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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 City Manager Todd Darden addresses the Big Spring City Council during its meeting Tuesday evening.

Council members ponder 'wish lists' for fiscal year

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring City Council members shared their wish lists for the upcoming budget cycle Tuesday and, not surprisingly, infrastructure improvements were at or near the top of everybody's agendas.

Toward the end of their Tuesday meeting, council members were granted the opportunity to discuss their budget priorities for the coming fiscal year and they talked about a wide variety of subjects, including beautification, traffic safety and improving the quality of life for local residents.

But infrastructure improvements — better streets, new water lines, etc. — was the main topic of conversation.

With Big Spring in the beginning stages of a growth cycle, council members believe its time to commit heavily to upgrades in those areas.

"Mainly, I'd like to see

more water line replacement," Marvin Boyd said, "especially with the older, larger lines."

Justin Myers talked about maintaining city-owned facilities such as the sports complex and other parks and recreation facilities, saying the city was lagging in its efforts to keep them up to date.

"I wonder if, a lot of times, we simply overlook things like that," he said. "I'm

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Lawsuit puts roadwork on hold for now

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Plans to use state money to help upgrade Howard County roads are proceeding, albeit at a much slower pace than officials anticipated.

The county is eligible for almost \$4 million in grant money from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for use in rehabilitating roads adversely affected by heavy oilfield traffic.

County Judge Mark Barr said that, under the program, TxDOT will reimburse the county for 80 percent of its road repair costs during the project, which is expected to last three years. Howard County's share has been estimated at \$750,000, he added.

Officials have satisfied most of the administrative requirements for participating in the program and are hopeful to begin repair work this summer. However, a potentially major snag in those plans has appeared.

LaSalle County represen-



Barr

tatives recently filed suit against TxDOT in state court, claiming the agency has not allocated enough funds for their county.

That lawsuit hasn't stopped local plans, but officials are hesitant to begin road work until the dust from the legal battle settles, Barr said.

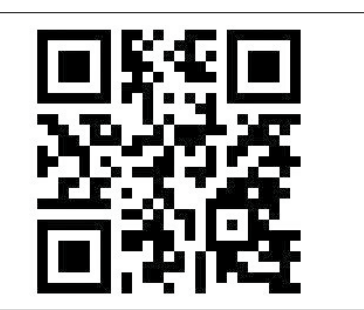
"We are going ahead with all the (preliminary) steps that are required," Barr said. "But if LaSalle wins the next step in the courts, they could ask the judge to issue an injunction against TxDOT, and if that happens and we're in the middle of a road repair project, we could be hung out to dry."

Those uncertainties have forced local officials to adopt a wait-and-see approach.

"We're going to proceed very cautiously," Barr said. "We're going to make sure we meet all the basic requirements, but we're not asking for any money just yet."

"I think this is going to be a very long, drawn-out affair," he added. "What's going to happen, I do not know."

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FISD, CISD fare well on testing

Results are preliminary

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 Preliminary results of the end of course exams at both Coahoma and Forsan ISD show Coahoma trending up in passing rates compared to last year while Forsan showed some drops but continued to test higher than the state average.



Jacobs

diploma in Texas.

In Coahoma, 81 percent passed the test for the algebra I exam, up from 56 percent in 2013. Passing rates also increased on the biology test, 88 percent compared to 84 percent in 2013. Ninety-two percent of Coahoma students who took the U.S. history test met the standard passing rate.



Johnson

"This is the first year we tested in U.S. History, but this group of students scored a 64 percent on their World History EOC in 2013," Jacobs explained.

For the English I test, Coahoma had 61 percent of the student pass.

"This is the first year the writing and reading were combined into one assessment; our lowest score in these two areas was a 47 percent passing rate in English I Writing EOC in 2013," Jacobs

Wind farm key topic for BSISD trustees

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District will meet with representatives from a potential new wind farm in Howard County in a specially-called meeting Thursday.

Representatives from Invenergy are in town this week visiting with local taxing entities to discuss the project which

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ified unless every student passes every test," said Randy Johnson, Forsan ISD superintendent. "That is very unlikely to happen at any school district, so we want to get as close as we can. These scores, quite honestly, we are pretty excited about. Each one of these scores are above the state average. We're glad

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Obituaries

Annie Pearl Cook



Annie Pearl Cook of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 22, 2014, in a Big Spring, Texas, hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 2014, at the First Christian Church in Big Spring with Monsignor Bernard Gully and the Rev. Ken McIntosh officiating. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. at Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Pecos. Annie was born Feb. 26, 1934 in Ballinger, Texas and married Marion Cook in Pecos, Texas, in 1952. He preceded her in death Dec. 13, 2003.

She was an avid reader and card player and especially enjoyed playing Bridge. She was a Catholic. Her family was very dear to her and she will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived her daughter, Cynthia Scott and husband, John of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Anna Eileen Scott of Big Spring; one sister, Linda Bailey and husband, Bob of Ballinger; and one nephew, Jon Bailey and wife, Lacey, and his children, Davis, Truitt, and Brogan of San Angelo, Texas. Other family members include nephew, Ervin Lee Halfmann and wife, Beth and one daughter, Jamie of San Angelo; sister-in-law, Linda Halfmann of Georgetown, Texas, and her son, Eugene Patrick Halfmann and wife Krystal and two children of Fort Worth, Texas, and her daughter (and Annie's precious niece), Jennifer Halfmann Decuir and her

husband, Shawn, and daughter, Jessica of San Antonio; Charles Hafmann and wife, Marsha of San Angelo and their son, Derrick of Austin, Texas; nephew, Louis Halfmann and family of Irving, Texas; niece, Evelyn Gilbert of San Angelo; sister-in-law, Joann Cook Beauchamp and husband, Tommy of San Angelo and their daughters and son: Kathy Beauchamp Green and husband, Bennie of Big Spring; Karen Beauchamp Dillon and husband, Gary of Cloudcroft, N.M.; and Thomas Beauchamp of Austin; nephew, Charles Morehead of Odessa, Texas; brother-in-law, Johnny Cook and son, Johnny Lee Cook of Odessa; nephews, Chris Crawford, Bruce Crawford of Schnecksville, Penn., and Bret Crawford of Krum, Texas; brother-in-law, Ernest Cook of Pecos and sister-in-law, Margie Cook of Beaumont, Texas.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Anna (Willi) Halfmann; her son, William Cook; and five brothers, Lawrence, Jimmy, LeRoy, Ervin and Eugene Halfmann

The family suggest memorials be made to the United Way of Howard County, 215 W. Third, Big Spring, Texas 79720, to Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1007 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Jo Ann Grace

Jo Ann Grace, 62, of San Angelo, Texas, died on Saturday, June 21, 2014, at her residence.

Mrs. Grace was born Oct. 25, 1951, in Duncan, Okla.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Gutierrez Funeral Chapels/Knickerbocker. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Survivors include her husband, George Grace Jr.

of San Angelo; one son, George Grace III of San Angelo; two daughters, Teresa Schribner of Hutchins, Kan., and Brittney Roberts of San Angelo; two brothers, William Hill and Ricky Hill, both of Big Spring; and one sister, Laverne Smith of Blackwell, Texas. Other survivors include three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Home Hospice of Big Spring, Texas.

Police blotter

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

• DEVYN JACKMAN, 30, of 2505 Larry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation - assault.

• DAKOTA MACK MURPHREE, 19, of 1413 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation - assault.

• RITA BALDWIN HOTELLING, 50, of 914 E. 6th St. was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility, operating an unregistered vehicle and fail to display drivers license.

• DARRYL LEE MILLER, 38, of 710 Pine, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection and fail to appear.

• VICTOR TY ROSENBERG, 38, of 307 E. 5th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

• JOSHUA THOMAS SIGMON, 25, of 106 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

• ROXANNA AGUILAR COX, 38, of 1504 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of delivery of a controlled

substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

• AHMAD JAH THOMAS, 33, of 804 W Interstate Highway 20 no. 212, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection and driving while license invalid.

• ADRIAN RICARDO DEHOYOS, 22, of 1512 Sycamore St. B, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

• CHAD EVAN HALL, 41, of 1434 Hilltop, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

• JEFFREY COLIN RAINES, 36, of 1213 Lindbergh St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting and a warrant from another agency.

• KRYSTALANNETTE BUCHANAN, 31, of 1213 Lindbergh, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft less than \$50 shoplifting.

• SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 1100 block of Scurry and the intersection of 6th St. and Main.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1000 block of Marvin.

• THEFT was reported

at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

• HARASSMENT was reported at the 100 block of Broadway St., Coahoma, Texas, and the 4200 block of Muir.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1300 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1100 block of 11th Pl.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

• ERICKA B. ARMEN-DARIZ was booked by DPS on a warrant for parent contributing to nonattendance.

• RITA HOTELLING was booked by BSPD on capias warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility, operating an unregistered vehicle and fail to display license.

• RONALD LEE VERDI JR. was booked by Glasscock County on a charge of driving while license invalid with no insurance.

• JOSHUA THOMAS

SIGMON was booked by BSPD on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

• ROXANNE A. COX was booked by BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than 1 gram in a drug free zone.

• VICTOR TY ROSENBERG was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• ELIZABETH NEWS-OME was booked by HCSO on a warrant for a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.

• ADRIAN RICARDO DEHOYOS was booked by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

• AHMAD JAH THOMAS was booked by BSPD on capias warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection and driving while license invalid.

• CHAD HALL was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction without final resolution.

• KRYSTAL ANN

NETTE BUCHANAN

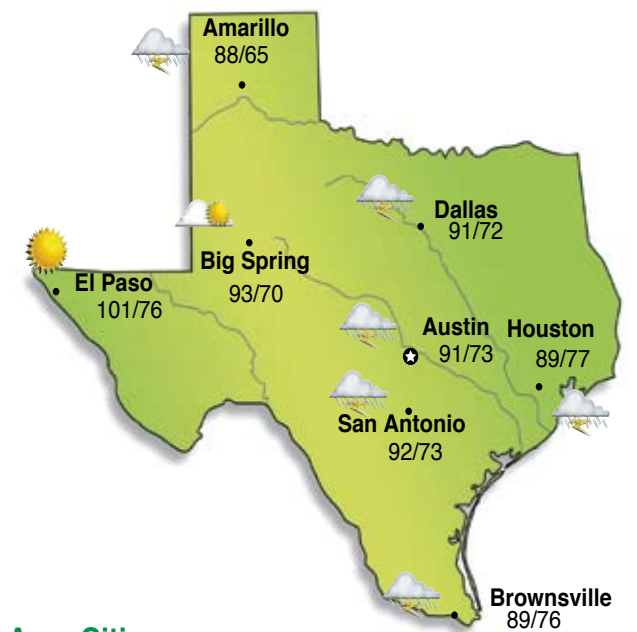
Local 5-Day Forecast

| Thu 6/26 | Fri 6/27 | Sat 6/28 | Sun 6/29 | Mon 6/30 |
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| 93/70 Partly cloudy. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 93F. | 94/71 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 95/71 Windy with plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 95/71 Windy with plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 95/72 Windy with times of sun and clouds. |
| Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM | Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM | Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM | Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM | Sunrise: 6:42 AM Sunset: 8:57 PM |

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Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|-----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Abiene | 91 | 71 | pt sunny | Kingsville | 93 | 75 | t-storm |
| Amarillo | 88 | 65 | t-storm | Livingston | 87 | 73 | t-storm |
| Austin | 91 | 73 | t-storm | Longview | 90 | 71 | t-storm |
| Beaumont | 87 | 74 | t-storm | Lubbock | 91 | 67 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 89 | 76 | t-storm | Lufkin | 90 | 73 | t-storm |
| Brownwood | 89 | 71 | pt sunny | Midland | 93 | 71 | mst sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 88 | 78 | t-storm | Raymondville | 93 | 76 | t-storm |
| Corsicana | 87 | 72 | t-storm | Rosenberg | 86 | 75 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 91 | 72 | t-storm | San Antonio | 92 | 73 | t-storm |
| Del Rio | 95 | 75 | sunny | San Marcos | 91 | 72 | t-storm |
| El Paso | 101 | 76 | sunny | Sulphur Springs | 90 | 73 | t-storm |
| Fort Stockton | 95 | 70 | mst sunny | Sweetwater | 90 | 70 | pt sunny |
| Gainesville | 88 | 70 | t-storm | Tyler | 87 | 73 | t-storm |
| Greenville | 90 | 72 | t-storm | Weatherford | 86 | 69 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 89 | 77 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 90 | 70 | t-storm |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|----------|----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta | 88 | 68 | rain | Minneapolis | 75 | 59 | cloudy |
| Boston | 88 | 70 | pt sunny | New York | 82 | 72 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 76 | 57 | pt sunny | Phoenix | 102 | 73 | sunny |
| Dallas | 91 | 72 | t-storm | San Francisco | 61 | 54 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 87 | 57 | t-storm | Seattle | 72 | 60 | cloudy |
| Houston | 89 | 77 | t-storm | St. Louis | 89 | 71 | mst sunny |
| Los Angeles | 82 | 64 | sunny | Washington, DC | 90 | 73 | t-storm |
| Miami | 88 | 77 | t-storm | | | | |

Moon Phases



UV Index

| Thu 6/26 | Fri 6/27 | Sat 6/28 | Sun 6/29 | Mon 6/30 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Extreme | Extreme | Extreme | Extreme | Extreme |

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

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was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft.

• JEFFREY COLIN RAINES was booked by BSPD on a warrant for no fishing license and

theft of property.

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Take Note

- 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. today. 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.
- Retired Gen. Eddie Spurgin will lead a tribute to honor our veterans at this year's Alon USA 7-Eleven Fantastic 4th event. It will be a very strong proud moment for Big Spring and our veterans. This will take place Saturday at 5:45 p.m. as part of our opening ceremonies. Come out to show your support for America's veterans in downtown Big Spring.
- Friends of the Library is asking the public to begin gathering books for dona-

tion to the annual book sale. Books should be in good condition. Please, no magazines or condensed books. Friends will let the public know when to begin bringing books to the Howard County Library.

- Forsan School - All Class Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. until late. Lunch will be held at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. The meeting will be held at the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. Volunteers are needed to help as well as donations for door prizes. For more information or to submit a suggestion, call Ida Lou Raney at 432-264-9580, 432-270-7086, 432-267-2414 or e-mail ida.raney@suddenlink.net.
- A medical expense account has been established for Amber Aleander 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 lo-

cated at 1110 Benton St. in Big Spring.

- 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.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and background check, we need you. Call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

CITY

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worried we will fall behind in the long term if those facilities aren't properly maintained."

Mayor Larry McLellan joined the chorus, noting that increased revenues have provided city officials with "the best opportunity" to address infrastructure upgrades.

"Nothing is more important right now to the city," he said. "This is the best opportunity we've had in a long time, and if we don't address those issues now, we won't ever catch up."

Bobby McDonald talked about beefing up beautification efforts, a topic his colleague Carmen Harbor quickly picked up on.

"We need to just clean up this town," she said. "We need to pick up all those plastic bags which are all over the place ... They make our town look dirty."

Among other topics discussed were quality of life issues and city employee retention.

"I'd like us to look at quality of life issues," Raul Marquez Jr. said. "The city needs to provide things that would attract people and keep people in this area."

McLellan shifted his focus to employee recruitment and retention. The city has been short about 30 employees for more than a year now, and the mayor said more effort needs to be made to fill those vacancies, such as beefing up employee benefit packages.

Officials will continue work on the budget in the coming weeks, with adoption tentatively scheduled for late August.

In other business, the council approved:

- A remap of a 1 acre plat of land in the Bauer addition.
- Creation of separate enterprise funds for the landfill and sanitation departments.
- Abandonment of a 20-foot utility easement in the vicinity of Wal-Mart Supercenter.
- An agreement with Boler Equipment Services of Midland to provide utility and sewer line services.
- An amended lease agreement with Cingular Wireless for antenna space on the city water tower in the Capehart addition.
- Appointment of Terry Hansen to the McMahan/Wrinkle Airpark Development Board.

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BSISD

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will be located eight miles north from the city of Big Spring and, if built, will consist of 67 wind turbines. These meetings are the start of a long processes to negotiate abatement of taxes

with the taxing entities. Invenergy representatives met with the Howard County tax abatement committee Monday afternoon.

Courtney Timmons of Invenergy said the company estimates the project will be a \$170 million capital investment and create at approximate-

ly 300 jobs for the construction phase. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2015, he said.

Invenergy, headquartered in Chicago, Ill., operates wind farms all over the United States, Canada and Europe. In Texas, the company has wind farms in Martin,

Nolan, Scurry and Goldthwaite counties.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the high school boardroom, 707 11th Place.

On the agenda, trustees are expected:

- To consider an update in a local policy regarding revenue sources and ad valorem taxes.

• Possible action to approve a legal services agreement with Underwood Law Firm for legal counsel concerning limited assessed valuation agreement.

- Consider action on a application for limited assessed valuation agreement for qualified property under the Tex-

as Economic Development Act.

- Consider approval of a donation to the Big Spring Junior High School cheerleaders program.

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TESTS

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about those things, excited that our teachers are holding the standards high in our classrooms and excited that our kids our responding to those challenges."

In Algebra I, 90 percent of students passed, up from 87 percent in 2013; biology, 98 percent in 2014, up from 87 percent in 2013. Passing rates for Forsan students trended slightly down in U.S. History with 93 percent passing in 2014. The district had 100 percent pass in 2013. That trend continued in English II with 83 percent in 2014, down from 89 percent in 2014. English I passing rate increased in 2014 with 86 percent

of students meeting the minimum standard, up from 84 percent in 2013.

Overall, 93 percent of Texas high school students passed the biology test, 86 percent passed in algebra I; 72 percent passed the English I test and 73 percent passed the English II test. These scores were provided by the Texas Education Agency.

Johnson did caution these scores — still pre-

liminary — are subject to change before final results are released by the state.

"Some of these numbers should go up because there are students reflected in these numbers who came to our campuses as close as the day before the test," Johnson explained "The state does not use those against the school dis-

trict. If a student is going to be use in the calculation, they have to be on the campus, I think, at the end of October."

Because Forsan is smaller-size district, those numbers could change by a percentage or two when results from students who

didn't make the snap shot date set by the state are taken out. Johnson did add that these results are worst case scenarios, and he expects any changes in percentages to trend up.

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Things you need to know about marriage

As a minister, I am often given the honor to preside over certain events that are significant life-moments. It is always a thrill for me to hold a baby in my arms and pray for a safe, secure and blessed future for his or her life and the family during what we call a Baby Dedication Service. It's always a privilege to memorialize someone whose life on earth has ended by sharing words of comfort and strength with the heart-broken family and friends at a funeral service.



EDDY PRINCE

And then, of course, there are the weddings. I didn't keep good records when I first started in the ministry more than four decades ago, so I'm not positive how many wedding ceremonies I have performed, but it is well more than one hundred.

It has always been my practice, as with most all ministers I'm sure, to have some pre-marital counseling sessions with the couple before the big day. I decided years ago that couples, especially if they are young, don't need fluffy, feel-good counseling as much as they need the truth. And sometimes the truth is a pretty tough pill to swallow. I won't bother you with brutal details, but I somewhat jokingly tell them that if they can survive my pre-marital counseling, their marriage should be a walk in the park.

I recently was updating some of my resources and I ran across an interesting list, written by Marriage and Family Counselor Winifred M. Reilly concerning marriage, and I wanted to share some of it with you. He says there are some things about marriage he wishes he would have known before he got married. The reason I thought this was pretty good stuff is because that's the general objective of my pre-marital counseling sessions.

He begins by saying, "Most of us step into marriage hoping for a lifetime of love and

happiness, knowing far too little about what might give us our best shot at getting there. Many of us assume that because we're in love, because we have common values and compatible dreams we've got everything we need to have a marriage that lasts." But, as I have often stressed, the stars that are exploding in your head, the butterflies in the tummy when you hold hands, and the sparkle that is in your eyes during courtship, won't always be there 24/7 and you need to know what to do when that moment comes.

Here is a portion of Mr. Reilly's list, with some modification and commentary on my part.

1. *Don't freak out when marriage turns out to be harder than you expected.* None of us come with all the tools we need for success, nor do we have a guidebook or a roadmap to make our journey easier. We simply hit the ground running, and despite our good intentions and optimism, for most of us, marriage presents challenges for which we're flat-out unprepared. But that doesn't mean that something is wrong. It just means that marriage is a tough teacher and we all have plenty to learn.

2. *Don't expect intimacy to stay hot or interesting all on its own for the next sixty years.* Early on in our relationships most of us just have to show up in the same room as our sweetheart to be all atingle. With our brains swimming in feel-good brain chemistry, passion happens with little effort. Fast forward five years, add a few kids, a couple of stressful careers, and many people begin to notice that the thrill seems to be gone. But, true love becomes the basis for intimacy as time goes on and that makes it better anyway.

3. *The sooner you ditch the notion of fairness, the happier you'll be.* Remember that 50/50 theory people like to toss around about marriage? That's not reality. I have told potential brides and grooms for years that each one has to be more generous than that. It's not about keeping a ledger of who has given what, but rather a genuine desire in each

heart to give more than they take. Trust me, that's what it takes to be successful in any relationship, especially marriage.

4. *Learn how to make up.* Everybody makes mistakes. Accept it, learn to admit when you're wrong and ask for forgiveness. Then move on. Rather than expect to someday attain a spotless track record (which you never will) you need to learn to apologize and forgive.

5. *Be prepared to make peace with your differences.* If you're a filer and you married a piler, if you're obsessively punctual and your spouse has never once in her life been on time — you're going to have plenty of opportunity to either be driven nuts or to figure out how to calm yourself down.

6. *Marriage doesn't mean you're joined at the hip.* Yes, according to scripture, when a man and a woman say "I do," they become one. However, everyone is still required to live out their lives individually, facing their own fears and challenges, striving for their individual goals, and much more. Loving, happy couples have full, separate lives. They value each other's wholeness, never thinking of the other as their "better half" or as someone who "completes" them. From that place of wholeness, the connection you make is deeper and sweeter than if you and your partner are hanging onto each other, so "close" that you cannot step back and appreciate each other for all that you are.

As I said, that's a somewhat edited version of his article, and most of the commentary is mine, but I do believe in marriage, God's way, and I do believe it can be glorious and wonderful. I also believe much of that success will be determined by how much we know going in that prepares us for the real thing.

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

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us keep our minds clear and our hearts pure, oh Lord.

Amen

GOP won't pass immigration reform

The New York Times reports that House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy is considered "the best hope" to win passage of a comprehensive immigration reform bill in Congress after he becomes majority leader in July. It's sort of quaint how the Gray Lady wants to believe in miracles.

If a comprehensive bill — such as the Senate bill that set a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants — had a chance of passing, then it was in 2009 and 2010, when Democrats controlled the White House, Senate and House of Representatives. President Barack Obama had promised a bill in his first year in office. If Democrats wouldn't deliver when they owned Washington, Republicans have little reason to do their heavy lifting.

The timing for advocates could not be worse — and not just because the current House majority leader, Eric Cantor of Virginia, lost his primary election bid after his GOP opponent hit him for supporting a comprehensive immigration bill.

This year, thousands of unaccompanied minors and

mothers with young children have crossed the U.S.-Mexico border with the expectation that they will be allowed to stay. Some blame Obama's policy to not deport undocumented immigrants who came here illegally when they were children. The White House blames a "misinformation" campaign by opportunistic human smugglers. Either way, the situation is so dire that Democrats are calling the new influx a "humanitarian crisis" that requires a quick and dramatic response.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, told the Houston Chronicle last week that he believes that the administration has to allow more deportations — and quickly.

Also, Hillary Clinton told CNN last week, "They should be sent back." That's how ugly the border is.

McCarthy is a true son of Bakersfield, California. Rather than become a creature of Washington, he sleeps in his Capitol Hill office and flies home every weekend.

He hears from the Republican base, which opposes amnesty. He was true to that base in 2008, when he was chairman for the Republican National Committee platform, which threatened financial penalties for sanctuary cities.

McCarthy also hears from employers who depend on immigrant labor and California

Republicans eager to court Latino voters. Last year, he met with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles after these advocates occupied his Bakersfield office.

On "Fox News Sunday," Chris Wallace pressed McCarthy on whether he'll support a comprehensive immigration reform bill. McCarthy is on record for supporting a path to legalization, but he told Wallace: "I don't believe there should be citizenship. I believe in the rule of law." At the moment, he added, the border is not secure because the government is not enforcing the law.

The forces of idealism are experiencing the blunt trauma of reality. The promise of a path to legalization, coupled with lax law enforcement, has produced unintended, if inevitable, consequences. If there was any doubt that changing the law might result in waves of more illegal immigration, the answer should be clear.

Quoth McCarthy: Until the border is secure, "you can't have an immigration debate."

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Travis Kuentler, Open Carry Texas chapter coordinator for Howard County, left, shakes hands with door prize winner Henry Hunter of Ackerly. The M1 Garand bayonet was donated by Glickman's Armory, Military Antiques & Collectibles.

OCT event called success by organizers

Special to the Herald

"The Open Carry Texas: Big Spring Meet and Greet was a great success. Despite the rain delay we still had roughly 75 people in attendance for the event and 30 who participated in the walk around the city," said Travis Kuentler, chapter coordinator for Howard County.

"We'd like to recognize the winner of our free event door prize, Henry Hunter of Ackerly, Texas.

The authentic M1 Garand bayonet combat knife was donated by "The Record Shop" Glickman's Armory, Military Antiques & Collectibles, at 211 S. Main St. in Big Spring.

Hunter is also a member of the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club which offers Ham radio training.



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Citizens listen to speakers at Open Carry Texas' Meet and Greet held Saturday in Heart of the City Park.



TIME TO 'VETTE

Members of the Lone Star Corvette Club get ready to get back on the road after staying at the Hotel Settles Monday night. The group was on a five-hotel tour, heading next to the Paisano in Marfa and then the Gage Hotel in Marathon.

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Texas news in brief

2 killed in apparent San Antonio robbery attempt

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police say a suspected armed robber and another person have died after being shot during a break-in at a San Antonio apartment.

San Antonio police say nobody has been arrested in the gunfire early Wednesday that left an intruder dead when a resident with a shotgun opened fire.

Authorities are trying to determine who fatally shot the second person and whether that individual was an intruder or also lived at the apartment.

The gunfire broke out as several people broke into the home while apparently trying to rob the place. Some suspects fled after the shootings.

Names of the two people who died weren't immediately released.

Further details were not immediately available Wednesday.

Study could start on possible Texas 'bullet train'

HOUSTON (AP) — Plans for a so-called "bullet train" that backers say would carry passengers between Houston and Dallas in 90 minutes are expected to clear an early hurdle.

Federal officials on Wednesday are scheduled to announce if Texas and the private company behind the rail project can begin environmental reviews.

Texas Central Railway has given no cost estimates on the proposed 240-mile route.

Proponents tell the Houston Chronicle that they are expecting the go-ahead for starting the review process.

Backers say construction could begin as soon as 2016 and trains could start rolling by 2021.

Wife of suspect in Texas park attack also charged

SANTON, Texas (AP) — An evidence tampering charge has been filed against the wife of a man accused in a South Texas park attack that left a woman dead and her girlfriend hurt.

San Patricio County jail records show Laura and David Strickland were held without bond Wednesday.

Investigators originally announced David Strickland was arrested last Friday in Helotes. He's charged with capital murder, aggravated assault with a weapon and aggravated sexual assault over the 2012 attack in Portland.

Laura Strickland is charged with evidence tampering in the case involving two women who allegedly were sexually assaulted and shot.

Authorities say the Stricklands lived near the park where 19-year-old Mollie Olgin was slain. An 18-year-old woman was wounded.

Funeral set for slain Central Texas police chief

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — Funeral is scheduled for Thursday in Temple for the police chief and lone police officer in a small Central Texas town, who was shot dead in the line of duty.

The funeral will be Thursday morning at Temple Bible Church for Little River-Academy Police Chief Lee Dixon. After the funeral, full police honors will be paid to Dixon at a ceremony at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton.

A visitation is scheduled for Wednesday night at the Temple church.

Dixon had been on the job for a month when he was shot and killed Thursday while answering a

report of a man with a gun.

David Gene Risner is charged with capital murder in the slaying. He is jailed without bond in the Bell County Jail in Belton.

Phil Collins to donate artifacts to Alamo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Rocker Phil Collins has been cleaning house at his home in Switzerland, and Texas history is about to benefit.

Collins was scheduled to the Alamo on Thursday to announce that he is donating his collection of artifacts from the Alamo to the former mission and Texas revolutionary fort.

The 63-year-old singer-drummer wants to find places for some of his material legacy and wants to keep his Alamo collection together, said Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

"We're both at an age where we're starting to think, 'What do you do with your stuff?' He just has a lot more important stuff than I do," Patterson told the San Antonio Express-News.

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We have some fresh, new mysteries for you. I think most of you know that Robert B. Parker succumbed to a heart attack as he was at his typewriter, working on a Spenser novel. Ace Atkins has taken up the mantle of continuing the Spenser storyline from the Parker's estate and does a pretty good job of it. A discerning reader can pick up on the differences; the dialogue is not quite right but the storyline is one that Parker would have used.

In "Cheap Shot" (M ATK A), Kinjo Heywood is one of the New York Patriots' marquee players, a hard-nosed linebacker who has earned a reputation as one of the toughest guys in the league. Some off-field violence has been dogging him, and his agent has hired Spenser to find out who is behind it.

It seems to be tied to a two-year old nightclub shooting in which Kinjo was cleared of. But in the field of big name sports, situations get covered up and the "star" is not told everything. In true 'Spenser' style, it all comes together in the end. Be sure to look for this under the Ace Atkins name, not Robert B. Parker.

We have a new Walt Longmire mystery on hand, too. "Any Other Name" (M JOH C) by Craig Johnson has Walt investigating the supposed suicide of the Detective Gerald Holman of neighboring Campbell County. Holman was a by-the-book lawman and Walt's former boss, Lucian Connally, wants him to

check it out very carefully. Holman was investigating a cold case of three local women who had gone missing before his death with evidently nothing to connect them. Walt is in the hot seat. With the clock ticking on a new granddaughter in Philadelphia, he calls in help from his old standbys, Vic Moretti, Henry Standing Bear and Gillette policeman, Corbin Daughtery.

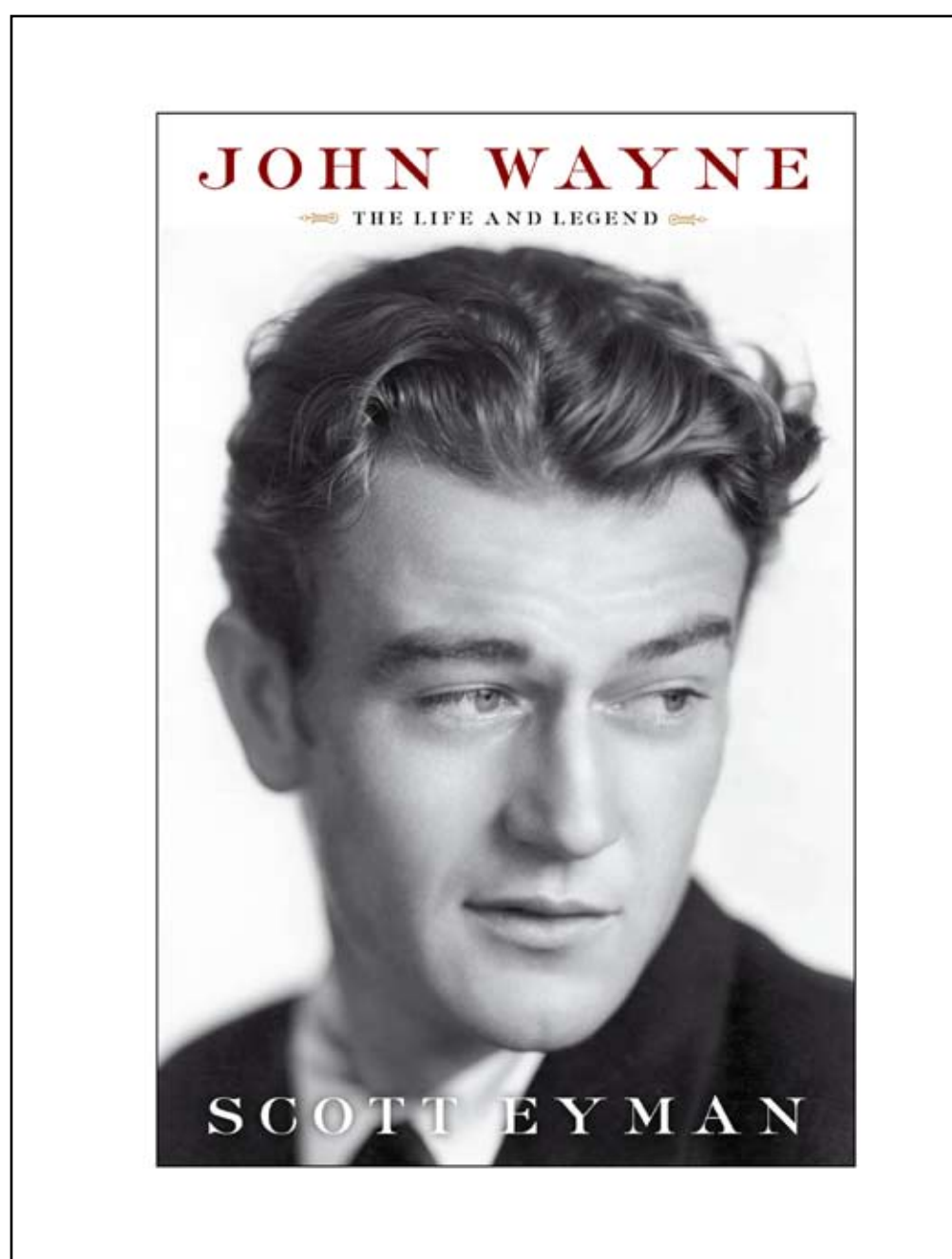
Some more mysteries just by titles: James Patterson and Maxine Paetro's "Unlucky 13" (M PAT J); "With a Vengeance" (M DRE E) by Eileen Dreyer; "Don't Ever Look Back" (M FRI D) by Daniel Friedman; and Jeffrey Deaver's "The Skin Collector" (M DEA J) and yes, it about exactly what the title says (ick ick).

We also have "Wild Storm" (M CAS R) by Richard Castle. This is the fifth Derrick Storm thriller — Storm is a combination McGyver, James Bond and Mitch Rapp. A very thrilling book to read. In addition, a cozy type book — "Murder by Sunlight" (M GRA B). I have not read these before; they take place in Tennessee with Sheriff Tony Abernathy and his wife and a quilt shop. A man's body is found in a tree and suddenly the whole county's population is embroiled in mischief, mayhem or murder. You have got to read about the little old ladies getting into a fight at a funeral.

Volume three in the Love and Inheritance series by Fay Weldon has arrived. Weldon wrote the pilot for "Upstairs, Downstairs" and has been instrumental in the Downton Abbey series, I believe. In "The New Countess" (F WEL F), Lady Rosina — now widowed and wealthy — insists on

publishing a scandalous book despite her mother's objections. Arthur Dilberne and Chicago Heiress Minnie O'Brien's two young sons — the eldest of whom is heir to the estate — are being reared to Lady Isobel's tastes, not Minnie's. After making a shocking discovery, Minnie will take drastic measures for the sake of her children. And when fate deals a hand in the middle of the royal shooting party, the entire Dilberne estate will face upheaval once again.

The latest bio of John Wayne is here: "John



Wayne: The Life and Legend" (B WAY J) by Scott Eyman. "He was so American, so like his country — big, bold, confident, powerful, loud, violent and occasionally overbearing, but simultaneously forgiving, gentle, innocent and naïve ... John Wayne was his country's alter ego." This is, I think, a true description of the United States and of John Wayne's view of himself.

Wayne was not the big, blustery, sometimes cruel man character he played in his many movies. Rather, he was a man who studied acting for 10 years, earned his "spurs" so to speak, in the B movies and bit parts that kept him going until John Ford cast him in his first big part in "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon." Wayne projected dignity, integrity and strength in all his films, even when his characters were flawed, and whatever character he played was always prepared to confront injustice in his own way.

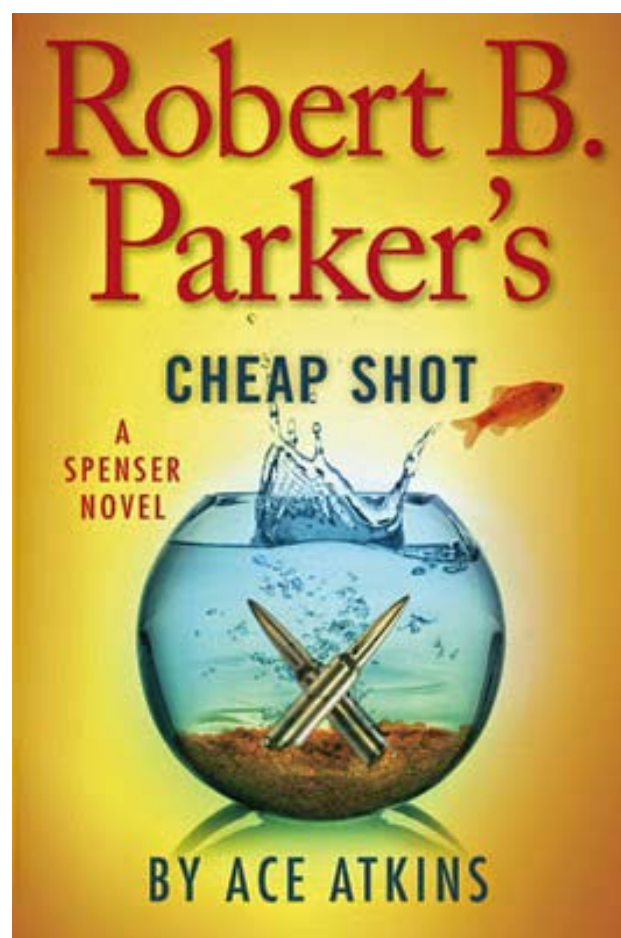
More than 30 years after his death,

he remains the standard by which male stars are judged and an actor whose morally unambiguous films continue to attract sizeable audiences. When I am flipping channels, if a Wayne movie comes on, I stop to watch it. Scott Eyman's evaluation of Wayne himself is shrewd: a skilled actor who was reluctant to step outside his comfort zone. Wayne was self-aware; he once said, "I've played the kind of man I'd like to have been."

It's that man and the real John Wayne who are brilliantly profiled in Scott Eyman's insightful biography of a true American legend.

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sudoku

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Looking Far Into the Future

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ A Q 10 6
♦ K 7 5
♣ 8 2

WEST
♠ A K Q 10 9 2
♥ 9 7 5
♦ J 4
♣ 7 6

EAST
♠ J 6 5
♥ 8 3 2
♦ A Q 9 6
♣ J 10 5

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ K J 4
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ A K Q 9 4 3

The bidding:
West North East South
3♠ Pass 4♠ 5♠
Opening lead — king of spades.

At the start of play, it is usually very difficult to visualize what everyone's hand will look like with just two or three tricks to go. Nevertheless, there are times when a declarer can foresee a successful end position.

Consider this case where West led the king of spades against five clubs. It did not take long for South to conclude that East was very likely to

have the ace of diamonds on the bidding, so that normal play would almost surely result in losing three diamond tricks for down one.

Declarer decided that his best chance to avert three diamond losers was to try to develop an endplay against East. So, after ruffing the spade lead, he drew three rounds of trumps, crossed to dummy with a heart, ruffed a spade, played three more rounds of hearts, discarding a diamond, and then ruffed another spade to bring about this position:

North
♦ K 7 5

West
♠ A
♦ J 4

East
♦ A Q 9

South
♦ 10 8 3

South now led the three of diamonds, placing West in an untenable position. If he followed with the four, declarer would play dummy's five and thus assure a diamond trick.

And if West instead played the jack on South's three, the outcome would be the same. Declarer would cover the jack with dummy's king and East could take the A-Q, but South would then score the last trick with the ten.

Tomorrow: A critical choice.
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AmericanProfile

News in brief

Cochran win in Miss. a boost to Washington establishment, blow to tea party movement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington establishment delivered a punch to the gut of the tea party movement Tuesday as Mississippi Republican Sen. Thad Cochran, a mainstream conservative with more than 40 years congressional experience, narrowly turned back a challenge from state Sen. Chris McDaniel.

Unsuccessful in earlier Republican primaries in Kentucky, Georgia and North Carolina, outside conservative organizations and tea party groups had invested millions in Mississippi in hopes of knocking out six-term Sen. Cochran. They fell short Tuesday night after a nasty, costly primary, and have few chances to reverse the trend in the remaining contests before November's elections.

The results left the movement's leaders fuming. "Unfortunately in Mississippi, nefarious campaign tactics seem to have won the day over ideas and a bold conservative vision," said Taylor Budowich, executive director of Tea Party Express. "We thank Senator Chris McDaniel for courageously standing up to the political machine. In politics, the righteous are not always victorious, but Americans across the country appreciate the values that his campaign was built upon."

In another setback for the tea party, two-term Rep. James Lankford of Oklahoma won the GOP nomination in the race to succeed Sen. Tom Coburn, who is stepping down with two years left in his term. In the solidly Republican state, Lankford is all but assured of becoming the next senator. Part of the House GOP leadership, Lankford defeated T.W. Shannon, a member of the Chickasaw Nation and the state's first black House speaker, who was backed by former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, two stalwarts of the right.

Central American migrants head for US to flee crime, drawn by belief they are allowed to stay

ARRIAGA, Mexico (AP) — On the last day of school Gladys Chinoy memorized her mother's phone number in New York City and boarded a bus to Guatemala's northern border.

With nothing but the clothes on her back, the 14-year-old took a truck-tire raft across the Naranjo River into Mexico and joined a group of five women and a dozen children waiting with one of the smugglers who are paid \$6,000 to \$7,000 for each migrant they take to the U.S.

The women and children waited by the train tracks in this small town in the southern state of Chiapas until the shriek of a train whistle and the glare of headlights pierced the night. Suddenly, dozens of teens and mothers with young children flooded out of darkened homes and budget hotels, rushing to grab the safest places on the roof of the northbound freight train and join a deluge of children and mothers that is overwhelming the U.S. immigration system.

The number of unaccompanied minors detained on the U.S. border has more than tripled since 2011. Children are also widely believed to be crossing with their parents in rising numbers, although the Obama administration has not released year-by-year figures. The crisis has sparked weeks of bitter political debate inside the U.S., with the administration saying crime is driving migrants north from Central America and congressional Republicans saying Obama's policies is leading migrants to believe children and their mothers will be allowed to stay.

In interviews along the primary migrant route north to the United States, dozens of migrants like Gladys indicated that both sides are right.

After the revolution, Ukraine finally to sign EU trade agreement that set it off

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — On Friday, Ukraine will sign a sweeping economic and trade agreement with the European Union, a 1,200-page telephone book of a document crammed with rules on everything from turkeys to tulips, cheese to machinery.

Yet the agreement is far more than just fine print for experts — it was the catalyst of a revolution that killed scores of Ukrainians and toppled a president. The hope now is it that it will spark another kind of revolution, this one in Ukraine's corrupt, underperforming economy.

The deal holds out the promise of sweeping change in a country rich in people and resources, but which has lagged behind many of its former Soviet peers.

Consider: When the Soviet Union broke up in 1991, Ukraine and Poland were roughly on par economically. Ukraine's economy is still based largely on privatized Soviet enterprises in mining, steel and machinery. By contrast, Poland created better conditions for business and new industries arose. Poland joined the European Union in 2004 and is now roughly four times richer than Ukraine, measured in economic output per person.

The deal offers "potentially as great a transformation as in Poland," said Nicholas Burge, head of the trade and economic section at the EU's delegation in Kiev. "That is what is potentially an offer for Ukraine, if they can sustain the pace of reform."

Militants mount fresh attack on Iraq refinery as US troops arrive in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — Sunni militants launched a

dawn raid Wednesday on a key Iraqi oil refinery they have been trying to take for days but were repelled by security forces, a commander on the scene said, as dozens of newly arrived U.S. military advisers and special operations forces began assessing the Iraqi forces in an effort to strengthen Baghdad's ability to confront the insurgency.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government is struggling to repel advances led by militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, a well-trained and mobile force thought to have some 10,000 fighters inside Iraq.

The response by government forces has so far been far short of a counteroffensive, restricted mostly to areas where Shiites are in danger of falling prey to the Sunni extremists or around a major Shiite shrine north of Baghdad.

Iraqi officials have told The Associated Press that al-Maliki is ready to at least temporarily concede the loss of large swaths of territory to Sunni insurgents as he deploys the military's best troops to defend Baghdad.

Shiite militias responding to a call to arms by Iraq's top cleric are also focused on protecting the capital and Shiite shrines, while Kurdish fighters have grabbed a long-coveted oil-rich city outside their self-ruled territory, ostensibly to defend it from the al-Qaida breakaway group.

Officials say sanctions on Russia's economy could be delayed amid positive signs from Putin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sanctions aimed at key economic sectors in Russia because of its threatening moves in Ukraine might be delayed because of positive signals from Russian President Vladimir Putin, according to Obama administration officials.

The United States and its European allies were finalizing a package of sanctions with the goal of putting them in place as early as this week, the officials and others close to the process said Tuesday. Penalizing large swaths of the Russian economy, including its lucrative energy industry, would ratchet up the West's punishments against Moscow.

The U.S. and Europe have already sanctioned Russian individuals and entities, including some with close ties to Putin, but have so far stayed away from the broader penalties, in part because of concern from European countries that have close economic ties with Russia.

But with the crisis in Ukraine stretching on, a senior U.S. official said the U.S. and Europe are moving forward on "common sanctions options" that

would affect several areas of the Russian economy. A Western diplomat said those options included Russia's energy industry, as well as Moscow's access to world financial markets.

The U.S. and Europe have been eyeing a European Council meeting in Brussels later this week as an opportunity to announce the coordinated sanctions. However, the enthusiasm for new sanctions, particularly among European leaders, appears to have waned in recent days as countries evaluate whether Putin plans to follow through on a series of promises that could ease the crisis, officials said.

As parents of the dead weep, teens who survived South Korea ferry sinking return to school

ANSAN, South Korea (AP) — As parents of the dead wept, more than 70 teenagers who survived a ferry sinking that killed hundreds of their schoolmates walked in a somber procession Wednesday to their first classes since the April disaster.

Some of the 73 students, wearing white and black uniforms and carrying book bags, bowed their heads as they cried and walked slowly from a bus to the school entrance. Some stopped to hug the parents of their friends, who caressed their hair and faces. Adults carried banners of encouragement. One read: "I love you." A large placard, which reads "We pray the dead will rest in peace," was hung up on the school entrance gate.

The anger, grief and deep remorse at Danwon High School in Ansan, outside of Seoul, was a reflection of what many South Koreans have felt since the April 16 sinking that left more than 300 people dead or missing. Of the 325 students on a class trip to the southern holiday island of Jeju, 75 were rescued, 245 died and 5 are still missing. Two of those rescued had already returned to school, officials said.

The return to classes of the survivors, who had been staying at a facility in Ansan where they had classes and therapy sessions, comes amid court hearings for the ferry crew and the officials from the company that owned it. Many South Koreans also fault the government, the coast guard and even society for failing the victims.

"We ask for a thorough investigation to find out why our friends and teachers had to become victims and why the rescue efforts didn't proceed properly and led to more victims," one of the surviving students, Shin Young-jin, said in an emotional address. "We hope that you will try to create a safer nation so that such a horrible accident never happens again."

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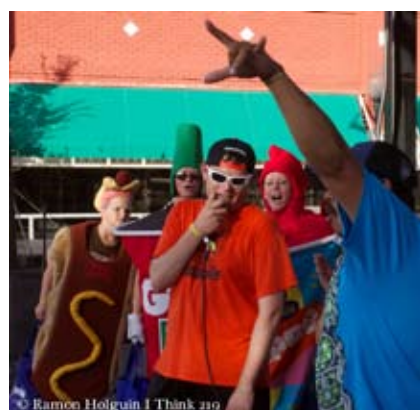
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LeBron tells Heat he will become free agent

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James delivered his message loud and clear, without actually saying a word.

He's willing to leave Miami, if that's what it will take to win more championships. And what happens next will likely be up to not just the Heat, but Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh as well.

Through his agent, James informed the Heat on Tuesday that he has decided to opt out of the final two years of his contract, a move that means he becomes a free agent

on July 1. He will be able to sign with any team, including Miami, and Heat President Pat Riley said he "fully expected" James to take advantage of his early termination option.

"We look forward to sitting down with LeBron and his representatives and talking about our future together," Riley said.

The Heat have been preparing for this for some time. James, Wade and Bosh all got six-year contracts when they teamed up in Miami in July 2010, the last time free agency

was accompanied by the sort of frenzy that will envelop the league over the next few weeks. But each of those deals came with options to leave either this summer or in 2015, in part to allow both the players and the team to have financial flexibility.

James — who averaged 27.1 points this past season — was owed \$42.7 million for the next two seasons, though that seems irrelevant in the sense that he'll be getting plenty of money from the Heat or someone else for years to come. If he stays

with Miami, he could sign a deal that would give the team room to maneuver within the salary cap threshold.

So could Wade and Bosh, if they choose to opt out as well — and if both do, Miami would potentially have plenty of cash to spend on roster upgrades. Neither has announced their plans, though both have previously said they want to remain in Miami.

"No news here yet," Wade said Tuesday.

James stayed silent as well, said agent Rich

Paul being the one who informed the Heat of the four-time NBA MVP's plan. But last week, while still dealing with the sting of losing the NBA Finals to San Antonio, James expressed how enticing the idea of flexibility is to him.

"Being able to have flexibility as a professional, anyone, that's what we all would like," James said last week. "That's in any sport, for a football player, a baseball player, a basketball player, to have flexibility and be able to control your future or your present. I

have a position to be able to do that. ... There's a lot of times that you're not in control of your future as a professional."

He's in control now. He might just be entering his prime.

James said last week that he, Wade and Bosh owed it to one another to have a conversation before deciding where to play going forward. It is unclear if those discussions have taken place.

And while James opting out was largely expected, the ripple effect of the move was seen all over the sports world.

Forsan expected to vie for playoffs

By TOMMY WELLS

Herald Sports Editor

A year ago, the Forsan Buffaloes managed to catch fire at the perfect time and punched their way into the Class A state football playoffs. Don't expect much to change this season — even though the Buffs will be returning to the Class 2A ranks.

Forsan, under the direction of head coach Jason Phillips, is expected to vie for one of the four postseason playoffs berths in District 3-2A this fall, according to the recently released edition of Dave Campbell's Texas Football. The preseason football publication ranks Forsan as the fourth-best team in the new district, which also features Christoval, Ozona, McCamey and Anthony.

Forsan, which posted a 4-7 record a year ago, should be solid on both sides of the line of scrimmage this coming season. The Buffaloes return seven offensive and six defensive starters from a year ago.

The biggest change will be at quarterback, where Jesse Cervantes is expected to assume the reins of the FHS offense. A year ago, he starred for the Buffaloes, amassing more than 500 total yards, including 373 rushing while completing 36 of his 76 passing attempts as a backup.

Cervantes' debut as the starting quarterback should be made much easier as he returns a big and talented offensive front that will include Braden East, Taylor Morin, Gabriel Leal and Christopher Mims.

Making life even easier is the return of one of the district's top receivers in Ryan Pearson.

Garrett Kligor and safety Oscar Barrera will headline the FHS defense. Also returning on the defensive side will be linebacker Walker Park, defensive end Ian Park. Linebacker Kaley Stanley is expected to work his way into the mix, as well.

Christoval, which was a six-man powerhouse in the 1990s, is expected to claim the District 3-2A crown this fall.

DISTRICT 3 LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS



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Big Spring's Sawyer Stallings swings at a pitch during the 9/10-year-old all-star game on Tuesday in Midland. The Big Spring team won the game, 15-5, and will advance to play Midland Northern tonight at 6 p.m.

Senior League all-stars advance to District 3 championship game

By TOMMY WELLS

Herald Sports Editor

The Big Spring Little League All-Stars flexed their collective muscle in a big way on Tuesday evening while competing in their respective District 3 Baseball Tournament.

Maybe none has as much fun as the Senior League all-star squad.

The Seniors punched their way into the championship game of the District 3 tournament with a solid effort. The squad won both of its first two games and will now advance to the finals on Wednesday to face Odessa West.

The Senior League title game will be played tonight at 8 p.m. at Steer Park.

The BSLL Senior League squad

2014 District 3 Baseball Tournaments Tonight's Games Senior League

Big Spring vs. Odessa West, 6 p.m. at Steer Park

12-year-old League

Big Spring vs. Mid City, 6 p.m. in Odessa

11-year-old League

Big Spring vs. Floyd Gwin, 6 p.m. in Odessa

11-year-old League

Big Spring vs. Midland Tower, 6 p.m. in Midland

wasn't the only team celebrating on Tuesday evening. In all, three of the five Big Spring teams captured wins.

The Big Spring 9/10-year-old all-stars kept its title hopes alive by pounding out a 15-5 victory over Midland Tower. Sawyer Stallings

helped power the team to the win by cranking out a home run.

With the win, the 9/10-year-olds will advance to face Midland Northern in the next round, beginning tonight at 6 p.m.

The Big Spring 11-year-old all-stars also celebrated a victory on Tuesday. The team routed Midland East in their game by a 16-5 clip.

The victory sends Big Spring into the next round to play Floyd Gwin. Their game will begin at 6 p.m. at Floyd Gwin Park in Odessa.

The BSLL 12-year-old all-star team also collected a win on Tuesday. The team fought its way to a 7-6 decision over Midland Tower. The victory propelled the team to a showdown with Midland's Mid City tonight, starting at 6 p.m. in Odessa.

Parent-Child gala set for July 26-27

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding its 2014 Parent-Child Golf Tournament on July 26-27. The tournament will be played under a 2-person format with a shotgun start on both days. A parent may play with more than one child.

There will be two divisions in the event, including a Trophy classification as well as an Open division.

The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 26. The next day's action will get under way at 1 p.m.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$100 per team in the Open division and \$50 per team for the Trophy class. The entry fee does not include cart fees.

Vandy's loss to Virginia forces Game 3 at CWS

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Vanderbilt had a one-run lead and a chance to add to it in the fourth inning in Game 2 of the College World Series finals.

That's where the game turned on the Commodores in a 7-2 loss to Virginia on Tuesday night. Rhett Wiseman couldn't get a bunt down to move over a runner, and he struck out looking. Then

John Norwood got picked off at second base.

"The inning crashed," coach Tim Corbin said.

Now Vanderbilt finds itself in a decisive Game 3 on Wednesday night in the CWS finals.

The winner will earn its first national championship in baseball.

The Commodores were flummoxed by Virginia start-

er Brandon Waddell. After Norwood's double with one out in the fourth, the Commodores didn't get a hit off the sophomore left-hander until Joe McCarthy singled in the ninth. By then they were down five runs.

Waddell limited Vanderbilt to five hits in his first nine-inning complete game and Virginia knocked out first-round draft pick Tyler

Beede in the seventh.

"Waddell threw a heck of the game," Corbin said. "He basically suffocated our offense for most of the night, particularly as the game went on. I thought our guy did a nice job as well. I thought there were some plays that we may have been able to contain. They were big at the moment, and the inning got a little bit loose."

Kinsler homers in return, leads Tigers past slumping Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ian Kinsler had quite a greeting for his former team, one not well-received by some.

Kinsler homered in the

first at-bat of his return to Texas as an opponent, then waved at the Rangers dug-out while beginning his trot around the bases, and the AL Central-leading Detroit

Tigers went to win 8-2 on Tuesday.

"It was nothing personal at all. I was just saying 'Hi,'" Kinsler said, insisting he was motioning to no one in

particular.

Kinsler spent the first eight seasons of his career in Texas before being traded for first baseman Prince Fielder last winter.

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people brought back memories of mass casualties, as did certain smells.

I eventually secluded myself in my home, unwilling to risk the pain that reliving the memories of war caused. After a particularly bad panic attack, I sought help. I'm happy to say that therapy and mindfulness techniques worked well for me, and I hope others in my situation will seek help, too.

June 27 is PTSD Awareness Day. Anyone can take the first step toward healing by taking a free, anonymous PTSD self-assessment. Nearly 70 percent of people have experienced a trauma in their lifetime, and about 20 percent of them later experience PTSD. Service members, veterans and their families can take an assessment at MindBodyStrength.org, and the broader community can visit PTSDScreening.org.

I want people with PTSD to know they can get help. Sincerely --
Elijah Ochoa

Dear Elijah Ochoa: We appreciate your service to our country and your openness about sharing your experiences. We are glad to know that you received the help you needed and deserved, and we hope others will take advantage of this free resource. Thank you for writing.

Dear Annie: Please print my pet peeve. I am a senior citizen and dislike the terms used by waitresses, waiters and others serving the public. I feel that I'm being patronized when they call me, "Sweetie," "Honey," "Darlin'," "Angel," etc. These words are not endearing and make me want to decrease my tip. "May I take your order, please?" is all that is necessary. If you know my name, use it. Otherwise, please stop speaking to me as if I were 5 years old. -- B.

Dear B.: There are some folks who like these terms of endearment, but we agree that they can seem patronizing. No server wants to insult you. If you don't like such terms, please speak up, politely, and tell the server, "I'd appreciate it if you didn't call me 'honey.'" We are certain the server will comply.

Dear Annie: "Smothered in California"

resents that her in-laws invite them to dinner once a month and want to attend all of the kids' activities. She sounds a bit self-centered.

My in-laws babysat my kids whenever I needed help. I invite them to all of my children's sporting events and school events. We dined out with them once a week when my boys were little. We spend part of every holiday with them.

I never had a close relationship with my grandparents and took great pains to ensure that my sons did. My oldest is now 21, and my youngest is 16. I can't get my boys to clean their rooms, but if the grandparents call and say they need help, it's a done deal. The in-laws won't be around forever. They obviously want to be involved. Be glad it's not the reverse. --
Grateful in Western Pennsylvania

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

and generally awesome wind up being less so when you try to explain them to someone who wasn't there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The most powerful person isn't the one who's talking nonstop. It's the one to whom others are talking. When people feel compelled to share with you, you can consider it a sign of respect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll see your town the way a tourist sees it: with great curiosity and a desire to taste the most interesting offerings before you move along to the next place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's better to celebrate a flaw than to conceal it. Once you bring attention to the thing you were trying to hide, it no longer can be called a flaw. It transforms into an item of interest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though you recognize that the thing you want is merely a symbol of success and not success itself, you still

want it. Symbols are powerful, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you say has a very real power to expand, guide and direct the emotional flow around you. Choose your words carefully and your tone even more carefully.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Unpredicted good fortune will befall you. You'll be rethinking your definition of advantages and disadvantages when what you thought was a disadvantage actually works in your favor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 25). Your willingness to fail is what leads to a July success of which you (and your loved ones) will be extremely proud. Seize the chance to perform as much as possible so you can work out the kinks. A mutually beneficial business relationship leads to an August windfall. November shows you traveling with a smile. Aquarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 21, 11, 17 and 42.

VENUS IN GEMINI: When Venus slips into Gemini, she's tempted to turn romance into a game. So how do you know you're playing fair at the game of love? Here are a few guidelines for this Venus-in-Gemini transit:

--If you're going to play hard-to-get, let yourself be "gotten" when your suitor has successfully passed your test. If you're not playing hard-to-get but actually are not interested, make that clear, too. Let your actions tell that you're (SET ITAL) impossible (END ITAL) to get if that's the way you really feel. It's better to be upfront than to promote false hope by being wishy-washy or too nice. --Friendship first. Gemini in Venus lightens up our expectations of love. During this time, connecting and communicating on the little things that happen over the course of a day will be far more satisfying than falling into a passionate, soul-wrenching affair. Romantic partners who put friendship first have the best chance.

Furthermore, the worst thing you could do during this transit is pursue a romance that would infringe on your friendship code -- for instance, by flirting with a friend's partner or dating his or her ex!

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Multitasking Gemini Moon

The clever Gemini moon wants to help you manage multiple endeavors at once. Planning and list making will keep you from getting overwhelmed, but not at first. Initially you may feel even more overwhelmed than you did before you got it all down on paper, but after some thinking, sorting and planning, you'll see your way to the Promised Land.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get realistic about whether or not your efforts are bringing you the desired results. Usually, there is more gray area to consider -- but not now. It's either working or it's not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just because things wind up next to each other doesn't mean they

should be compared. It may take a great deal of restraint not to make comparisons, and if you can pass this test, you are superhuman.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are definitely perks to being you. For one, you don't care too much about what people think right now, and that's part of what makes you so funny. You'll enjoy making people smile.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Style risks are part of the fun, and don't be afraid to take this beyond your previous limits. Hair grows back, and you can always change your clothes, so experiment. What do you have to lose?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Reach out to the people you haven't had a chance to talk to. You've all changed in interesting and positive ways. It's time to share those changes so you can get back in synch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everything has a context. That's why so many private moments that were funny, exciting



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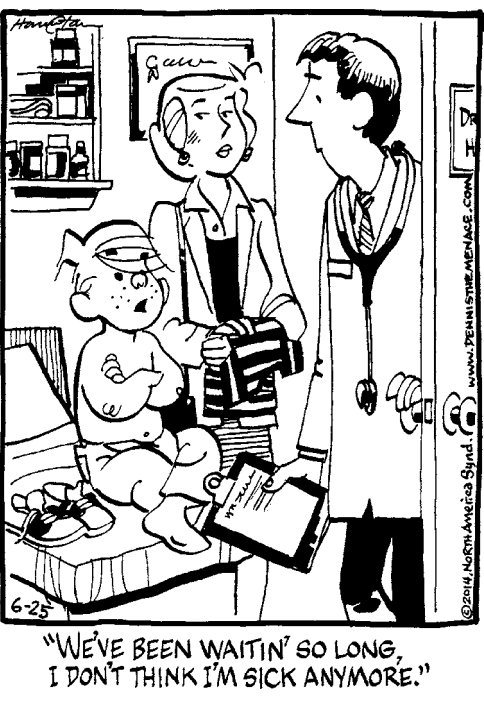
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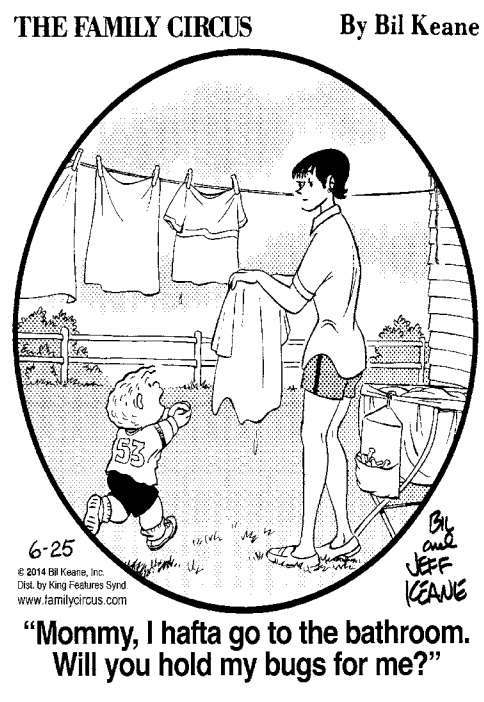
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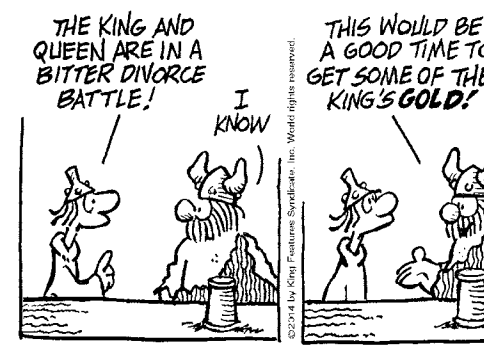
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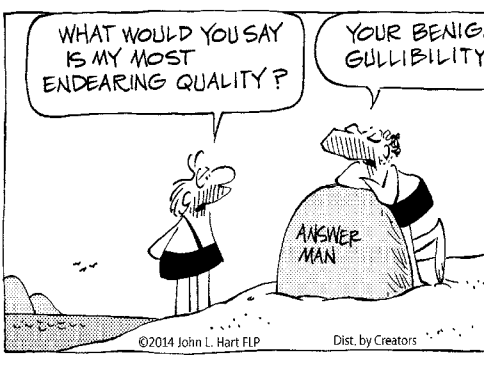
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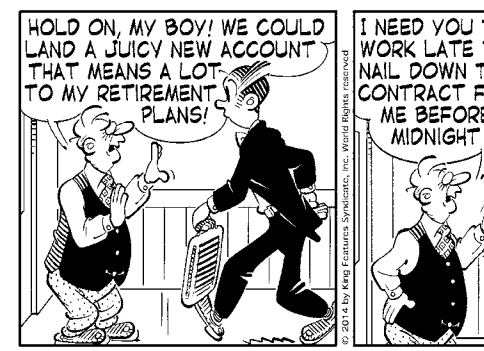
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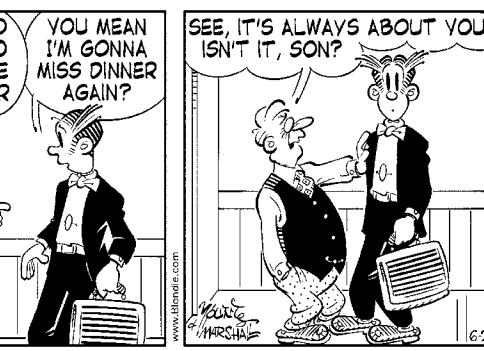
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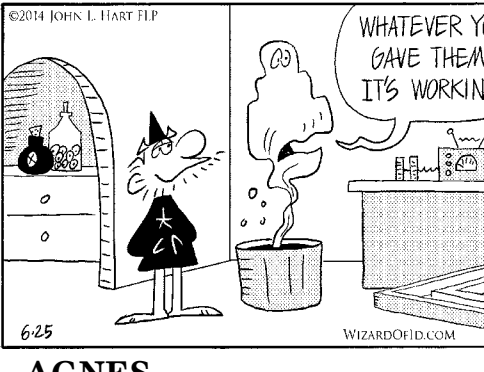
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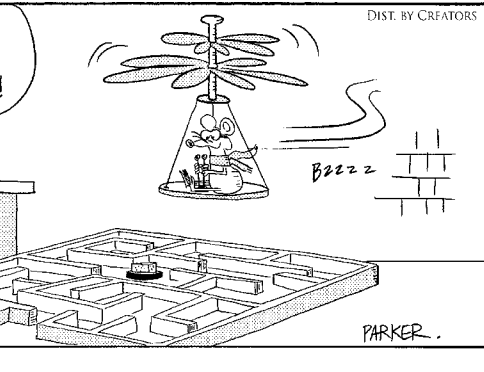
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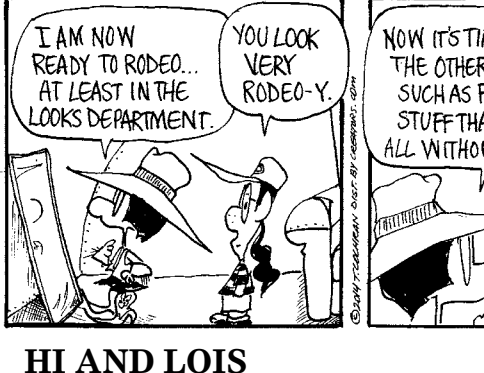
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 25, the 176th day of 2014. There are 189 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 25, 2009, death claimed Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop," in Los Angeles at age 50 and actress Farrah Fawcett in Santa Monica, California, at age 62. On this date: In 1788, Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution. In 1876, Lt. Col. Colonel George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana. In 1888, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Benjamin Harrison for the presidency. (Harrison went on to win the election, defeating President Grover Cleveland.) In 1910, President William Howard Taft signed the White-Slave Traffic Act, more popularly known as the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes. In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was enacted. In 1943, Congress passed, over President Franklin D. Roosevelt's veto, the Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act, which allowed the federal government to seize and operate privately owned war plants facing labor strikes. In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

Answer to previous puzzle

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| SMASH | ACTI | SMOG |
| CURIO | DRAT | TAPE |
| ALERT | AILS | OMEN |
| TEA | COMMON | PLACE |
| MAR | SNORE | |
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| SAME | OLD | SAME |
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| STAR | NESS | GONER |

Newsday Crossword **FOUR-GO** by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- Bamboo-eating bear
- Intuitive feeling, slangily
- Freeze over
- Similar (to)
- Mineral in steel
- Go off
- Gas in store signs
- Start of a toast
- "Told you!"
- End of UNESCO's URL
- Corporate takeover expert
- Arrived unexpectedly
- Takes five
- Very quick
- Pirate's hideaway
- Spanish finger food
- Curriculum parts
- Top blackjack card
- Any Julius Caesar conspirator
- Georgia (science school)
- Solemn agreement
- "_ you clever!"
- Calculator user
- Cameo stones
- Slopes regular
- Talk and talk
- Some fancy men's suits
- Cuts considerably
- MGM mascot

DOWN

- Go on
- Phony coin
- Brit's farewell
- Phrase on a state seal
- Hgt.
- Mideast sultanate
- Warrior's mount
- Essential part
- Feel sore
- do-well
- Fella
- Tarzan's neighbors
- Humidifier output
- Eisenhower nickname
- Storage containers
- Support publicly
- Kennel-club category
- Actress Demi
- Deep-seated
- Go down
- English prep school
- Arm art, for short
- Food store
- Very dry, as wine
- Narrow street
- Monumental
- Go out
- Proofs of age, for short
- Uniform
- Tagged along
- VISA rival
- Glass square
- Barbecue pests
- Saw print
- Acknowledge
- Bradstreet's partner
- Tulsa's loc.
- Tortilla topping
- Crustaceans eaten by whales
- "Too rich for my blood"
- My dam site
- Fakery
- Venus de Milo's lack
- Parking place
- Want nothing to do with
- Suffix for novel
- Sporting loafers, perhaps
- In-flight fig.

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Scoreboard

BASKETBALL
WNBA

Eastern Conference

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|---|-----|---------|
| Atlanta | 9 | 4 | .692 — |
| Connecticut | 7 | 6 | .538 2 |
| Indiana | 6 | 6 | .500 2½ |
| Chicago | 6 | 7 | .462 3 |
| Washington | 6 | 9 | .400 4 |
| New York | 4 | 10 | .286 5½ |

Western Conference

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|-----|---------|
| Phoenix | 9 | 3 | .750 ½ |
| Minnesota | 11 | 4 | .733 — |
| San Antonio | 7 | 7 | .500 3½ |
| Tulsa | 5 | 7 | .417 4½ |
| Los Angeles | 5 | 8 | .385 5 |
| Seattle | 6 | 10 | .375 5½ |

Cleveland (Kluber 6-5) at Arizona (C.Anderson 5-2), 9:40 p.m.
Minnesota (Pino 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Richards 7-2), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 2-4) at Seattle (Iwakuma 5-3), 10:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Houston, 2:10 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Detroit at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|-----|---------|
| Washington | 41 | 35 | .539 — |
| Atlanta | 39 | 37 | .513 2 |
| Miami | 38 | 39 | .494 3½ |
| New York | 36 | 41 | .468 5½ |
| Philadelphia | 35 | 41 | .461 6 |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|---------|
| Milwaukee | 47 | 32 | .595 — |
| St. Louis | 42 | 36 | .538 4½ |
| Pittsburgh | 39 | 38 | .506 7 |
| Cincinnati | 38 | 38 | .500 7½ |
| Chicago | 32 | 43 | .427 13 |

West Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|-----|----------|
| San Fran. | 45 | 32 | .584 — |
| Los Angeles | 43 | 36 | .544 3 |
| Colorado | 35 | 42 | .455 10 |
| San Diego | 34 | 44 | .436 11½ |
| Arizona | 33 | 47 | .413 13½ |

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 7, Miami 4
N.Y. Mets 10, Oakland 1
Pittsburgh 6, Tampa Bay 5
Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 3
Atlanta 3, Houston 2
L.A. Dodgers 2, Kansas City 0
Washington 4, Milwaukee 2, 16 innings
Colorado 10, St. Louis 5
Arizona 9, Cleveland 8, 14 innings
San Diego 7, San Francisco 2

Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh (Morton 4-8) at Tampa Bay (Price 5-7), 12:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 6-5) at Milwaukee (Estrada 6-4), 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Gonzales 0-0) at Colorado (Flande 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Kennedy 5-8) at San Francisco (Lincecum 5-5), 3:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (H.Alvarez 4-3) at Philadelphia (A.Burnett 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mills 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Z.Wheeler 3-7), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 5-6) at Houston (McHugh 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 7-4) at Kansas City (Shields 8-3), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 6-5) at Arizona (C.Anderson 5-2), 9:40 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Atlanta (Minor 2-4) at Houston (Cosart 7-5), 2:10 p.m.
Miami (Koehler 5-6) at Philadelphia (Hamels 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Matsuzaka 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Worley 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Fister 6-2) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-6), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Friedrich 0-1) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 8-5), 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 10-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 5-4), 10:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 5-6) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 5-3), 10:15 p.m.

Texas League
North Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|---|-----|--------|
| Arkansas | 3 | 3 | .500 — |
| NW Arkansas | 3 | 3 | .500 — |
| Springfield | 3 | 3 | .500 — |
| x-Tulsa | 3 | 3 | .500 — |

South Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|----------------|---|-----|---------|
| Midland | 4 | 1 | .800 — |
| San Antonio | 3 | 3 | .500 1½ |
| x-Frisco | 2 | 3 | .400 2 |
| Corpus Christi | 2 | 4 | .333 2½ |

Tuesday's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 7:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Springfield, 8:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Springfield, 8:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Signed SS Michael Chavis to a minor league contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reinstated OF Josh Reddick from the 15-day DL. Placed 1B Kyle Blanks on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 23.
TEXAS RANGERS — Purchased the contract of 1B Carlos Pena from Round Rock (PCL). Designated 1B-OF Brad Snyder for assignment.

National League
NEW YORK METS — Recalled C Travis d'Arnaud from Las Vegas (PCL). Placed C Taylor Teagarden on the 15-Day DL, retroactive to June 22.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Signed OF Grady Sizemore to a minor league contract and assigned him to Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Reinstated 2B Neil Walker from the 15-day DL. Sent OF Jose Tabata outright to Indianapolis.

American Association
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Released RHP Tobin Matyechick and RHP Dustin Cameron.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed INF Brock Bond.

Can-Am League
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed OF Alexandre LaGarde.

Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed OF Adam Taylor. Released OF Kyle Bluestein.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Chris Carmain and RHP Mike Devine.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed INF Jared Martin.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed OF Greg Harris.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed RHP T.J. Larson.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BROOKLYN NETS — Announced F Andrei Kirilenko exercised his contract option for the 2014-15 season.
UTAH JAZZ — Named Brad Jones, Antonio Lang, Alex Jensen, Mike Wells and Johnnie Bryant assistant coaches.
NBA Development League
MAINE RED CLAWS — Named Dajuan Eubanks president.

Women's National Basketball Association
MINNESOTA LYNX — Signed G Nadirah McKenith. Waived G Lindsey Moore.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Waived QB Dominique Croom.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Allen Robinson to a four-year contract.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released DT Andru Pulu.

Canadian Football League
B.C. LIONS — Signed coach Mike Benevides to a contract extension through the 2016 season.
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed RB Kendial Lawrence to the practice roster.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with D Ron Hainsey on a three-year contract through the 2016-17 season. Agreed to terms with LW Chris Terry on a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Named Mitch Korn goaltending coach.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
CHIVAS USA — Signed D Akira Kaji.
FC DALLAS — Transferred G Richard Sanchez to Tigres UANL (Liga MX).

COLLEGE
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON — Named Grant Billmeier men's assistant basketball coach.

Delle Donne and Moore lead WNBA All-Star balloting

NEW YORK (AP) — Elena Delle Donne and Maya Moore are the early vote leaders for the WNBA All-Star game. Delle Donne, who last year became the first ever rookie to lead all vote-getters, is once again topping the ballot released Tuesday. The Chicago forward is joined in the Eastern Conference frontcourt by Tamika Catchings of the Indiana Fever and Angel McCoughtry of the Atlanta Dream. McCoughtry's

teammate, rookie Shoni Schimmel, leads the East guards with Ivory Latta second. Moore is leading the league in scoring. Minnesota's star forward is joined by Los Angeles' Candace Parker and Phoenix's Brittney Griner in the front court. Griner's teammate on the Mercury, Diana Taurasi, and the Lynx's Seimone Augustus lead the guards. The starters will be announced on July 8.

Texas Rangers hold moment of silence for late ESPN reporter

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers observed a moment of silence before Tuesday night's game against Detroit for veteran sports reporter Richard Durrett. Durrett's primary beat in the Dallas area for ESPN was the Rangers, and other reporters

who cover the team put a collection of mementos around his empty seat in the press box. The first home game for Texas came exactly a week after Durrett's death on June 17. He was 38. Rangers manager Ron Washington and several players were at a memorial service in Dallas.

Uptons tie HR mark for brothers

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta brothers B.J. and Justin Upton have homered in the same game for the fourth time as teammates, tying a major league record. Other brothers who have done it four times

are Jeremy and Jason Giambi and Vladimir and Wilton Guerrero. B.J. Upton's homer against the Houston Astros on Tuesday night was a solo shot off Scott Feldman in the third inning.

BASEBALL
American League
East Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|-----|---------|
| Toronto | 44 | 35 | .557 — |
| Baltimore | 40 | 36 | .526 2½ |
| New York | 39 | 37 | .513 3½ |
| Boston | 35 | 42 | .455 8 |
| Tampa Bay | 31 | 48 | .392 13 |

Central Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|-----|---------|
| Detroit | 41 | 32 | .562 — |
| Kansas City | 40 | 37 | .519 3 |
| Cleveland | 37 | 39 | .487 5½ |
| Minnesota | 36 | 39 | .480 6 |
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West Division

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|-------------|----|-----|----------|
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| Los Angeles | 42 | 33 | .560 4 |
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Pena returns to Texas 13 years after making debut with team

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Carlos Pena is back in the major leagues with the team that drafted him in the first round quite a while ago.

Pena rejoined the Rangers on Tuesday, a week after signing a minor league deal and going to Triple-A Round Rock, and 13 years after making his major league debut with Texas. He was the 10th overall pick in 1998.

"God is good, man. Here I am, where it all started for me and it's truly very special," Pena said the home series opener against Detroit on Tuesday night, when he was batting sixth and playing first base. "Just

to think back where it all started. ... This is crazy. I was looking at a picture I had of my first at-bat ever and it was with a Rangers uniform. My wife sent it to me this morning."

The Rangers designated first baseman/outfielder Brad Snyder for assignment when they purchased the 36-year-old Pena's contract from Round Rock.

Since losing Prince Fielder and Mitch Moreland to season-ending injuries, Snyder was splitting time at first base with Donnie Murphy. Neither Snyder nor Murphy had played first base in the major leagues before this season.

"We just brought in a first baseman to play first base, and he has a presence," manager Ron Washington said. "He may be a little older, but he has presence. Throw something in the wrong spot, and he will hurt you. He knows how to play around that bag. He knows what to do, he knows where to be. It's second nature to him."

In seven games at Round Rock, Pena hit .333 (8 for 24) with one home run.

The only person to go longer between games for the Rangers was Sammy Sosa, who made his major league debut for Texas in 1989 and then played his final sea-

son there in 2007.

Fielder had a cervical fusion of the C5 and C6 disks in his neck last month. Moreland had ligament reconstructive surgery and bone realignment in his left ankle Monday, and the team said he went home to Mississippi.

Fielder and Moreland are expected to be ready for spring training next season.

After playing 22 games for the Rangers, Pena was traded to Oakland that winter. He has also played for Detroit, Boston, Tampa Bay, the Chicago Cubs, Houston and Kansas City. He was an All-Star in 2009 with Tampa Bay.

Woods says he's ahead of schedule

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — About two dozen photographers lined up in a row on the range Tuesday at Congressional, a reminder that golf is different when Tiger Woods is around.

And that was before Woods even arrived to hit balls for 35 minutes.

He was last seen wearing golf shoes on March 9, when he walked gingerly off the golf course at Doral with back pain that had been bothering him off and on since August 2012 and finally reached a point that he chose surgery over playing two majors.

Woods returns at the Quicken Loans National with big hopes and realistic expectations.

Asked for an opening comment on where he is with his recovery, Woods smiled and said, "I'm right here."

"It's been an interesting road," Woods said. "This has been quite a tedious little process, but been one where I got to a point where I can play competitive golf again."

And it's pretty exciting."

Dressed in black, with shoes the company colors of his new endorsement deal (MusclePharm), Woods turned the routine into news. After each booming tee shot, he casually walked forward a few paces, stooped to pick up his tee.

Woods, who had back surgery on March 31, said the British Open was his target all along. He was candid in saying he might not be playing the Quicken Loans National if it did not benefit his foundation.

That's not to suggest he is coming back too early. Woods said he has been in constant contact with doctors and trainers as he slowly expanded his swing from chipping and putting to irons to wedges, all the way through the bag until he started swinging the driver a few weeks ago. He tried to add 10 yards of distance every couple of days, taking a break and getting treatment on days it didn't feel quite right.

Soccer's bad boy bites opponent at World Cup

NATAL, Brazil (AP) — Biting opponents, racist comments — all that looked to be behind Luis Suarez, as soccer's bad boy was maturing into a star for his club and country. Then, the old habit that most people leave behind in nursery school cropped up again in front of an audience of millions.

Faced with a smothering and frustrating Italian defense in a must-win World Cup game Tues-

day, the Uruguayan superstar responded with his front teeth.

It came about the 80th minute when Suarez and Italian defender Giorgio Chiellini got tangled up in front of the Italy goal. The apparent chomp happened in an instant, but caught by television cameras, it became a worldwide sensation and could lead to Suarez being kicked out of the World Cup.

The referee didn't see

a bite, and no foul was called despite Chiellini pleading and pulling down his jersey to show a red mark on his shoulder.

About a minute later, Uruguay scored the winning goal in a 1-0 game that sent Italy home.

Uruguay will continue playing, but the federation that runs the World Cup will investigate and may suspend Suarez, who has twice before been disciplined for bit-

ing opponents in league games.

Suarez didn't confirm or deny the bite, but said he was angry that Chiellini — one of the best defenders in the world and known for his physical play — had hit him in the eye during the game.

"These are things that happen on the pitch, we were both in the area, he thrust his shoulder into me," Suarez said in Spanish. "These things happen on the pitch."

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