sandwich bread, were a bit taken aback by James' reaction.

"Knowing Timmy, that's not trash talking," San Antonio's Tony Parker said. "I don't think he meant it like that. But obviously, we are very motivated and we want to get it done. At the same time, we

realize we are playing a very good team that went to the final four times in a row and won the last two."

Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said the comment was taken completely out of context and "not a big deal at all." He and Parker both said the Spurs have great respect for what the Heat have accomplished, having never made it to back-to-back NBA Finals until this season.

San Antonio did so after a rugged postseason run in the

Western Conference, escaping a seven-game series with Dallas before closing out Portland in five games and Oklahoma City in six.

"Every time you play a team in the playoffs, you don't like them," Ginobili said. "That grows on you. It's such a challenge, you want to beat them so bad that you start to grow that challenge of you don't want the opponent to score on me, you don't want them to do good. You want to do everything you can to limit them."

Cruz leads O's past Rangers in return to Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Nelson Cruz took a slow trot around the bases after hitting a towering three-run homer in his return to Texas.

The Baltimore Orioles slugger wasn't really savoring the moment. He was cramping so bad that he almost didn't even take that final at-bat in the eighth inning.

Cruz hit the first pitch thrown by Shawn Tolleson, the fourth Rangers reliever, an estimated 404 feet deep into the left field seats to cap a tiebreaking six-run outburst as the Orioles won 8-3 on Tuesday night.

"We were debating, he and I were," manager Buck Showalter said. "He go about halfway down the first, and that was a cramp trot."

Likening his first game against the Rangers to one of his first days in the big leagues, when everything went so fast, Cruz said he just tried to stay in the moment and stay focused.

"Kind of weird. Going from the other side of the plate is totally different than coming around like I used to," Cruz said. "It was overall a good day."

Cruz was the 2011 AL championship series MVP on the way to the Rangers' second consecutive World Series. When introduced before drawing a walk in the first, Texas fans responded with an extended ovation. While there were some boos, those seemed to be outnumbered by fans who called "Cruuuuuuzz!" like they used to do when the left fielder was on their side the previous eight sea-

sons.

Heading into free agency last year, Cruz missed the final 50 regular-season games for the Rangers for violating baseball's drug agreement.

Cruz turned down a \$14.1 million qualifying offer in November from the Rangers, who likely would have used him primarily as a designated hitter if he had accepted. He went through the entire offseason before signing an \$8 million, one-year deal with the Orioles early in spring training.

"I haven't seen him in a while and I got to see him and talk to him, playing around a little bit. It was a great feeling. I didn't like anytime he popped one," Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus said. "I've seen too many when he was on this side, but he's a talented guy. Whenever he's on, he can carry a team."

Through 55 games with the Orioles, Cruz is hitting .313 and leads the majors with 21 homers and 55 RBIs.

Adam Jones matched a career high with four hits, including a homer off the right-field pole leading off the Baltimore fourth. Rookie catcher Caleb Joseph had a tie-breaking RBI double in the eighth.

Brian Matusz (2-1) went 1-2-3 innings in relief of Ubaldo Jimenez, who held Texas to one run and four hits over 5 2-3 innings.

Alexi Ogando (2-3), the second Texas reliever, got a popup to start the eighth before allowing three straight Orioles to reach.

Spurs' Parker plans to play in Game 1

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker plans to play in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

The San Antonio Spurs open their rematch with the Miami Heat on Thursday, and their star point guard is nursing a balky left ankle.

"He's getting better every day, and I expect him to play," coach Gregg Popovich said Tuesday.

Parker aggravated the injury Saturday, missing the second half of San Antonio's series-clinching victory over Oklahoma City in the Western Conference finals.

Parker didn't practice Tuesday, but said he expects to be back Wednesday.

Parker is averaging a team-leading 17.2 points and 4.9 assists this postseason but has been bothered by injuries the past two rounds.

"I always try to be honest with Pop," Parker said. "He knows, but if I'm 50 percent I'll try to play. If I'm under 50 percent, we can argue."

Parker concussed the ankle has bothered him since San Antonio's second-round series against Portland, although he did not divulge it at the time.

"I don't like to talk about when I'm hurt," he said. "I played on it for the whole series against Portland. That's why I think my hamstring got hurt because I was playing on a

bad ankle."

Parker had tightness in his left hamstring midway through the second quarter of Game 5 against the Trail Blazers, forcing him to miss the rest of the Spurs' series-clinching victory.

He did not miss any of the Western Conference finals because of his hamstring. But he aggravated the ankle injury in Game 4 against Oklahoma City.

"I twisted it again, but didn't say anything," Parker said. "Played on it, and then Game 6 I think my body is like, 'That's enough.' It's perfect timing to get five days and to get better and to be ready for Game 1."

California Chrome on target for Belmont Stakes

NEW YORK (AP) — Art Sherman got his first glimpse of California Chrome in action in two weeks, and the trainer liked what he saw.

Sherman arrived in New York on Monday afternoon and watched his Triple Crown contender gallop at Belmont Park on Tuesday morning. It was the first time Sherman had observed the chestnut colt since he captured the Preakness.

"I thought he looked better now than he did after the Preakness," Sherman said. "I couldn't believe how much weight he put on. Going on the Triple Crown trail, it's kind of rough. He's an amazing horse."

California Chrome will try for the first Triple Crown since Affirmed in 1978 on Saturday in the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes.

The flashy 3-year-old with four white feet will be the heavy favorite in the 1½-mile Belmont, known as the "Test of the Champion" for its history of crushing Triple Crown dreams.

Only 11 horses have swept the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont in the same year.

There have been 11 Triple tries since Affirmed, the most recent being Big Brown in 2008. He won the first two legs, and then was eased by jockey Kent Desormeaux in the Belmont.

I'll Have Another won the first two legs in 2012, but was scratched on Belmont eve with a tendon injury that ended his career.

After the Preakness, Sherman, 77, returned to his stable in Southern California. He sent California Chrome to New York in the care of Alan Sherman, his son and assistant trainer. The Belmont will be the colt's third demanding race in a short five-week span.

"He's doing outstanding," Alan Sherman said. "I couldn't ask for anything more right now. I'm just enjoying the ride he's put us on."

The full California Chrome rooting section will be on hand Saturday. Perry Martin, co-owner and breeder of the colt with Steve Coburn, did not attend the Preakness. He was upset with treatment he received by Churchill Downs at the Derby.

Martin is not going to miss this chance to be part of his-

tory. "Perry and his wife will get here late Wednesday night," Coburn said. "He'll probably lay real low until the day of the race. Him and his family are pretty reserved. That's why he gets out of town real quick so I can do all the talking."

Coburn and his wife, Carolyn, from northern Nevada are enjoying their first trip to New York.

"It was my first time in Kentucky, my first time in Maryland and now my first time in New York," Coburn said. "Carolyn would like to come back here and see all this when we got more time. We've kind of been rushed from here to there and back again."

For Art Sherman, it is a homecoming for the Brooklyn native.

"I haven't been back to Williamsburg in many years," Sherman said. "It's changed quite a bit. I probably can't afford Williamsburg now."

The Belmont draw takes place Wednesday morning. It's not fraught with as much drama as the Derby, where breaking from an extreme inside or outside post in a 19- or 20-horse field can quickly take a horse out of contention.

Clippers owner hit with discrimination lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling is being sued by a woman who alleges that while she was employed by him, they had a romantic relationship and that he subjected her to racially and sexually offensive comments.

The complaint filed Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court alleges that Maiko Maya King's resistance to Sterling's "stream of racist and sexist taunts" caused

him to retaliate against her and terminate her employment as his personal assistant and caretaker in May.

King, who is represented by high-profile attorney Gloria Allred, alleges discrimination, retaliation and "intentional infliction of emotional distress" and demands a jury trial.

Sterling's attorney, Bobby Samini, said the suit was "baseless and ridiculous."

The lawsuit comes af-

ter Sterling was banned for life and fined \$2.5 million by the NBA for racist remarks recorded by girlfriend V. Stiviano that were made public. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver worked to oust him as owner of the team until his wife, Shelly Sterling, concluded a deal last week to sell it to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer. The \$2 billion deal still needs to be approved by NBA owners.

King was romanti-

cally involved with Donald Sterling from 2005 through 2011 while she worked for him and his foundation, but they often "argued about his racist views," the suit states.

King was previously married to a black man and had two children. According to the lawsuit, Sterling allegedly asked her: "How could you be married to a black man?" and "Why would you bring black people into the world?"

Volleyball skills camp set for July 28

The summer sports camp season will officially get under way in the Crossroads on July 28 when Big Spring ISD hosts its annual volleyball skills camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

The camp, which is open to all athletes in grades 3-9, will run through July 31. The camp is divided into three grade divisions and will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 11 e.a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

According to camp in-

formation, athletes in grades 3-5 will attend the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Campers in grades 6-8 will participate from 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Freshmen will attend the camp from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

The cost for the camp is \$25 per person. A T-shirt can also be purchased for \$10.

Campers attending the skills camp will need to inform instructors of any physical problems they may have prior to participating.

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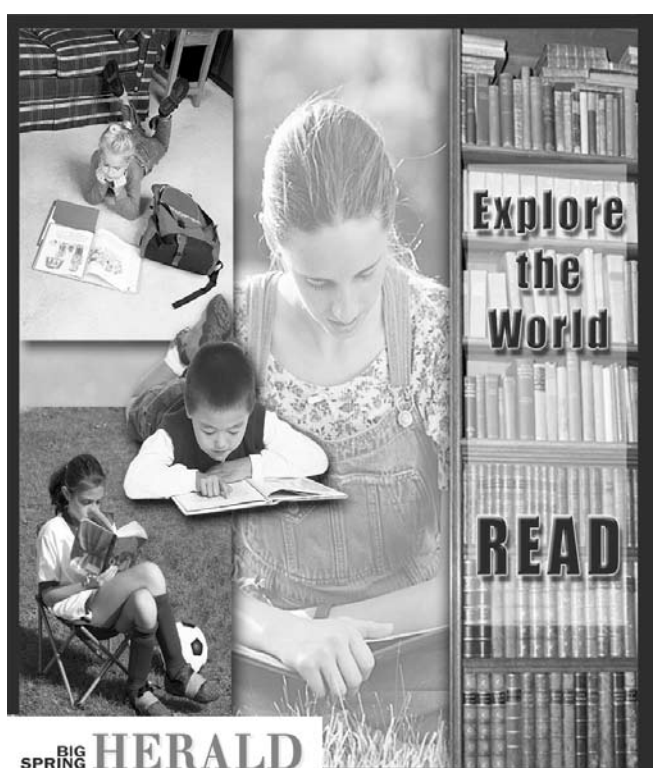
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Teexas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from person who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (TELEPHONE 512/463-6792). #8314

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HOLIDAY
MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't think in terms of success or failure. The move that doesn't work the way you wanted it to is actually just a springboard to the next experiment. These are the lines of thought that lead to happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Others might see your actions as impulsive, but you're really not. You just know when improvisation is the right call. You read the room and respond accordingly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The one you find irresistible

will bring you to new heights of understanding and confusion all in the same conversation. Now that's a kind of talent, considering how even-minded you are today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The effort you put out to accomplish a goal will actually make you smarter. So don't worry about whether you know enough or have the right kind of mind. You'll get the right kind of mind as you work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The step you take today will feel remarkably like the one you took yesterday -- and maybe it pretty much (SET ITAL) is (END ITAL) the same step. But take it anyway. The sum of your efforts will be far greater than the number of steps taken.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The group needs a leader, and you're it. Things will flounder without you. Don't let that happen. Take charge. Your boldness will inspire help and support further down the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your focus on one goal is so strong early in the day that you'll hardly notice all of the unrelated talk and distracting extras vying for your attention. Tonight, you may go delightfully off-course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Your brevity will be appreciated. Whether it's a meeting, lunch or date, end it on the early side. When you don't let things drag on, the parting will be sweeter; the memories, more dear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are no measures of personal success that are constant, because personal success is different for everyone. When you work your hardest to be your best, that is success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though you're busy, your mind will keep returning to the events of this past weekend. Something happened that will take weeks to fully process. Get comfortable with a transition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In the Golden Era of Hollywood, some cinematographers would film through gauze to give everything a magical, diffused look. It's similar to the way you see the world today. Are you in love?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It only makes sense to take pride in what you did. In today's case, this should include figuring out a good way to tell the story of it. Work it out on

paper if you have to. This is one for the archives.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 4). The pressure to know a lot and to be good at things is off. This is what you needed to feel free to pursue what you want to do! Many people will congratulate you for what you accomplish in July, and it comes with financial rewards, too. Love and travel will be the focus of August. September successfully ends a quest. Sagittarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 14, 38, 9 and 50.

PRE-RETROGRADE CLEANUP: There's much to accomplish before the Mercury retrograde at the end of the week. One small task done well starts a wave of productivity. What's your lucky task?

LIBRA: The bed, where you do your dreaming, where your body repairs itself during sleep, where you retreat when you're sick or in love or just wanting to read a good book -- that springboard of productivity is where you should concentrate your efforts before the retrograde on Saturday. Washing sheets and bedding is a given. But it also will be lucky to go one step further and freshen up the mattress. You will need a sifter or a fine mesh strainer, essential oil

(lavender is lucky for Libra) and a vacuum.

- Mix a few drops of essential oil into about a cup and a half of baking soda.
- Use your sifter or strainer to sprinkle the mattress with your scented powder while thinking lovely thoughts about your love life, dreams and aspirations, well-being, health, and vitality.
- Leave for an hour to allow this dry blessing to do its thing.
- Vacuum. Voila!

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

The rumor is that Angelina Jolie will team up on the big screen with Brad Pitt for the first time since "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" in 2005. Whatever her choices, personal, professional or philanthropic, Jolie attracts all kinds of attention for them. Her sun and Mercury in Gemini suggests a lighthearted walk through life, but her moon, Mars and Jupiter in Aries adds fiery intensity to the mix.

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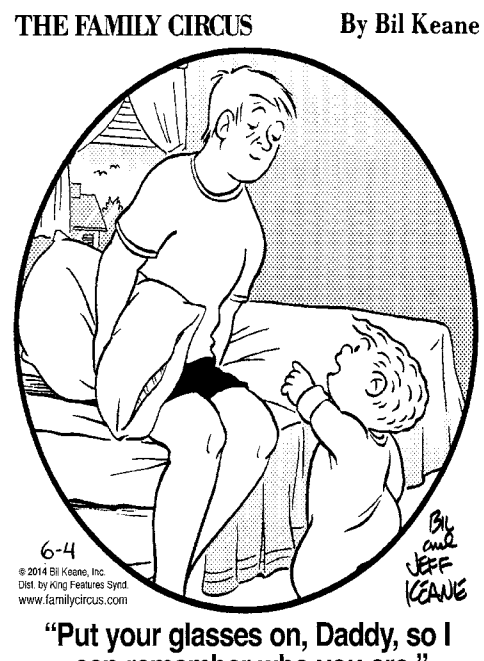
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9:PM	Motive (DVS)	Qué Pobres	Mod Fam	CSI: Crime Scene	El Señor de los		Big Bang	Deal With	F Troop	F Troop	Kodiak		Castle (DVS)	The Message	Austin ANT Farm	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	
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11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Letterman	Letterman	Titulares	Tonight Show	Conan	Chevalme	World	Perry Mason			Cold Justice	Wendy Williams	Good	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	
12:AM	Nightline	Familia-Suerte	How I Met How I Met	Ferguson	En Otra Piel (SS)		Seth Meyers	Conan	McDonald	T. Smiley	(Off Air)	Dragnet	Cold Justice	Queen Latifah	Shake It	NBA	SportsCenter	
1:AM	Extra	Amorcito Corazón	Raymond	Insider	El Señor de los	News	Holmes	Zola Lev.		Hitchcock Hr.	Dual Survival		Movie: The Marine, Kelly	CSI: NY	The Mes-sage	Deck	NASCAR	

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"HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO GET BILLS?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

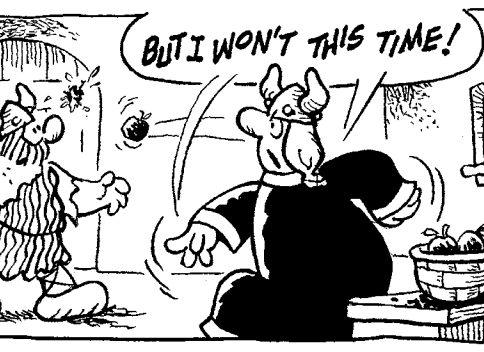


"Put your glasses on, Daddy, so I can remember who you are."

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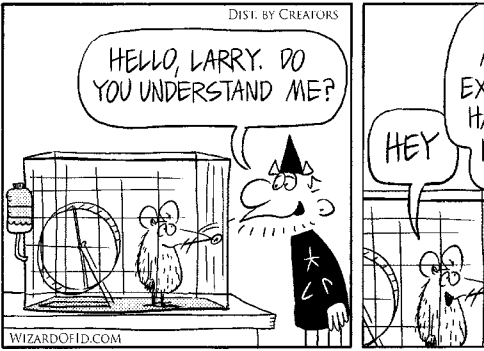
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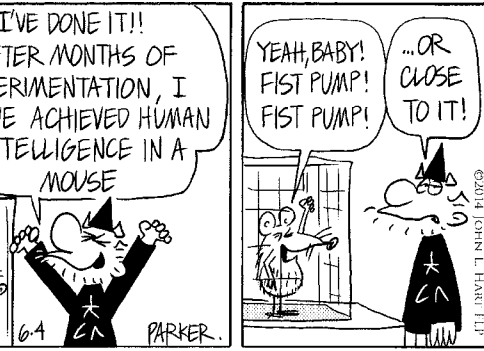
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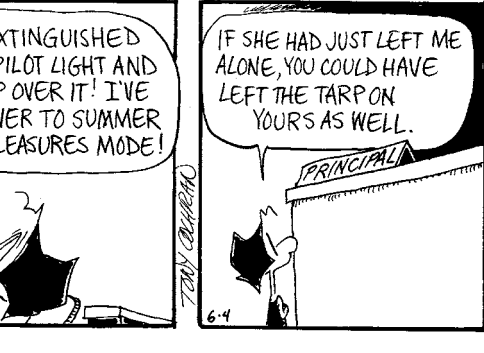
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NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Alley howler
4 Fuzzy images
9 Capital of Vietnam
14 Much ___ About Nothing
15 Fable source
16 Vote into office
17 Carouse, as a youth
20 Bailiwicks
21 Radioer's "OK"
22 Clobber
23 Driving force
26 Babysitter's challenge
29 Suffix for stock or block
30 Scold
31 Small fly
32 Ill-fated
34 ___ Carta
35 Go on a spree
38 Gain access
41 Gets on a soapbox
43 Garish
44 Badge-wearing group
46 Cooking meas.
49 "Casual" workday: Abbr.
50 Robin Hood's hangout
51 Facts and figures
52 Traffic jam
54 Made public
55 Carry on carelessly
60 Stood up
61 Tax-filing month
62 Right-angle shape
63 Minor fender damage

DOWN
1 Yellow melon
2 Was wild about
3 Dried (off)
4 Makes illegal
5 Actor Tommy ___ Jones
6 Battleship designation
7 Propel a canoe
8 Mettle
9 Fence of bushes
10 Succulent plant
11 Closing in on
12 First full fall mo.
13 Impersonal pronoun

18 Granola morsel
19 Be wild about
23 Note at the office
24 Crunchy ice-cream addition
25 Newborn frog
27 Britain's Isle of ___
28 H.S. auxiliary
30 Danish physicist Niels
31 Stare in surprise
33 Was in the red
34 Trumpet plug
36 Part of the eye
37 Careful use of words
38 Legendary toymaker
39 "... ___ iron bars a cage"

40 Cost of courses
42 Had top billing
44 Wear a long face
45 Annie Warbucks, formerly
47 Flinty-eyed
48 Something to 7 Down with
50 Elaborate parties
51 Clamor
53 Research venue: Abbr.
54 Hole-punching tools
55 Launching place
56 "... we there yet?"
57 MPG rater
58 Half of hex-
59 Tanker cargo

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, June 4, the 155th day of 2014. There are 210 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History:
On June 4, 1944, during World War II, U-505, a German submarine, was captured by a U.S. Navy task group in the south Atlantic; it was the first such capture of an enemy vessel at sea by the U.S. Navy since the War of 1812. The U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome.
On this date: In 1783, the Mont-golfier brothers first publicly demonstrated

their hot-air balloon, which did not carry any passengers, over Annonay, France.
In 1784, opera singer Elisabeth Thible became the first woman to make a nontethered flight aboard a Mont-golfier hot-air balloon, over Lyon, France.
In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.
In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender and sent it to the states for ratification.
In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany,

was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.
In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of more than 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended.
In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

Answer to previous puzzle

BACK	RARE	DATES
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Scoreboard

BASKETBALL CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Sunday, May 18

June 5: Miami at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
June 8: Miami at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
June 10: San Antonio at Miami, 9 p.m.
June 12: San Antonio at Miami, 9 p.m.
x-June 15: Miami at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
x-June 17: San Antonio at Miami, 9 p.m.
x-June 20: Miami at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

American League East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	35	24	.593 —
Baltimore	29	27	.518 4½
New York	29	28	.509 5
Boston	27	31	.466 7½
Tampa Bay	23	36	.390 12

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	31	23	.574 —
Chicago	30	30	.500 4
Cleveland	29	30	.492 4½
Kansas City	28	30	.483 5
Minnesota	27	29	.482 5

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	36	22	.621 —
Los Angeles	30	27	.526 5½
Seattle	30	28	.517 6
Texas	29	29	.500 7
Houston	25	34	.424 11½

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 93, Los Angeles 85
Phoenix 87, Seattle 72

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Washington at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 7 p.m.

WNBA Eastern Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	1	.833 —
Washington	3	2	.600 1½
Atlanta	4	3	.571 1½
Indiana	3	3	.500 2
New York	2	4	.333 3
Connecticut	2	5	.286 3½

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	0	1.000 —
Phoenix	4	1	.800 2
San Antonio	3	4	.429 4
Los Angeles	2	3	.400 4
Seattle	2	6	.250 5½
Tulsa	0	5	.000 6

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 5, Boston 3
Oakland 5, N.Y. Yankees 2, 10 innings
Toronto 5, Detroit 3
Seattle 7, Atlanta 5
Miami 1, Tampa Bay 0
Kansas City 8, St. Louis 7
Baltimore 8, Texas 3
Houston 7, L.A. Angels 2
Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 4
ChiSox 4, L.A. Dodgers 1

Wednesday's Games

Seattle (Iwakuma 3-2) at Atlanta (Minor 2-3), 12:10 p.m.
Boston (Workman 0-0) at

Cleveland (Kluber 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (J.Chavez 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 5-4) at Detroit (Porcello 8-2), 7:08 p.m.
Miami (Koehler 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Price 4-4), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (B.Norris 3-5) at Texas (N.Martinez 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 4-2) at Houston (Cosart 4-4), 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 5-2) at Minnesota (Nolasco 3-5), 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 8-3) at Kansas City (Vargas 5-2), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 3-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 3-2), 10:10 p.m.

National League East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	26	.544 —
Miami	30	28	.517 1½
Washington	28	28	.500 2½
New York	28	30	.483 3½
Philadelphia	24	32	.429 6½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	24	.593 —
St. Louis	30	29	.508 5
Pittsburgh	28	30	.483 6½
Cincinnati	27	29	.482 6½
Chicago	21	34	.382 12

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	37	21	.638 —
Los Angeles	31	29	.517 7
Colorado	28	29	.491 8½
San Diego	26	33	.441 11½
Arizona	24	36	.400 14

Tuesday Games

Washington 7, Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati 8, San Francisco 3
Seattle 7, Atlanta 5
Miami 1, Tampa Bay 0
Kansas City 8, St. Louis 7
Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 4
Arizona 4, Colorado 2
ChiSox 4, L.A. Dodgers 1
Pittsburgh 4, San Diego 1

Wednesday's Games

Seattle (Iwakuma 3-2) at Atlanta (Minor 2-3), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-5) at San Diego (Kennedy 4-6), 6:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (A.Burnett 3-4) at Washington (Strasburg 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Koehler 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Price 4-4), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Vogelsong 3-2) at Cincinnati (Cingrani 2-5), 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Matsuzaka 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 5-2) at Minnesota (Nolasco 3-5), 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 8-3) at Kansas City (Vargas 5-2), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Collmenter 4-2) at Colorado (Lyles 5-1), 8:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 3-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 3-2), 10:10 p.m.

Texas League

North Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Tulsa	31	25	.554 —
Arkansas	28	28	.500 3
Springfield	26	31	.456 5½
NW Arkansas	19	37	.339 12

South Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Frisco	33	23	.589 —
Midland	30	27	.526 3½
San Antonio	30	27	.526 3½
Corpus Christi	29	28	.509 4½

Tuesday's Games

Midland 4, Corpus Christi 3
Tulsa 8, NW Arkansas 5
San Antonio 3, Frisco 1
Arkansas 2, Springfield 1

Wednesday's Games

Corpus Christi at Midland, 7:30 p.m.
Tulsa at NW Arkansas, 8:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Tulsa at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Midland, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Major League Baseball
— Suspended Boston RHP Brandon Workman six games and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch in the head area of Tampa Bay 3B Evan Longoria during Friday's game.

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned 3B Garin Cecchini to Pawtucket (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Sent LHP Bruce Chen to Northwest Arkansas (TL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Michael Kohn to Salt Lake (PCL). Transferred LHP Sean Burnett to the 60-day DL. Reinstated RHP Dane De La Rosa from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Salt Lake. Reinstated OF Josh Hamilton from the 15-day DL. Selected the

contract of RHP Cam Bedrosian from Salt Lake.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned OF Zoilo Almonte to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Claimed LHP Wade LeBlanc off waivers from the L.A. Angels. Recalled INF Scott Sizemore from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Transferred RHP Michael Pineda to the 60-day DL.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed OF Josh Reddick on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Reinstated RHP Ryan Cook from the 15-day DL.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned INF Nick Franklin to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Erasmo Ramirez from Tacoma.

TEXAS RANGERS — Sent OF Jim Adduci and RHP Tanner Scheppers to Frisco (TL) for rehab assignments.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled RHP Chad Jenkins from Buffalo (IL).

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed INF Cliff Pennington on the 15-day DL.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Terry Doyle on a minor league contract.

CHICAGO CUBS — Designated RHP Jose Veras for assignment. Placed C Welington Castillo on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Reinstated RHP Hector Rondon from paternity league.

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP Arquimedes Caminero to New Orleans (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Gregg on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Sent RHP Gonzalez Germen to St. Lucie (FSL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Phillippe Aumont to Lehigh Valley (IL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Donn Roach to El Paso (PCL). Placed LHP Eric Stults on the bereavement list. Recalled RHP Jesse Hahn from San Antonio (TL). Selected the contract of LHP Jason Lane from El Paso.

CFL moves toward a work stoppage

TORONTO (AP) — The president of the Canadian Football League Players' Association says a work stoppage is closer after the league rejected the union's most recent offer for a new labor deal.

"All the indications I'm getting from players is they're prepared to get the attention to what's going on out there," union president Scott Flory said. "Our guys are insulted and upset by what's going on."

The players tabled a new offer Monday that called for a shorter term and included concessions on the salary cap and the amount of revenue that would trigger the renegotiation of the deal.

The two sides haven't met face-to-face since

Thursday and no new talks are scheduled. CFL commissioner Mark Cohon said he hopes the players don't go on strike but that the next move is theirs.

"We understand they're very serious but we want to see football," he said. The previous collective bargaining agreement expired Thursday night. Training camps still opened as scheduled Sunday.

The earliest players could strike en masse is Tuesday due to Alberta labor laws. That means Monday night's exhibition game between Toronto and Winnipeg would go ahead, but a work stoppage would jeopardize games scheduled for Friday.

Sumlin dismisses two players

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Linebacker Darian Claiborne and defensive lineman Isaiah Golden have been dismissed from the Texas A&M football team.

The dismissal comes after both players were arrested on drug charges in the last few months.

Coach Kevin Sumlin says: "These two individuals have failed to meet the high expect-

tations and standards that we have for our football players and as representatives of this university.

"These two players have exhibited a pattern of behavior that we will not tolerate at Texas A&M."

Claiborne was named to the SEC All-Freshman team after piling up 89 tackles, including seven for losses last season.

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