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Hot temps + hot cars = a tragedy

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

The car is too hot for the tot. Within the last week, Howard County has seen temperatures in the 90s and even as high as 100 degrees. It is beginning to feel like Summer in West Texas.

With the weather getting warmer, it is important to remember the risks of leaving children and pets unattended in vehicles.

Research by Kids and Cars shows that a child's body temperature can rise three to five times faster than an adults and it only takes minutes for the interior temperature of a car to reach 125 degrees F.

In 2014, the number of child deaths from heatstroke due to being left in a

hot car was 30. In 2013 the death toll reached 44. Since 1998, there have been more than 630 child deaths because of children being left in hot cars.

A lot of child deaths due to heat have been because of parents and caregivers forgetting that they have the child with them. The child falls asleep, the person is busy planning their errands and is in a hurry so they accidentally forget the child in the car. Other times people think they will be just a minute and the child will be alright while they run inside a store. Sometimes people lock their keys in the car while the child is still in the vehicle.

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And you're out!



Photo/tonyclaxtonphotography
Big Spring's Mia Oliva tags out a runner at home during the Lady Steers' 10-9 extra-inning victory against Sweetwater Monday. Related photo, Page 6.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Runners take off for the Run2Love2Run race, a Permian Basin Events competition held earlier this year at the Big Spring State Park. Master the Mountain 5/10K race is set to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring State Park. Registration for the event is still ongoing.

Master the Mountain

17th annual run set for Saturday at state park

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Healthy living will be on the minds of many this weekend as runners and walkers gather at the top of the Big Spring State park in an effort to master the mountain.

"Lot's of races give finishers medals but only one says you've mastered the mountain. There still is time to get yours," said Craig Felty of Permian Basin Event, a company that organizes walks and runs throughout the year to promote healthy living.

The 17th annual Master the Mountain is set for 9 a.m. Saturday atop the Big Spring State Park. According to Felty, the course is unique in the Permian Basin. It follows alongside the natural 200-bluff which overlooks the city of Big Spring.

"This is one of the most beautiful and

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Jurors begin deliberating charges against marathon bomber

By **DENISE LAVOIE**
 AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON — Jurors in the federal death penalty trial of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev began deliberations Tuesday, a day after both prosecutors and his lawyers told them Tsarnaev must be held accountable for participating in the terror attack.

Deliberations in the guilt phase began almost two years after twin bombs exploded near the marathon's finish line on April 15, 2013, killing

three people and wounding more than 260.

During closing arguments Monday, Tsarnaev's lawyers agreed with prosecutors that Tsarnaev conspired with his brother to bomb the marathon and planted one of two pressure-cooker bombs that exploded that day.

But the defense said it was his now-dead older brother, Tamerlan, who was the mastermind of the attack. It was Tamerlan who bought the bomb parts, built the bombs and planned the attack,

said defense attorney Judy Clarke.

"If not for Tamerlan, it would not have happened," Clarke said.

A prosecutor told the jury that Tsarnaev made a cold-blooded decision aimed at punishing America for its wars in Muslim countries.

"This was a cold, calculated terrorist act. This was intentional. It was bloodthirsty. It was to make a point," Alope Chakravarty said. "It was to tell America that 'We will not be terrorized by you anymore.

We will terrorize you."

Clarke argued that Tsarnaev fell under the influence of Tamerlan. Clarke repeatedly referred to Dzhokhar

Tsarnaev — then 19 — as a

"kid" and a "teenager."

Prosecutors used their clos-

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Obituaries

Efren Nieves Sr.

Efren Nieves Sr., 89, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 5, 2015, in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- EDWARD LEE HURRINGTON, 60, of 4100 Dixon St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- PAM KAY GRUIS, 40, of 800 E. 13th St. was arrested on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- BRANSON MARTIN KENNEDY, 20, of 210 Texas Rd. was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid - no insurance.
- BERONICA CALDERON NUNEZ, 36, of 801 W. FM 700 was arrested on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 600 block of S. Douglas St.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4200 block of N. FM 820 (Coahoma) and in the 600 block of W. 9th St.
- WARRANT SERVICE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80 and in the 200 block of Owens St.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 3400 block of E. FM 7000.
- FORGERY was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail report having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- CAVANAUGH TYRON HANEY, 35, was booked by the GCSO on warrants for driving while license invalid, fail to report accident at once, duty on striking fixture/hwy landscape more than \$200 in damage and fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- BRANSON MARTIN KENNEDY, 20, was booked by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions.
- VERONICA CALDERON NUNEZ, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for as parent contributing to non-attendance.
- GARY LEE SMALE JR., 40, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for motion to revoke probation on original charges of theft of material aluminum/bronze/copper/brass less than \$20k.
- EDWARD LEE HURRINGTON, 60, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.
- PAM K. GRUIS, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for capias/driving while license invalid.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• 7 p.m. - The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

Take Note

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair is scheduled for April 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission is free. There will be health screenings, demonstrations, car seat check up, bike rodeo and more. For more information, call the chamber at 432-263-7641.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

• The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers

to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

• Staked

Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of 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 a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/8	Thu 4/9	Fri 4/10	Sat 4/11	Sun 4/12
93/67 Partly cloudy skies. High 93F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	93/62 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	86/52 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	80/60 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	84/63 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	92	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	87	71	pt sunny
Amarillo	87	52	sunny	Livingston	84	67	pt sunny
Austin	88	67	pt sunny	Longview	83	64	pt sunny
Beaumont	82	68	pt sunny	Lubbock	91	59	windy
Brownsville	86	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	87	68	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	65	pt sunny	Midland	92	66	sunny
Corpus Christi	81	71	pt sunny	Raymondville	89	72	mst sunny
Corsicana	85	66	pt sunny	Rosenberg	85	68	pt sunny
Dallas	85	67	pt sunny	San Antonio	86	67	pt sunny
Del Rio	90	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	87	67	pt sunny
El Paso	86	60	windy	Sulphur Springs	82	66	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	91	64	sunny	Sweetwater	92	67	mst sunny
Gainesville	83	65	pt sunny	Tyler	84	66	pt sunny
Greenville	83	66	pt sunny	Weatherford	88	66	pt sunny
Houston	86	70	cloudy	Wichita Falls	89	66	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	63	t-storm	Minneapolis	47	36	rain
Boston	43	38	rain	New York	58	43	rain
Chicago	48	40	rain	Phoenix	79	50	pt sunny
Dallas	85	67	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	47	t-storm
Denver	72	41	mst sunny	Seattle	61	42	cloudy
Houston	86	70	cloudy	St. Louis	82	67	t-storm
Los Angeles	61	48	rain	Washington, DC	76	53	rain
Miami	84	72	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 4/8	Thu 4/9	Fri 4/10	Sat 4/11	Sun 4/12
9	8	9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

Relay fund-raiser set for Weekend

The Young and Breastless, a Relay for Life team, will be holding a garage sale on April 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.



The sale will be at 504 E. 13th St. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. If anyone has any items to donate to the garage sale, call Judy Pumroy at 432-638-2499 or bring the items to the garage sale.

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News in brief

Obama says Iran could cut time needed for bomb to near zero after 13 years under nuclear deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defending an emerging nuclear deal, President Barack Obama said Iran would be kept a year away from obtaining a nuclear weapon for more than a decade, but conceded Tuesday that the buffer period could shrink to almost nothing after 13 or more years.

Obama, whose top priority at the moment is to sell the framework deal to critics, was pushing back on the charge that the deal fails to eliminate the risk because it allows Iran to keep enriching uranium. He told NPR News that Iran will be capped for a decade at 300 kilograms — not enough to convert to a stockpile of weapons-grade material.

“What is a more relevant fear would be that in Year 13, 14, 15, they have advanced centrifuges that enrich uranium fairly rapidly, and at that point, the breakout times would have shrunk almost down to zero,” Obama said.

Breakout time refers to how long it would take to build a bomb if Iran decided to pursue one full-bore — in other words, how long the rest of the world would have to stop it.

The framework deal expands Iran’s breakout time — currently two to three months — to at least a year. But that constraint would stay in place only for 10 years, at which point some restrictions would start phasing out.

Discredited rape story testing Jann Wenner and Rolling Stone

NEW YORK (AP) — Through decades of digging into the private lives of rock stars and providing a forum for colorful writers like Hunter S. Thompson and P.J. O’Rourke, Rolling Stone magazine publisher Jann Wenner has never been afraid to push boundaries.

Now Wenner, who founded the magazine as a 20-year-old college dropout, is weathering the stiffest test of Rolling Stone’s credibility that the magazine has faced in its 48-year history.

On Sunday, the magazine retracted last November’s story on sexual assault at the University of Virginia in advance of the release of a damning Columbia University report about its reporting and editing, and on Monday, a fraternity named in the story threatened a lawsuit.

The magazine also faced criticism Monday for

what some critics deemed a muted response to the problems outlined in Columbia’s exhaustive report.

The sharply funny O’Rourke, who worked at Rolling Stone from 1985 to 2000, said he found the editing and fact-checking there to be as rigorous as the legendarily tough New Yorker magazine.

Stepfather: Man and 7 children died in home he tried to warm with generator after power cut

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. (AP) — A man found dead with his seven children in a Maryland home where power was cut due to an outstanding bill had tried to keep the family warm with a generator, a relative said.

Lloyd Edwards told The Associated Press that his stepson, 36-year-old Rodney Todd, had bought the generator after the power was shut off to the home in Princess Anne on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. He said those who died were Todd and Todd’s two sons and five daughters.

“To keep his seven children warm, (Todd) bought a generator, Edwards said, adding: “The carbon monoxide consumed them.”

BOMBER

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ing to remind the jury of the horror of that day, showing photographs and video of the carnage and chaos after the

shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs exploded. In one video, jurors could hear the agonizing screams of Krystle Campbell, a 29-year-old restaurant manager who bled to death on the sidewalk. Another woman and an 8-year-old boy also were

killed. Taking aim at the argument that Tsarnaev was led astray by his older brother, Chakravarthy repeatedly referred to the Tsarnaevs as “a team” and “partners” in the attack. “That day, they felt they were soldiers. They were the

mujahedeen, and they were bringing their battle to Boston,” the prosecutor said. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, died four days after the bombings after he was shot by police and run over by Dzhokhar during a getaway attempt. Dzhokhar was captured

hours later hiding in a dry-docked boat. If Tsarnaev is convicted — and that is considered a near certainty, given his lawyer’s admission — the jury will then begin hearing evidence on whether he should get life in prison or a death sentence.

RUN

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challenging venues in the Permian Basin,” Felty said. “It is beautiful, challenging. This is a run that you will want to make a regular part of your annual schedule.” To register, visit www.permianbasinevents.com/master-the-mountain.html. The cost is \$25 for the 5K event and \$30 for the 10K race.

“Race day registration will be accepted but times may not be eligible for awards,” Felty said. Race participants may pickup packets at 7:45 a.m. Park gates close to vehicles at 8:45 a.m. and parking is limited both

at the bottom and top of the mountain. The Big Spring State Park is located off of FM 700 near the Wasson St. and FM 700 intersection. “Please arrive early and carpool if possible,” Felty urged. “The course will remain closed from 8:50 a.m. until the last runner crosses the finish line which is usually a little over one hour.

Cars will be allowed to leave at that time. “Plan to stay until 10:20 a.m.,” Felty continued. “Then head out to the Howard County Health Fair on the Howard College Campus to finish out a healthy morning.” Also occurring Saturday, the annual 33rd Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair

with around 50 booths expected to be open on the floor of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum beginning at 8 a.m. The fair runs until noon and several activities are planned throughout the day including adult self defense demonstrations, health checks, healthy snack demonstrations and samples, eye screen-

ings, kickboxing demonstrations, a bicycle rodeo, Bokwa demonstrations and car safety seat checks to name just a few. Howard College is located at 1001 Birdwell Lane. Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

HOT

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Temperature increases in a car on a hot day are 19 degrees in 10 minutes, 29 degrees in 20 minutes and 34 degrees in 30 minutes. It does not take very long for

the air inside the car to become suffocating and research has shown that cracking the windows does very little to help keep the temperature from rising. Even if it is only 77 degrees out, the child is at risk. There are currently 20 states that have laws


against leaving children in an unattended car, Texas being one of them, and another 14 states have previously proposed unattended child laws. There are many useful tips offered by KidsAndCars.org to keep from forgetting children in

cars. Never leave a child unattended around cars and keep cars locked at all times. Keep a large stuffed animal in the car-seat, when the child is in the car-seat, set the stuffed animal up front with you to remind you of the child. Use drive through services so that you do not have to get out of the car as much. Use a card at the pump so you do not leave your child alone to pay for gas. Web MD recommends calling 911 immediately if you see a child trapped in a hot car. “Heatstroke occurs

when a person’s temperature exceeds 104 degrees F. and their thermoregulatory mechanism is overwhelmed. A core body temperature of 107 degrees F. or greater can be lethal as cells are damaged and internal organs begin to shut down.” states [gweather.com](http://www.gweather.com)’s website. The National Weather Service slogan is, “Beat the heat, check the backseat.”

Contact Julie Bass

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Alejandro “Alex” Franco, Jr., 48, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 11a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Calvin Marion, 42, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 2:30 Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

L.J. Howell, 74, died Friday. Memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at East Side Baptist Church.

Mary Dodd, 91, of Big Spring died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Efren Nieves, Sr., 89, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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ANSWER: WHITE CHOCOLATE

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Easter egg hunt



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a system of religious belief

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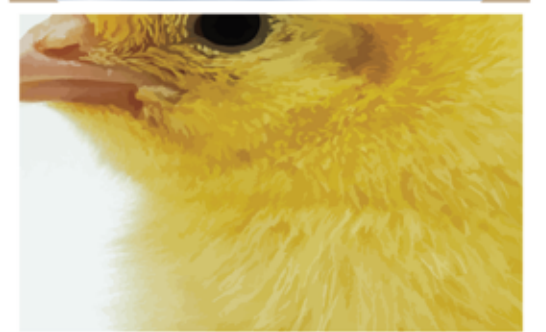
- ENGLISH:** Rabbit
- SPANISH:** Conejo
- ITALIAN:** Coniglio
- FRENCH:** Lapin
- GERMAN:** Kaninchen

Did You Know?

THE TALLEST CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG EVER MADE WAS PRODUCED IN ITALY IN 2011. IT WAS TALLER THAN A GIRAFFE AND HEAVIER THAN AN ELEPHANT.



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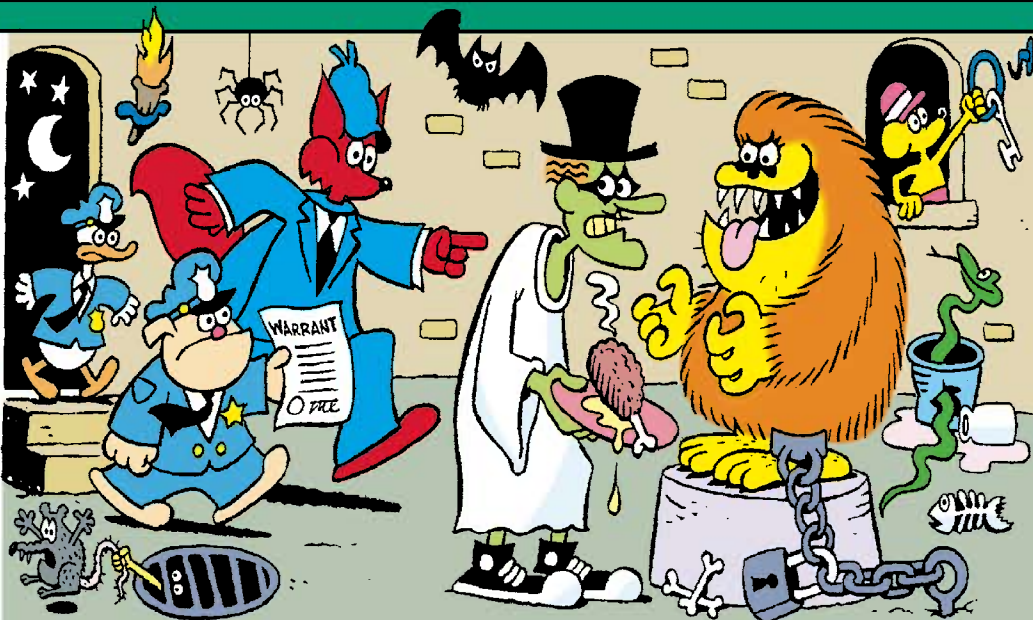
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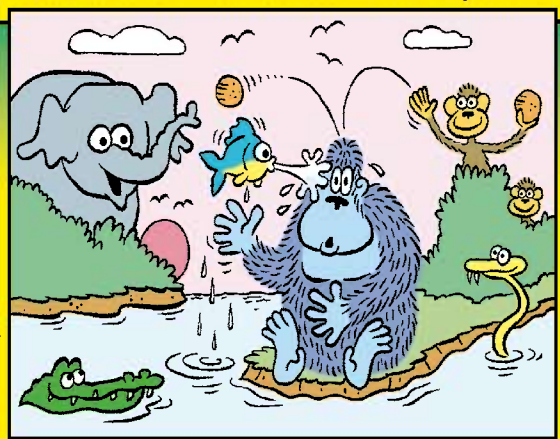
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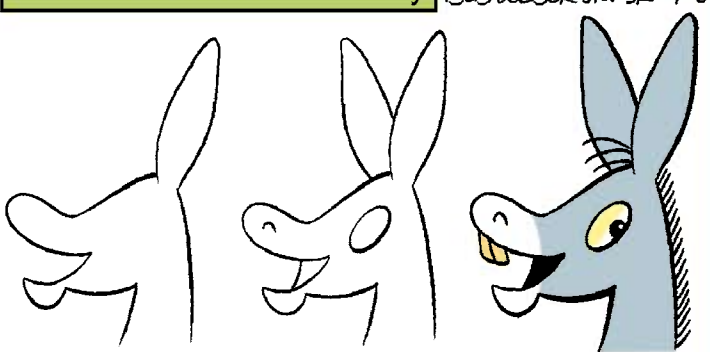
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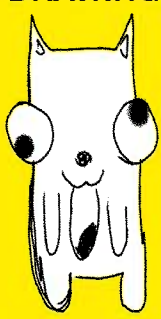
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Which of these animals can regrow body parts that have been destroyed?

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- c) Salamander
- d) Lizard
- e) Spider

Answer -- All of the above!



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BIRD POOP: April in Texas marks Common Poorwill migration

As March gave way to April last week, their silent migration through our arid terrain was in progress. You might have seen one resting in alignment with a large mesquite limb. Only, if you could have discerned its outline segueing into the coloration afforded by the rough bark, would it have been possible.

April is their month in West Texas as they wend their way to the north. The key to their arrival is the proverbial phone call. When one of the Midland game wardens said he thought what he held in his hand was a common poorwill, I knew he held the clue to their presence in our area.

Usually inactive during the day, the bird takes to the air as day darkens into night. In silent, graceful flight, it climbs, dives, and circles in pursuit of catching airborne insects.

To have held and worked with this marvelous aviator is memorable. Its large head and tiny beak mask a gaping mouth that is essen-

tially a flying insect trap. In hand, its mere two ounces, mostly feathers, don't seem so formidable.

Adorned only with a narrow white band across its throat, and white tips on its tail, it is drab on purpose. Its natural camouflage insures its survival, whether in a tree or on the ground.

That the officer mentioned a resident had found the bird under some lawn furniture while spring-cleaning was not surprising. Poorwills are often found under bushes, and underneath stairwells located outside of apartments. The cold snaps during the latter part of March had probably encouraged this one into a state of torpidity.

With food sources diminished, and as a means of fasting and surviving during a cold spell, the poorwill had started to hibernate. It was reacting to hunger rather than the cold.

Because it could lower its respiration, heartbeat, and body temperature, the bird would use its inactivity to survive through an absence of flying insects. This deep sleep, or torpor, would allow it to hibernate rather than migrate. When insects were plentiful again, the bird would awaken to a feast.

To his question concerning how long it

could "sleep" was my answer that it could go for weeks, or a month. When enough warm days insured success, the poorwill would wake up. Once back in the wild, it would regulate its own existence if it encountered another cold snap or meager supply of insects.

After telling me the woman had thought it was injured or dead, he laughed when I related the stories we had heard. Saying they had an owl, callers would often describe a bird with mottled, soft brown and grey feathers interlaced with black, tan, and white. It had a large head and eyes.

Hopefully, our replies to the varying descriptions enlightened the callers. By its weight and stature alone, a poorwill was not an owl.

Others thought it was a raptor because it hissed at them. They were afraid of being bitten.

Often, a poorwill's tiny bill, surrounded by bristles or "whiskers" would suddenly open to expose a gaping mouth. Its defensive noise could make grown men back away from its verbal warning. Its tonal protests were a natural reaction to being handled.

Those afraid of being bitten had a guarded



Courtesy Photo

Resting on the ground or perched lengthwise on a branch during the day, the nocturnal Common Poorwill is seen hunting during the evening and early morning.

respect for owls because of their sharp, pointed beaks for tearing food. The poorwill, however, was limited, and had to swallow its food whole.

As small as mosquitoes, flies, and gnats, or as large as dragonflies, insects were propelled by the bird's flight speed into the large opening provided by its gaping jaws. Trying to feed one by hand, we cautioned, should be limited to someone knowledgeable in how to open its mouth because of the delicate hinges on the sides of its mouth.

When I encouraged the officer to allow the bird to warm and wake

up with the sun's assistance, he said his porch roof would be the perfect spot. The poorwill could leave when ready.

As the game warden and I shared experiences, we agreed for a poorwill to be so small, it was a wonder that it could appear to be so large, aggressive, and intimidating. Comparing it to a chameleon, I thought it changed with each person's perception.

For such an avian migrant to mislead so many people as to its identification always happened during the onset of a special day in April. Right before, during, or slightly after the first of April,

the specie managed to arrive to perplex even more inquisitive minds. Flitting about one neighborhood last year while catching insects, a poorwill had been described as a large moth.

What people think it is, it isn't! And this year was no exception.

To me, it was saying, "April Fools' Day!" With no disrespect, and after a late cold snap, all it really needed was a warm day.

Don't we all?

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

Parent's Corner

Isn't it interesting how we can sometimes just accept things as they are and not seem to question why. This is the way I have been toward Easter and the acceptance of the Easter bunny and Easter eggs. I just have not thought about why



DARRELL RYAN

those two things are part of Easter until recently, and all of the sudden it dawned on me, and so I did a bit of research into the reason for such things being connected with the religious meaning of Easter.

It is thought that the word Easter comes from a Teutonic deity, a pagan goddess called Eastre or Eostre, who was celebrated as the goddess of spring and fertility by the Saxons of Northern Europe, and feasts were held in her honor on the Vernal Equinox. Her symbol was the rabbit because of the animal's high reproduction rate in the early spring.

A festival called Eastre was held during the spring equinox to honor her, and then eventually

merged into the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The Easter Bunny legend was first documented in the 1500s, and the legend of the Easter Bunny bringing eggs appears to have been brought to the United States by settlers from southwestern Germany. The German tradition of the Easter Bunny or "Oschter Haws" made its way to America in the 1800s, most likely accompanying German immigrants, many of whom settled in Pennsylvania.

The arrival of the "Oschter Haws" was considered "childhood's greatest pleasure" next to a visit from Kris Kringle on Christmas Eve. The children believed that if they were good the "Oschter Haws" would lay a nest of colored eggs. I found that the egg is an ancient symbol of new life, rebirth, and fertility, and has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring.

If we approach it from a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb, and egg rolling symbolic of the stone blocking Jesus' tomb being rolled away, leading to his resurrection.

However, this association came much later

when Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in Germany in the 15th century and merged with already ingrained pagan beliefs.

Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that apparently dates back to at least the 13th century. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, and then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Easter egg hunts have been around as long as I can remember, for activities for children, and the Easter Egg Roll, a race in which children push decorated, hard-boiled eggs across the White House lawn, is an annual event held the Monday after Easter. The first official White House egg roll occurred in 1878, when Rutherford B. Hays was president.

By the way, do you realize that the Easter Bunny's favorite city is not far from here. It's Albunny, Texas!

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

'Miracle dog' survives being hit by car, clubbed, abandoned

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The stray dog was hit by a car, clubbed in the head and left for dead in a ditch in Washington state. Days later, the 1-year-old bully breed mix showed up sickly and covered in dirt at a nearby farm.

Now, the dog that defied death is recovering with the help of good Samaritans and veterinarians at Washington State University.

The dog used to roam the streets getting scraps of food from people in Moses Lake, a farm town about 100 miles west of Spokane.

About a month ago, she was struck by a car. Then things got worse: Someone cracked her in the head with a hammer and placed her in a box in a farm field.

But the dog somehow survived and was discovered at a nearby farm with a dislocated jaw, leg injuries and a caved-in sinus cavity.

The wounds helped veterinarians piece together what happened, including the hammer blow.

"I'm assuming that the person who did this meant to put her out of her misery," said Sara Mellado, who learned about the dog's plight on Facebook and took the animal into her Moses Lake home.

She named the dog Theia.

"Considering everything that she's been through, she's incredibly gentle and loving," Mellado told The Associated Press. "She's a true miracle dog, and she deserves a good life."

Theia is receiving care at WSU's Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Pullman.

A CT scan of her skull revealed a condition that constricts the nasal



passages, restricting air flow into the lungs, said veterinary resident Andrea Sundholm, who's assisting with Theia's treatment. It was caused by multiple nasal bone fractures.

When Theia tries to draw air in through her nose, she's forced to open her mouth to breathe instead. But with a dislocated jaw, that is challenging as well.

Theia's jaw is healing on its own, but the nasal-bone fractures have caused lasting problems, Sundholm said. Fixing that will require surgery to insert a stent, she said.

The veterinary hospital's Good Samaritan Fund awarded \$700 to help pay for Theia's early treatment.

Mellado has raised another \$10,000 for the surgery through a crowdfunding website, and is planning to call WSU to schedule the procedure.

The university said despite her injuries, Theia is friendly and likes to kiss people's cheeks.

Mellado said she has been deluged with calls from people seeking to help. Theia is staying with Mellado's family until they find her a permanent home.

"She's a puppy," Mellado said. "She's outgoing, lovable, up for meeting new people."

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Jeremy Petrowski holds a 13-pound, 2-ounce carp he caught Saturday at Comanche Trail Park Lake. Bread from the local market was used as bait.

Golfers nab district title

Harris second, Otto fourth in medalist race

Herald Staff Report

Paint the District 2-4A boys' golf trophy black and gold.

Paced by strong performances by Sam Harris and Nolan Otto, the Big Spring High School boys' team won the district team competition in easy fashion after final-round competition in Big Spring.

The Steers won the title in convincing fashion, shoot-

ing a team total 1002 over the three rounds to best second-place Snyder by 27 strokes. Sweetwater was third with a team score of 1061.

Harris shot an 80, the low round of the day, to pace Big Spring to a third-round score of 341. His three-round total of 238 landed him six shots behind Sweetwater's Michael Hunt for medalist honors.

Otto shot an 84 for a three-round total of 248, good for

fourth place in medalist competition. Tyler Bryan shot 254 to finish sixth in individual play; Nolan Dominguez and Zach Bennett were eighth and ninth, respectively.

Big Spring's second team shot a three-round total of 1215 to finish sixth in team competition.

The Steers advance to the Region I-4A golf tournament, which will be held April 15-16 at Shallow Hills Golf Club in Lubbock.

Practice makes perfect?

Tiger pins hopes on prep work

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Tiger Woods stood on the seventh green at Augusta National, legs crossed and propped up on his putter, as a V-shaped line of mowers headed down the fairway like a flock of geese.

He seemed intrigued by this routine bit of maintenance, staring at those whirring machines for the longest time.

Then again, Woods is rarely on the course at this time of day for a practice round, with the sun setting and many of the patrons already headed for home.

Yep, these are unusual times for the four-time Masters champion.

Even so, one thing hasn't changed. Sure, Rory McIlroy is going, Bubba Watson hopes to claim the green jacket for the third time in four years, and Jordan Spieth seems on the verge of a breakthrough victory, but Woods remains the most compelling figure at the first major of the year.

"The game is better when Tiger Woods is around," said old pal Mark O'Meara, who joined Woods to play nine holes late Monday

afternoon.

Woods normally practices early in the morning at Augusta, but his surprise appearance showed just how much hasn't changed — and hasn't changed — since he stepped away from the game in early February after some dismal performances, saying he wouldn't return until he was ready to contend again.

This was the first chance for the public to check out the state of his game, and it was hard to get a read on whether he can actually

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Allen keys Blue Devils' NCAA win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With two of Duke's star freshmen in foul trouble in the biggest game of the season, the Blue Devils found a championship-saving jolt from an unlikely source.

Hello, Grayson Allen. Welcome to the game's biggest stage.

The fourth and often overlooked member of Duke's heralded freshman class scored 16 points in Monday night's NCAA championship game. That included a run of eight straight points for Duke — along with a huge burst of energy — that helped Duke get back in a game that was slipping away and beat Wisconsin 68-63 for the program's fifth title.

"We got nine points down, we're in foul trouble and a little bit disjointed," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "And Grayson put us on his back."

Allen's timely burst was desperately needed for Duke with star big man Jahlil Okafor and fellow freshman Justise Winslow battling foul trouble. And with Okafor sitting for long stretches of the second half, Allen saw major minutes in a small lineup for the Blue Devils (35-4).

Allen, a 6-foot-4 guard from Jacksonville, Florida, scored 10 points after halftime and finished 5-for-8 from the field along with a perfect 5-for-5 from the foul line in 21 minutes. Along the way, he provided some of the same hustle he did in Saturday night's win against Michigan State in the Final Four, sprinting and diving for loose balls or penetrating hard into the paint — and just being a general pest — against a veteran Badgers team.

It was a heck of a coming out party, one that put Allen on the five-man all-Final Four tournament team after this one was over.

"Coach has told me all year to stay ready in practice, and those other seven guys have really given me confidence," Allen said. "They've been supporting me all year. ... I knew that I was capable of doing it just because of what they've been telling me all year."

There's no way Wisconsin could've seen Allen's outburst coming, either.

Allen had played at least 20 minutes only twice and scored in double



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Big Spring's Mercedes Ruiz, right, slides safe into second base with a double during the Lady Steers' softball game against Sweetwater at the Big Spring ISD softball complex Monday. Big Spring won the game, 10-9, in 10 innings.

Rangers blanked by A's in opener

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Sonny Gray spoiled more than one debut with his dazzling display on opening day.

Yovani Gallardo lost his first start in a Texas uniform and Jeff Banister bounced back from the flu only to drop his initial game as a manager, with Gray carrying a no-hit bid into the eighth inning of Oakland's 8-0 romp over the Rangers on Monday night.

The right-hander didn't allow a hit until Ryan Rua singled leading off the eighth inning, and the Athletics snapped their record 10-game losing streak on opening day.

Trying to join Bob Feller (1940) as the only pitchers to throw a no-hitter in a season opener, Gray dazzled through seven innings and allowed only two baserunners before Rua's sharp grounder to right field. Fans in the sellout crowd of 36,067 chanted "Sonny! Sonny!" and offered a roaring ovation.

Kuechel shines in Astros' win

HOUSTON (AP) — When the Houston Astros didn't have a hit with two outs in the sixth inning against Cy Young Award winner Corey Kluber, new manager A.J. Hinch wasn't concerned.

Jose Altuve was coming up to bat. "I think he's going to get a hit every time," Hinch said of last year's AL hitting champion.

Hinch was right to be confident. Altuve ended the no-hit bid with a single and later scored to back a combined three-hitter by Dallas Keuchel and two relievers in Houston's 2-0 win over the Cleveland Indians.

George Springer and Jake Marisnick each drove in a run for the Astros. Making his first opening-day start, Keuchel (1-0) allowed three hits and struck out four in seven innings.

"I think the city of Houston has waited a long time for a winner and we're trying to get back there," Keuchel said. "Granted it's only one game, but we have the guys to succeed and I think we're going to show some people that this year."

Tony Sipp threw a perfect eighth and new closer Luke Gregerson worked a 1-2-3 ninth for the save.

Altuve's soft single that broke up the no-hitter dropped in front of Michael Bourn in center field.

"I made a pretty good pitch, but he's got good hands and good bat control, and he dumped one in there," Kluber said.

Altuve stole second and scored on a single by Springer, who was thrown out trying to stretch it to a double.

"He starts everything," Springer said of Altuve. "He always does."

Springer was playing for the first time since July 19, after a quadriceps injury cut short a promising rookie season in which he hit 20 homers.

Kluber (1-0) yielded three hits and two runs with seven strikeouts in 7 1-3 innings a day after agreeing to a five-year, \$38.5 million contract.

Jed Lowrie drew a one-out walk in the eighth before a single by Colby Rasmus chased Kluber. He was replaced by Scott Atchison, and Marisnick's sacrifice fly scored Lowrie to push the lead to 2-0.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have trepidation about what could happen today, but that won't stop you. The upside of fear is that it gives you an adrenaline rush -- just what you need to be brave, which takes a lot of energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your ambitions of the day are social -- they depend on other people

for their realization. That's why it's important to understand what the other people need and want before you make your move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While trying to understand and predict the behavior of others, it's natural to use shortcuts and assumptions. But in order to truly know someone, you must let go of preconceived notions and see this person as though for the first time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-awareness and introspection don't always lead to figuring out what you want to do and how to stay motivated long enough to accomplish it. It's time to stop pondering and join a group.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A competitive mood prevails. Go over the rules of the game in your head to make sure you stay in line. If there are no rules (perhaps because this is not officially a game), then make some up for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may not be a part of the main action going on around you, but your influence over what happens will still be quite strong. Your opinions and example will change how people think and behave.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because you are able to work quietly and alone for long periods of highly focused time, you are perfectly suited to a certain well-paid job. Put your name in the hat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want to provide opportunity and guidance for future generations, specifically the next one behind you. Someone in this crew has been watching your every move lately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You prefer your interactions to be purposeful and cheerful. Nothing irritates you more than people who seem to have no problem wasting time or sharing their apathetic mood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't let your support system weaken from disuse. Let your team know you need them. Do things together that will require help from all. You're not the only one who benefits from uniting the group.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Social risks will pay off, especially the hardest one: being the first to approach a stranger and strike up a conversation. The potential for new friendship and/or romance is definitely there.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(April 7). In your experience, the super-luck doesn't come to mild-mannered wishful thinkers, and that's why you work like crazy to make your own opportunities this year, a strategy that will make you happy, prosperous and well-connected. You'll sign a deal in May. June shows you entertaining and rising in political status. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 45, 13, 21 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am thinking of naming my child Orpheus. Does this name have good karma?"

The Orpheus of Ancient Greece was the most famous musician, poet and prophet of his time, whose charms, it was said, worked on all living things and even some non-living things such as rocks. Think Elvis, Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen and the band Coldplay all wrapped up in one. Whether he was a real person whose reputation was posthumously mythologized or a purely mythical being is a point of debate. However, he is credited with works including hymns that survive today.

Orpheus was the son of either a king or a god and the wise muse Calliope, whose specialty was epic poetry. As it is with most

Greek figures, Orpheus had an adventure-filled life, withstanding his share of tragedy, specifically in romantic matters. In the end, his lyre was carried to the heavens and is in the constellation Lyra. As for the karma of the name, it depends on your worldview, especially regarding celebrity and art. It is definitely a name packed with expectation, talent and passion, though lacking in serenity and other values.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: In the upcoming drama "Fathers and Daughters," Academy Award-winner Russell Crowe will appear once more with "Les Miserables" co-star Amanda Seyfried. Crowe, who often plays the part of a soldier in the fight, was born when the sun, Mars and Jupiter were in the sign of Aries, the warrior. His moon is in musical Aquarius.

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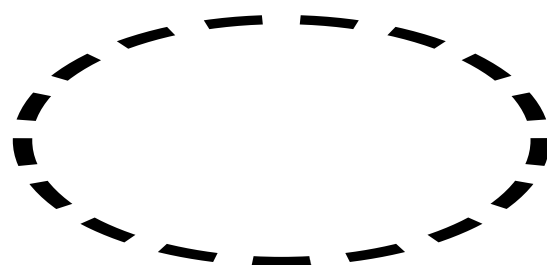
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It's All in the Spots

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ Q 3
♥ K Q J 3
♦ 7 3 2
♣ K 10 6 5

WEST
♦ 10 9 6 5 2
♥ A 9 8 4
♦ 6 4
♣ J 8

EAST
♥ K J 8 4
♦ 10 5
♦ K 9 8 5
♣ 9 4 3

SOUTH
♦ A 7
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A Q J 10
♣ A Q 7 2

The bidding:
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1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — five of spades.
This is a relatively simple hand to play, but it is worth discussing because many declarers might carelessly foul it up.

West leads a spade, and declarer hopefully plays dummy's queen. When East produces the king, South ducks and wins the spade continuation.

It's clear that if South loses the lead before he wins nine tricks, he will go down, with the defenders scoring at least four spades and the

ace of hearts. He must therefore try to win four diamond tricks and four club tricks, in addition to the ace of spades, without losing the lead.

It is far from certain South can accomplish this goal — the odds are greatly against it — but he has no better alternative. He begins by leading the ace of clubs followed by the queen to guard against the possibility that West might have four clubs to the jack. If so, the jack becomes finessable.

As it happens, however, West plays the jack on the queen, and at this point South must take advantage of his good fortune by overtaking the queen with the king. If he doesn't, he goes down one. Next comes a diamond finesse, which wins.

Again declarer must be very careful, leading the seven of clubs to dummy's ten in order to repeat the diamond finesse. He then leads the carefully preserved deuce of clubs to dummy's six for the final diamond finesse.

South's reward for manipulating his clubs correctly is that he finishes with nine tricks. But if he fails to overtake the queen of clubs, or later neglects to lead the seven to dummy's ten, he goes down, since he won't be able to lead diamonds three times from dummy.

Tomorrow: A partnership game.

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WE HAD A LOT OF SNOW DAYS

AGNES

AGNES, YOUR SOLO WAS MORE PAINFUL THAN A STEAK KNIFE IN THE EAR.

YES, I STRIVE FOR FEELING.

NO, I MEAN IT REALLY HURT TO LISTEN TO IT... PURE AUDITORY MISERY. I WANTED TO SCREAM.

YES, ART IS NOT ALWAYS ABOUT BEAUTY.

NO! I MEAN I COULD NOT STAND IT! NOT ONE MORE MINUTE! I WANTED TO DIE!

IT WAS AN OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE FOR ME AS WELL.

HI AND LOIS

YOU'RE NOT THROWING THAT AWAY?!

WHY NOT?

THAT'S A CLASSIC FROM THE '50s! DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH PEOPLE ARE PAYING FOR THAT STUFF?

YOU'RE BRINGING THAT BACK?!

ON THE ADVICE OF MY INVESTMENT ADVISER.

FLIP FLIP FLIP

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

A MYSTERY NOVEL CALLED "THE CASE OF THE MISSING BISCUIT."

WELL, I CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE HOW IT ENDS. THE SMALL DOG DID IT.

FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP

BY GOLLY, YOU'RE RIGHT THE SMALL DOG ATE THE BISCUIT.

IT'S ALWAYS THE SMALL DOG.

SNUFFY SMITH

WELCOME, MOTHER HINKS !!

HELLO, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW !!

I'M SORRY, SUGARBUN, YOU WUZ RIGHT...

MAMA STILL DON'T KNOW YORE NAME !!

BEETLE BAILEY

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE RAKING!

I DID! I RAKED AND I RAKED AND I RAKED SOME MORE

I JUST KEPT RAKING TILL I PASSED OUT

HOW LONG DID THAT TAKE?

ALMOST 5 MINUTES!

GREAT MOST WALKER

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 7, the 97th day of 2015. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 7, 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet, which included the battleship Yamato, that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission.

On this date:

In 1788, an expedition led by Gen. Rufus Putnam established a settlement at present-day Marietta, Ohio.

In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

In 1915, jazz singer-songwriter Billie Holiday, also known as "Lady Day," was born in Philadelphia.

In 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1939, Italy invaded Albania, which was annexed less than a week later.

In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly ratified Dag Hammarskjöld (dahg HAWM-ahr-shoold) of Sweden as the new secretary-general, succeeding Trygve Lie (TRIHG-vuh lee) of Norway.

In 1955, movie actress Theda Bara died in Los Angeles at age 69.

In 1966, the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon.

In 1985, British pop sensation Wham! (George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley) performed at a packed Beijing stadium in Communist China's first big-name rock concert.

In 1990, a display of Robert Mapplethorpe photographs opened at Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center, the same day the center and its director were indicted on obscenity charges (both were acquitted). An arson fire aboard a ferry en route from Norway to Denmark killed 158 people.

One year ago: Pro-Russian activists barricaded inside government buildings in eastern Ukraine proclaimed their regions to be independent and called for a referendum on seceding from Ukraine, an echo of events that had led to Russia's annexation of Crimea. Alonzo Mourning, a seven-time NBA All-Star, and NCAA champion-winning coaches Nolan Richardson and Gary Williams were voted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Thought for Today: "Verba movent, exempla trahunt." (Words move people, examples compel them.) -A Latin proverb.

Answer to previous puzzle

SUMS	ASAP	TAINS
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WEEKEND	WARRIORS	
SPA	LAD	
ASP	ALAS	GRATE
ACID	DNA	OPERA
HOLIDAY	SHOPPERS	
STOVE	SUN	SUES
STAVE	YMCA	PDT
	OLD	ODE
VACATION	BUDDIES	
IRANI	TOUR	ABLE
PESTO	ENDS	MESA
AKIN	DOSE	STEM

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MASTERS

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making a run at his 15th major championship.

There were some brilliant shots. There were some ugly shots. Sometimes, they came one after the other, like the dicey downhill putt from the fringe at No. 9 that rolled 40 feet past the cup. Of course, he knocked the comebacker right in the hole for would have been a brilliant par save if they had actually been keeping score.

They won't start doing that until Thursday.

In the meantime, Woods was encouraged. "It's been a process," he said, "but I'm on the good side now."

Woods insisted that his decision to play at Augusta, announced late last week and without so much as a warm-up tournament, is not a sign that he's downright desperate to break a nearly seven-year drought since his last major win, that at age 39 he realizes he's running out of chances to catch Jack Nicklaus' record 18 championships.

"It's just progression," Woods said. "I felt like I had to get my game into a spot where I felt I could compete to win a golf tournament, and it's finally there."

That remains to be seen. O'Meara, a big fan but a bit more of an unbiased observer, said there's still work to do for Woods to regain his place as the game's most dominant player. Much of it is mental, and no one — not even Woods — knows how he'll react when he's actually writing a score on his card.

"Confidence is a crazy thing in the game of golf," O'Meara said. "It can take years and year and years to gain confidence. Then, you make one, two or three bad shots, and that confidence is gone."

Despite his struggles, Woods still casts a one-of-a-kind aura over the home of the Masters. While many fans had already left by the time he arrived at the course, word quickly spread among those who remained. In short order, there were several thousand patrons trailing Woods and O'Meara around the front nine.

Woods and O'Meara used to be regular practice partners, but they grew apart when the 58-year-old O'Meara transitioned onto the senior tour.

Perhaps hoping that a rekindled friendship might help turn around his game, Woods sent a text Monday morning asking if O'Meara wanted to play in the afternoon.

DUKE

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figures four times all year before Monday night. He was averaging just 4.0 points in 8.9 minutes per game coming in, and much of that production had come in an 18-point outing in the season-opening win against Presbyterian and a 27-point outburst in a rout of Wake Forest in February.

He had earned a bigger supporting role and more trust from Krzyzewski after the dismissal of Rasheed Sulaimon from the team in Janu-

ary, even though there were still plenty of games where he saw only spot minutes here and there.

Allen's teammates, however, said they saw plenty of strong performances in practice, complete with that relentless energy and aggressive play that left him with a couple of big floorburns from diving on the court during the two games in Indianapolis.

Winslow went as far as to call Allen an expletive in describing his relentless play in practice. Maybe that's why none of the Blue Devils

in the celebratory locker room said they were surprised by what Allen did Monday night.

The Blue Devils trailed 48-39 when Allen started his personal spurt with a 3-pointer, followed by a driving basket for a three-point play and then two free throws. That got Duke back in the game, on the way to making Krzyzewski only the second coach to win five NCAA championships.

"Guys didn't want to guard him out there," Winslow said. "You saw that. He kept getting to the basket, kept getting big plays. So for a guy to

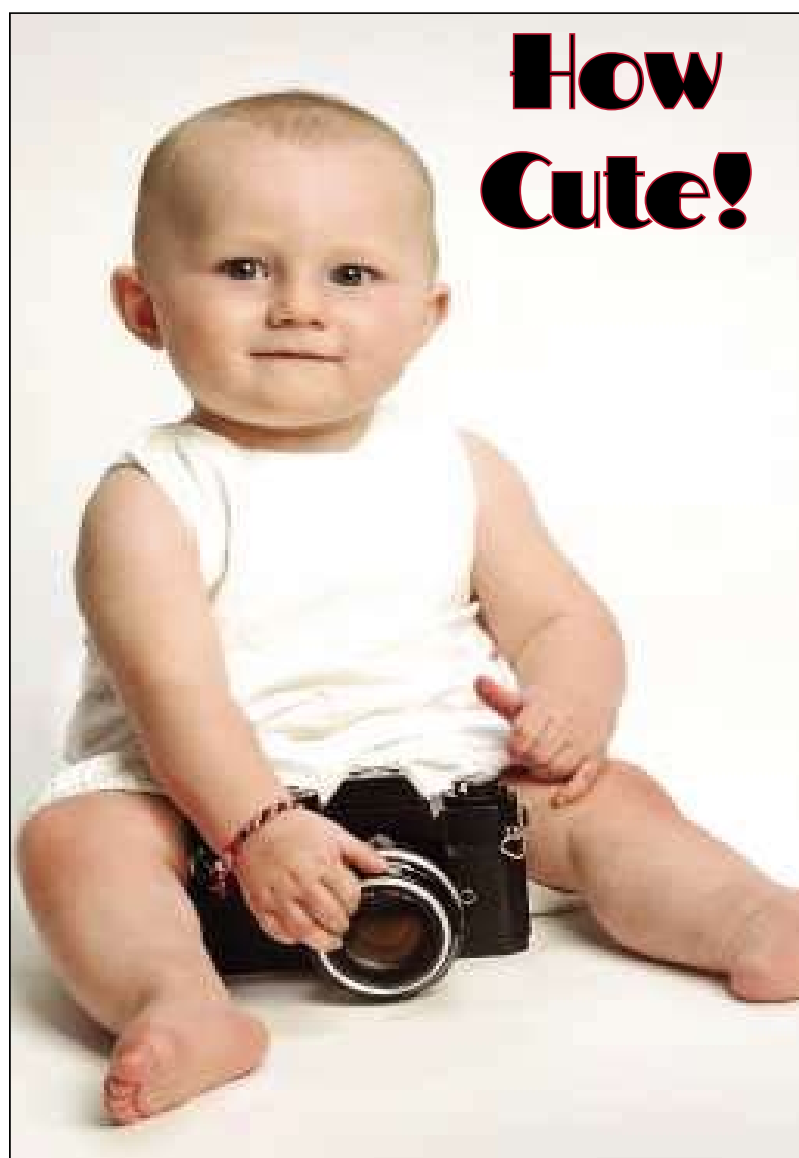
do that ... it just speaks volumes to the type of person he is."

When it was over and Duke had cut down the nets down once again, players and coaches climbed onto the mid-court stage to watch "One Shining Moment" on the video boards in Lucas Oil Stadium.

Allen found himself standing beside Krzyzewski, the Hall of Fame coach's net-wrapped left hand holding gently onto his left elbow.

It was fitting since it was hard to imagine how Duke could've won its biggest game of the season without him.

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