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Calling it a career



Iva Jo Hanslik, right, community relations director for the West Texas VA Healthcare System, is joined by U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway during ceremonies marking her retirement after more than 26 years service to local VA facility.

Hanslik retiring from VAMC

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer
For a decade and half, Iva Jo Hanslik has been the face of the VAMC as the community relations coordinator but as of Friday, July 10, she will be heading to her new job — being a full time grandmother.
“I feel like this is probably the

most rewarding job a person can have,” said Hanslik, who announced her retirement last week ending a 26-year career with the medical branch of Department of Veterans (VA). “When you feel like you’ve done something to help a hero that has given so much to our country, it is so rewarding.”

Hanslik’s roots grow deep within Howard County soil. She was born in a Big Spring hospital and raised on a farm in Howard County, which is still in operation under by her family. A Coahoma High School graduate, Hanslik attended Howard
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Animal officer resigns

Faces possible cruelty charges for incident earlier this month

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
The local animal control officer under investigation for possible cruelty charges has resigned, police department officials disclosed.
Animal Control Officer Michael Arista, who is accused of leaving several animal overnight in his department vehicle, resigned effective immediately Monday, according to a news release from the Big Spring Police Department.
Arista had been placed on administrative leave from BSPD’s animal control department pending the outcome of a criminal and internal administrative investigation.
Arista is accused of leaving “multiple” animals overnight in a department vehicle earlier this month.
“At approximately 10 a.m. (June 20), a Big Spring Police Department officer found multi-
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“Although it appears this was a tragic mistake made by Arista, the Big Spring Police Department believes it is a mistake that cannot be taken lightly.”

Big Spring Police Department press statement



Christie tosses hat into GOP ring, says he’s out to ‘change the world’

JILL COLVIN
Associated Press
LIVINGSTON, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie prepared Tuesday to launch his 2016 campaign for president, telling his most loyal supporters that he’s ready to begin what he called a “noble” effort to “lead our country and to change the world.”
The Republican governor is set to kick off his campaign Tuesday morning in the gymnasium of his old high school in the town of Livingston, New Jersey, where he experienced some of his first political victories in student politics.
“The idea of going back to where you were when you were 15, or 16, or 17 years old, and to be able to stand in front of that group of people and offer yourself to the presidency is a really, really amazing moment,” Christie said in a private call with donors, friends and out-of-state supporters a

few hours before his official announcement.
Christie called on them to “to have confidence” going forward. He said he was “ready to go” and excited “to begin what I hope is going to be a really noble and successful effort to try to lead our country and to change the world.”
Christie is aiming to reintroduce himself to a national audience that has seen him fade from favor among Republicans and then try to climb back.
Four years ago, some of Christie’s backers tried to persuade him to challenge President Barack Obama. In the years since, he won reelection with ease, but also struggled to revive the state’s moribund economy and fought with the state’s Democratic-controlled legislature over pensions and the state budget.
While Christie’s turn as

head of the Republican Governors Association was widely viewed as a success in the 2014 midterm elections, he’s also faced the fallout from the actions of three former aides, charged with creating politically motivated traffic jams to retaliate against a Democratic mayor who declined to endorse Christie’s re-election.
The governor faces a tough sell with many conservatives, but has seemingly found his stride at times in visits to early voting states with the lively town hall meetings he’s known for at home.
In articulating his vision for the country, Christie plans to draw heavily on his upbringing and his time in Livingston, a town about 20 miles west of New York City. His former high school friends were among the first to receive word that Christie would be launching his campaign.
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Local teen arrested on sex assault charges

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer
An 18-year-old Howard County man remained behind bars this morning after his arrest by the Big Spring Police Department on a charge of assault of a sexual child.
Kyler Jordan Nichols, 18, of 4451 N. FM 26, Ackerly was arrested Monday by Big Spring Police officers on the charge after the police received a call from a “concerned person,” according to Sgt. Tony Everett, BSPD information officer.
The alleged victim was younger than 14 years of age, Everett said.



Nichols

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Obituaries

Holly Fernandez
Goforth

Holly Fernandez Goforth, 44, of Big Spring, died Sunday, June 28, 2015 at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, Big Spring, Texas. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

A Prayer Vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Holly was born Oct. 19, 1970 in Lakewood, N.J. She attended the University of Kentucky at Lexington and was a die-hard Wildcats fan. She moved to Big Spring to be close to family

and started working for Vestus Wind Energy. Traveling with her job, she met Kevin Goforth and they were married May 16, 2010 in Covington, Tenn.

Holly is survived by her husband, Kevin Goforth of Big Spring; one step daughter, Skylar Goforth of Halls, Tenn.; parents, Marcus M. and Linda Fernandez, of Big Spring; father-in-law Billy Goforth and sister-in-law Leighann Barry both of Covington, Tenn.; brother, Marcus J. Fernandez of Big Spring; three sisters, Heather Grantham of Big Spring, Mande Eanes and husband, Rick of Keller, Meghan Bias and husband, Benjamin of Big Spring; nine nieces and nephews; and two uncles.

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

Patty Sides

Patty Sides, 75, of Big Spring died Monday, June 29, 2015, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Raul "Roy" Trevino

Raul "Roy" Trevino, 64, of Big Spring died Monday, June 29, 2015, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charlie Clark

Charlie Clark, 81, of Big Spring died Monday, June 29, 2015, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Food2Kids

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MICHAEL WILSON CARL, 31, of 119 Jackson, Covington, Okla., was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention; expired registration; failure to obtain Texas registration within 30 days; and failure to appear (two counts).
- DAQUAN MARQUIS GIST, 24, of 1312 Sycamore St was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY CARRILLO, 23, of 1102 W. 7th St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- KYLER JORDAN NICHOLS, 18, of 4451 N. FM 26, was arrested on a charge of sexual assault on a child.
- JOHN EDWARD DELANEY II, 25, of 1502 Scurry, was arrested on a charge possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.
- JACOB ALEXANDER GALAN, 25, of 1607 S. Main St. was arrested on a warrant for evading arrest/detention.
- TOMI JO MCPHERSON, 18, 3017 S. Moss Lake Road was arrested on a charge of expired registration.
- GRADY KIRKLAND SMITH, 18, of 703 North Brentwood Ave. Apt. A, Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 4400 block of Elder St., and in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore St.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Lynn Drive.
- THEFT was reported in the 3200 block of Rickabaugh Drive, in the 1800 block of State St., in the 1900 block of Scurry St., in the 1500 block of Johnson and in the 400 block of S. Birdwell, and in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 80 block of Cherry St.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King and in the 2600 block of S. Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th St.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 100 block of NE Broadway St., Coahoma.

- JOHN EDWARD DELANEY, 25, of 5511 E. Midway Road was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.
- PEGGY A. EDMONDSON, 35, of 502 Slide Road Apt. 1312, Lubbock, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- ZACHARY EUGENE FORD, 23, of 634 Caylor was booked by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.
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Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- DAVONTE DASHUM ANDERSON, 22, of 2607 Dow St. was booked by the HCSO on a bench warrant for burglary of a habitation.
- MICHAEL WILSON CARL, 31, of 1101 Mar Jo, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention; and on warrants for expired registration; failure to obtain Texas DL within 30 days; theft of property, more than \$20 but less than \$500; and failure to appear,

(two counts).

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Support
Groups

TUESDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- 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. 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.

- RUBEN ORTEZ JR., 23, of 118 Collins Road was booked by the HCSO on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation; unlawfully carrying a weapon and failure to identify.
- GRADY KIRKLAND SMITH, 18, of 413 S. Adam St., Coahoma was booked by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- JOSHUA B. VALENZUELA, 28, of 2509 Seminole was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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

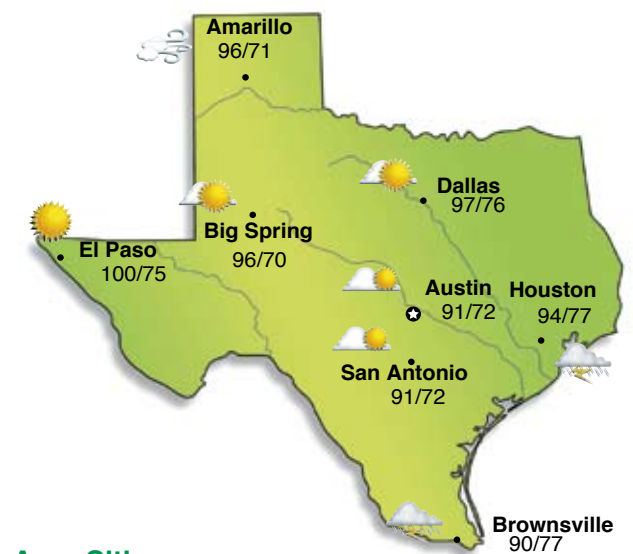
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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 7/1	Thu 7/2	Fri 7/3	Sat 7/4	Sun 7/5
96/70 A few clouds from time to time. High 96F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph.	96/73 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	93/72 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	96/72 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	97/72 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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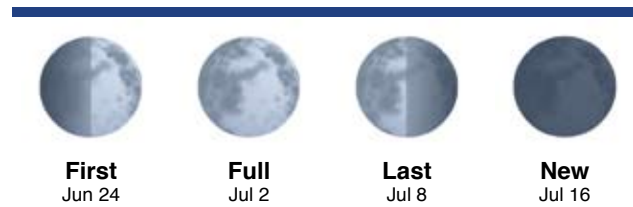
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	96	72	sunny	Kingsville	89	76	t-storm
Amarillo	96	71	windy	Livingston	94	75	pt sunny
Austin	91	72	pt sunny	Longview	94	75	pt sunny
Beaumont	91	76	pt sunny	Lubbock	95	69	sunny
Brownsville	90	77	t-storm	Lufkin	95	76	mst sunny
Brownwood	95	68	mst sunny	Midland	96	70	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	79	t-storm	Raymondville	90	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	94	74	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	76	t-storm
Dallas	97	76	mst sunny	San Antonio	91	72	pt sunny
Del Rio	90	70	pt sunny	San Marcos	92	72	pt sunny
El Paso	100	75	sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	75	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	93	66	sunny	Sweetwater	94	70	sunny
Gainesville	96	74	mst sunny	Tyler	94	75	pt sunny
Greenville	94	74	mst sunny	Weatherford	97	73	mst sunny
Houston	94	77	t-storm	Wichita Falls	99	76	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	67	pt sunny	Minneapolis	77	59	pt sunny
Boston	73	63	t-storm	New York	83	68	t-storm
Chicago	69	53	pt sunny	Phoenix	106	79	mst sunny
Dallas	97	76	mst sunny	San Francisco	74	57	pt sunny
Denver	89	61	mst sunny	Seattle	85	60	sunny
Houston	94	77	t-storm	St. Louis	78	68	rain
Los Angeles	87	69	pt sunny	Washington, DC	88	69	pt sunny
Miami	89	79	pt sunny				

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Take note

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident this past weekend.

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

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

• Big Spring High School Student Council still has several #StandwithBriana t-shirts available for purchase at the high school main office for \$20. Sizes are youth large to 4X. Wristbands for \$3 in youth and adult sizes are also available. They can be purchased at high school main office during the month of June.

• 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 271-2176.

• 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.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howardcollege.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.

• The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, call 432-213-3259.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG).

Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident earlier this year.

• 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 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.

• 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.

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ple cats had been left inside one of the Animal Control vehicles which was parked at the Law Enforcement Center," the release stated. "The officer contacted his supervisor and the animal control officer on call responded. The unit was ... assigned to Animal Control Officer Michael Arista."

Of the cats inside the vehicle, four were dead, officials said.

The initial investigation has indicated the

cats were picked up by Arista within 24 hours of being located by the police officer.

BSPD officials has submitted a case to the Howard County Attorney's office for possible prosecution.

"Although it appears this was a tragic mistake made by Arista, the Big Spring Police Department believes it is a mistake that cannot be taken lightly," the news release stated. "The cruelty case is still an open investigation and detectives will continue to work with the county attorney's office regarding this incident."

HANSLIK

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College to further her education and eventually became the activities/therapy director at the Big Spring State Hospital for 11 years.

After a period as a full-time mom, Hanslik returned to the paid workforce as a ward clerk at what was then called the VA Medical Center. She was quickly pro-

moted several times and eventually took on the community relations coordinator job, which she has served in for the last 15 years.

During her tenure, Hanslik said she worked hard to foster deep and lasting communication with the veteran community, media, benefits branch of the VA, and congressional and senate officials for the veterans care center in Big Spring.

"The best part of my

job in all my 26 years is helping and taking care of and serving the veterans," she said. "A month ago, I received a call from a lady up in Chicago who said 'my husband (a veteran) has a lot of allergies problems and we need to move down south. Can you help me? I've heard your are the person to call in Texas to find out where to go and what to do.' I thought 'wow, how nice.'"

Last month, the Dis-

abled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Texas honored Hanslik for her work in veterans care. She was one of only two in the state of Texas to receive the DAV outstanding veteran employee of the year award.

And the honors keep coming.

Last Monday, June 22, U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway, the 11th District Representative of Texas, stopped by Big Spring VAMC to recog-

nize Hanslik's retirement by presenting her a U.S. Flag and taking her to lunch.

"It make me very proud of what I have accomplished in my career," Hanslik said. "I never once dreamed that a congressman would think that highly of me to want to take me to lunch and present to me a flag."

Now Hanslik said she is ready to put behind her the hours of handling phone calls from

congressman, helping assist veterans to cut through bureaucratic to concentrate on her new job title "gammy" (grandmother).

"That will certainly keep me busy," she said.

A retirement reception for Hanslik will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, July 10 at the Bg Spring Country Club.

Lyndel Moody can be contacted at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or 263-7331, ext. 234.

CHRISTIE

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paigned at their old school.

"He's respecting his roots," said Stephen Slotnick, a fellow classmate who applauded the governor for including "the people who've grown up with him, the people who've supported him his entire life."

In an interview with The Associated Press ahead of his 35th high school reunion earlier this year, Christie, who also served in student

government during his junior high school years, talked about some of the lessons he learned from those early races. Among them: Always vote for yourself.

"The first race I ever ran in, I did not vote for myself. I voted for the other person because I actually thought that you know it was conceded to vote for yourself. And I wound up losing the election by two votes," he said. "So I learned always to vote for yourself, that's the first thing."

Christie's classmates remember him as a pop-

ular kid, not the pushy figure that many people think of now. Harlan Coben met Christie when he was 10 and joined the baseball team midway through the season because he'd been sick.

"Chris came over to me — I was uncomfortable, I didn't know anybody," he said. Christie "knew me by name, and brought me into the fold."

The political struggles in those days were about keeping chocolate milk in the cafeteria and fighting for off-campus lunch privileges. Christie organized a boycott

against a local diner that didn't like kids sitting at tables without ordering food.

"If you were to poll and ask who would one day be governor, I think Chris would have overwhelmingly won," said Coben, who served as student council president when Christie was senior class president.

In one copy of his yearbook, which appeared to belong to a favorite social studies teacher, Christie scrawled in the margins next to his photo:

"Through all the hustle and big-shot fever I

got being Senior class Pres. you made me look at myself. Sometimes I didn't like what I saw but with your help, I always understood it." He advised her to "always follow your star, wherever it leads you!"

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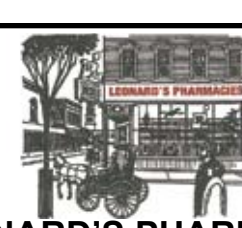
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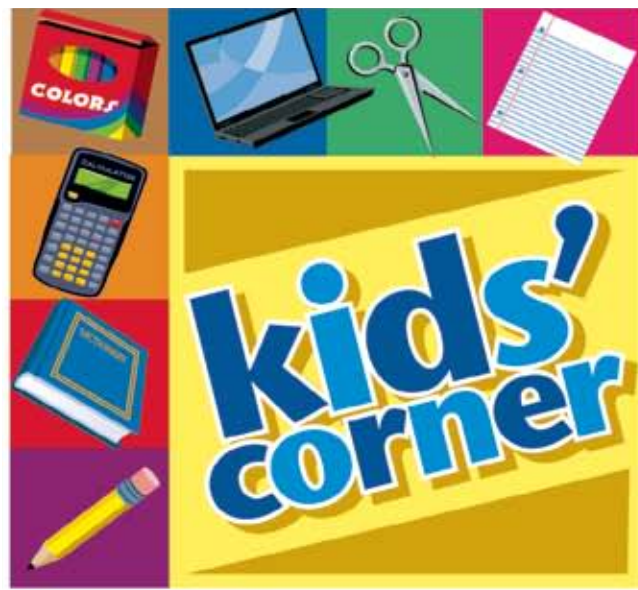
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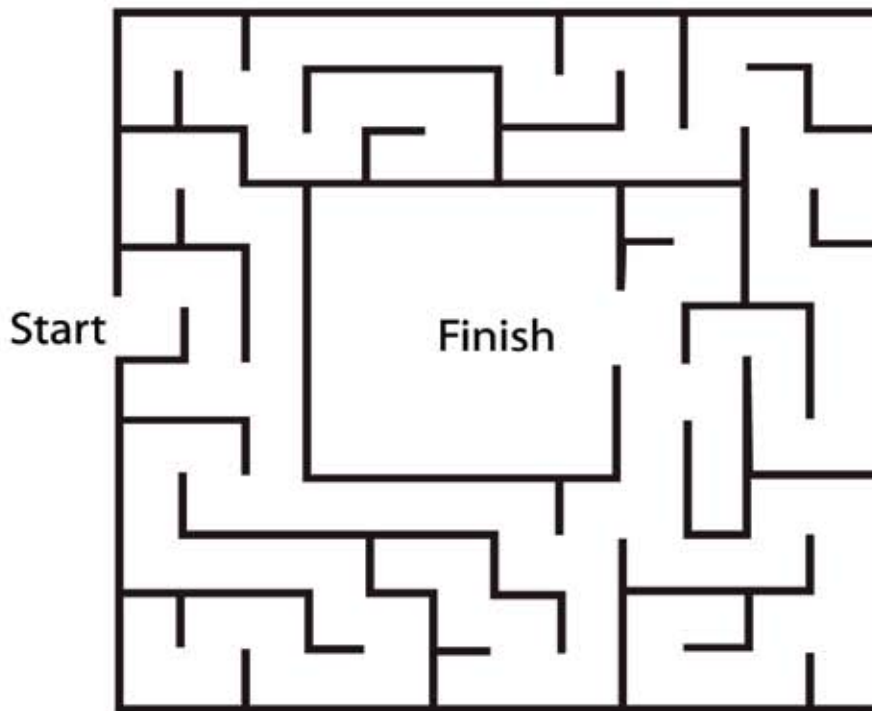
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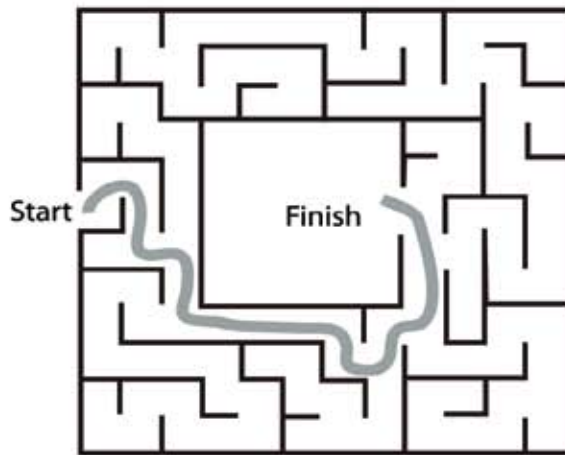
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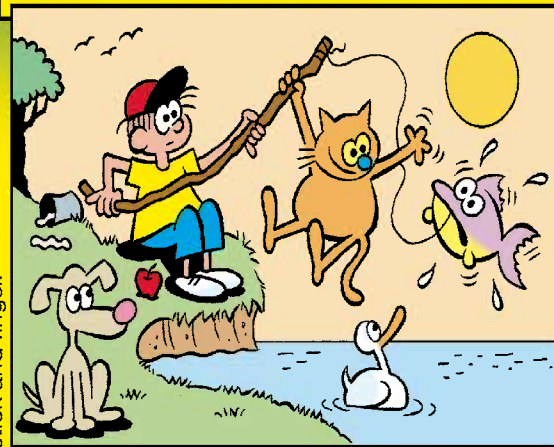
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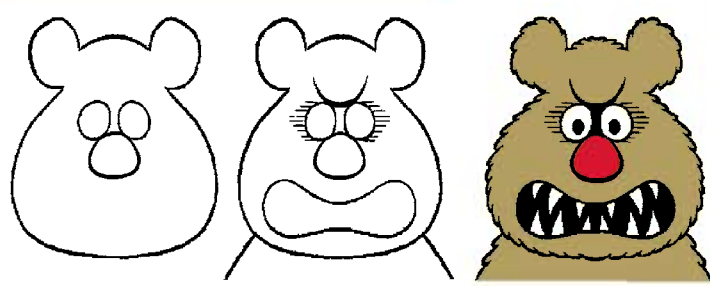


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Birdpoop: The Chimney Swift earns it namesake



Courtesy photo

Nearly every aspect of the chimney swift's existence, including eating, bathing, gathering nest materials, and courtship, is accomplished in flight.

Even after 8 o'clock in the evening, a familiar twittering and chattering comes from somewhere high above. Using the fading light to their fullest intent, chimney swifts are determined to catch as many air-borne insects as possible before it becomes completely dark.

The last of June, and throughout July and early August, these summer migrants enhance our enjoyment of family pets in the back yard. With a wingspan twice the length of their dark

gray bodies, they are aptly named. Without an abundance of hollow trees in which to nest, swifts choose chimneys as a substitute.

For a bird that cannot perch, the rough inside of a tall structure offers a nesting site and safety. Gripping the rough brick or mortar with its forward-facing toes, and bracing itself with tail feathers tipped with spines, a swift can use the man-made, vertical surface for its nightly rest.

Although sooty in appearance as they whiz past us, these exceptional aerialists make us appreciate how special they are. If they would just slow down, then we could see their pale, grayish-white necks and chests. They are dull in comparison to their



BEBE
MCCASLAND

Rodgers and Hammerstein bio coming in 2018

NEW YORK (AP) — A biography of Rodgers and Hammerstein, written with the cooperation of the late Broadway team's publishing arm, will be come out in 2018.

Henry Holt and Company announced

Monday that Todd S. Purdum's book, "Rodgers and Hammerstein," also will draw upon materials recently made available at the Library of Congress.

The book's release is timed for the 75th anniversary of Richard Rodgers' and Oscar

Hammerstein II's first collaboration, "Oklahoma!" Their other musicals included "The Sound of Music" and "South Pacific."

Purdum is a contributing editor to Vanity Fair and a senior writer at Politico.

almost charcoal-colored upper parts. Their tiny beaks are no indication of how far their gaping mouths may expand to capture a day's offering.

As they alternate flapping, then extending their swept-back wings, they glide effortlessly over our roof and are quickly gone. After sweeping through our neighborhood, they often take advantage of our close proximity to the city park. There, floodlights, illuminating the tennis courts and other areas, attract even more flying insects.

About mid-July, our phone starts to ring. A resident may have suddenly discovered an unusual sound coming from a fireplace. Another may notice a stranger standing on a now dormant grate inside the hearth. Episodes like this soon acquaint a homeowner with this most unusual specie.

In building a stick creation that is held together and to the chimney wall with her saliva, the mother's efforts have been successful. Eggs have hatched.

Her rowdy, raucous youngsters voice their eagerness to venture upward toward the daylight. Yet occasionally, both young and mature birds will somehow wiggle their way through a partially closed damper to the tile below.

Learning the young follow the parent up and out of the chimney, homeowners can look forward to their migration and the opportunity to clean and cover the chimney in the fall. As for the errant sojourner that peers out into a den or living room, we often just need to catch it, take it outside, and release it.

The homeowner was concerned that the bird would hurt itself as it desperately flew behind glass doors. His concern was laudable.

First, I asked him to describe the room. How many doors? Did one lead outside? How far was the fireplace from that door? Were there any lights in use? If so, he was asked to turn them off.

Patience, the man answered every question I offered and, in turn, gave me a visual description of the situation. The arrangement of the room would lead to his next step.

With all interior doors closed off or covered, and no lights in use, he would open the outside door. Once the glass enclosure was pulled back, the chimney swift could readily fly toward daylight and freedom.

Any birds remaining in the chimney would work their way upward to freedom at the top once the damper was closed.

Assuring the homeowner I would come if that didn't work, I stressed that he call if he needed any further help. Because he was willing to respond immediately to the bird's plight probably lessened any possibility of injury the swift would have incurred by its desperation.

The silence that followed our phone conversation was rewarding. The citizen's participation in assisting wildlife could be used to inform other homeowners of the unique features of these summer visitors.

Although willing, we appreciated the cooperation that had led to our not making "another house call" during a frenetic summer.

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

My greatest concern, at times, is carpet. While the homeowner is worried about poop, my efforts are enhanced with old sheets to protect someone's plush beige or white pile. Not only are cloths distributed near the hearth, but for a path all the way to the nearest door. Entering and enclosing oneself inside a fireplace in order to catch a bird often means being decorated with bits of soot that inadvertently drop or rub against the best of intentions.

In 2013, a frantic call described yet another trapped chimney swift.

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4 of 6 local teams still alive in district play

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring teams are holding their own at the District 3 Little League tournament, which continues here tonight.

Four of the six local teams are still alive in the tournament, with two advancing to the championship series, said Robert Smith, local Little League association president.

"Our teams have played well so far, and we look forward to doing our best again tonight," Smith said.

Big Spring's 13- and 14-year-olds have advanced to the championship finals in their respective divisions.

The local 13-year-olds won the tournament with an 18-6 win over Odessa East, but suffered a 22-0 shellacking at the hands of Midland. However, Big Spring responded with a 14-9 win over Odessa West to advance to the championship against Midland. Big Spring must take two straight from Midland to win the title.

In the 14-year-old division, Big Spring opened with a 12-4

win over Odessa West, but dropped a nail-biter, 7-6, to Odessa East to drop into the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament. Big Spring followed with a 12-2 win over Odessa West to set up a rematch with Odessa East tonight at Anderson Sports Complex, weather permitting.

Big Spring must win two straight to win the district title.

In the 10-year-old division, Big Spring rebounded from an opening-night loss against Midland Northern to blast

Midland Eastern, 14-4, Monday night. The locals face Odessa Floyd Gwin tonight at 6 p.m. at the Anderson Sports Complex.

Also still alive in the tournament is Big Spring's 11-year-old contingent, which is undefeated so far in the tournament. Big Spring opened play with a 9-4 win over Midland Tower Saturday, then followed that with a 9-8 win over Odessa Floyd Gwin. They will face Midland Northern tonight in Midland.

Two Big Spring teams — the

12-year-old team lost its second straight game, 12-4, to Odessa Floyd Gwin; while the three-time defending district champion Big Spring 16-year-old team won by virtue of a 9-7 defeat at the hands of Odessa West.

Local tournament action continues tonight at Anderson Sports Complex (weather permitting) and Steer Park.

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

Astros defeat Royals

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's young hitters were disciplined Monday night against a veteran pitcher struggling with command, and it propelled the Astros to a win over the top team in the American League.

Chris Carter and Jose Altuve homered to back a solid start by rookie Lance McCullers in a 6-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

In a matchup of teams with the best records in the AL, Houston snapped Kansas City's four-game winning streak. The Astros are 44-29 and the Royals are 45-34. McCullers (4-2) allowed four hits and a run with six strikeouts in seven innings in his ninth major league start.

The Astros jumped on Joe Blanton (2-1) for five runs in the first three innings and Carter added a solo home run in the fifth to send them to the win.

"We didn't swing out of the zone too much, specifically early," manager A.J. Hinch said. "You always ask your guys to take whatever they give you and he was nibbling on the plate or just off the plate and we just continued to take our base, take our base ... we really were opportunistic with whatever we were being given."

Blanton, who didn't walk anyone in his first two starts this season, walked four and gave up five runs and five hits in just 2 2-3 innings. It was his first loss since Aug. 20, 2013. He was out of base Aug. 20, 2013. He was out of base Aug. 20, 2013. He was out of base Aug. 20, 2013.

"I take pride in not walking guys," Blanton said.



Texas' Mitch Moreland follows through on a two-run home run during the Rangers' game against the Baltimore Orioles Monday.

Moreland's two homers power Rangers past O's

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Texas Rangers went 72 games without hitting four home runs before realizing their potential for power against Bud Norris and the Baltimore Orioles.

Mitch Moreland homered twice, and the Rangers warmed up for Josh Hamilton's return with an 8-1 blowout Monday night.

"It's the type of offense that we know our club can be," manager Jeff Banister said.

The Rangers have long been known as a free-swinging, hard-hitting team. That

reputation will only be enhanced when Hamilton comes off the disabled list, likely Tuesday, after being sidelined for nearly a month with a strained left hamstring.

Hamilton homered twice in his seven games with Texas before going on the DL. Now, he's poised to return at a stadium where he once homered four times in one game.

"I'm good to go," Hamilton said Monday afternoon.

Prior to this game, Texas had lost seven of eight and was pressing at the plate.

In this one, the Rangers banged out 14 hits, reached the eight-run mark for the first time since June 13 and tied a season high in homers set April 9 at Oakland.

"It seemed that every inning we had something going on," Moreland said. "The kind of game you want to lead a series off with. A pretty complete game."

Moreland hit a solo shot in the second inning and a two-run drive in the fourth. It was his sixth career two-homer game, the first since May 2013.

Carlos Corporan and Shin-

Soo Choo each added a solo homer, and Joey Gallo contributed a three-run triple for the Rangers, who had lost 11 of 12 to the Orioles — including six straight at Camden Yards.

The loss ended Baltimore's four-game winning streak and dropped the Orioles to 18-9 in June, 10-2 at home.

"I'm not panicking. It's just one game," first baseman Steve Pearce said.

Texas starter Wandy Rodriguez (5-3) allowed one run and eight hits, striking out seven and walking two in five-plus innings.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE										
East Division				N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.				CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with F Andrej Nestrasil on a two-year contract through the 2016-17 season.										
Baltimore	41	35	.539	Seattle at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.	Los Angeles	43	35	.551	—	CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D David Rundblad on a two-year extension, through the 2016-17 season.	MIAMI HEAT — Announced F Luol Deng exercised his player option for the 2015-16 season.	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed G John Moffitt to a one-year contract.	WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-signed C Jay Beagle to a three-year contract.					
Tampa Bay	42	36	.538	Wednesday's Games	San Francisco	42	35	.545	½	DETROIT RED WINGS — Named Bruce Ramsay and Ben Simon assistant coaches for Grand Rapids (AHL).	OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Named Monty Williams, Maurice Cheeks and Anthony Grant assistant coaches and Billy Schmidt quality control coach.	PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Traded F Zac Rinaldo to Boston for a 2017 third-round draft pick.	SAN JOSE SHARKS — Agreed to terms with D Brenden Dillon on a five-year contract. Traded D Konrad Abeltshauser to St. Louis for a 2016 conditional seventh-round draft pick.					
New York	41	36	.526	Minnesota (May 4-6) at Cincinnati (Cueto 4-5), 12:35 p.m.	Arizona	37	39	.487	5	LOS ANGELES KINGS — Terminated the contract of F Mike Richards.	ORLANDO MAGIC — Waived G Ben Gordon.	NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Austin Watson to a two-year contract.	WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed QB Dominique Davis and DB Julian Posey to the practice roster.	SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Signed MF Erik Friberg.				
Toronto	41	37	.532	Boston (Porcello 4-8) at Toronto (Buehrle 8-4), 1:07 p.m.	San Diego	37	41	.474	6	DALLAS STARS — Signed G Antti Niemi to a three-year contract extension.	PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named Andy MacPhail special assistant to the president and announced he will become president after the season is completed.	ST. LOUIS BLASTERS — Released RHP Matt Sample and RHP Jacob Negrette.	WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed INF Leonardo Vargas. Released INF Kori Melo.	WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Acquired C Ryan Babineau from Bridgeport (Atlantic) for a player to be named. Released INF Omar Artsen.				
Boston	35	43	.449	Oakland (Bettis 4-2) at Oakland (Hahn 5-6), 3:35 p.m.	Colorado	33	43	.434	9	ARIZONA RANGERS — Signed RHP Tyler Ferguson, RHP Tyler Phillips and OF Scott Heineman to minor league contracts.	PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named Andy MacPhail special assistant to the president and announced he will become president after the season is completed.	ST. LOUIS CARINALS — Signed 3B Bryce Denton, OF Harrison Bader, LHP Ian Oxnevad, RHP Max Almorte, C Chris Chinea and RHP Luke Harrison to minor-league contracts.	AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Traded RHP Will Rankin to Sioux Falls for a player to be named.	GARY SOUTHSORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Alex Crosby.	LAREDO LEMURS — Signed RHP Travis Stout.	JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released RHP Matt Sample and RHP Jacob Negrette.	WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed INF Leonardo Vargas. Released INF Kori Melo.	WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Acquired C Ryan Babineau from Bridgeport (Atlantic) for a player to be named. Released INF Omar Artsen.
Central Division				Monday's Games				BASEBALL										
Kansas City	44	29	.603	Seattle (T.Walker 6-6) at San Diego (Shields 7-2), 3:40 p.m.	Milwaukee 7, Philadelphia 4	Monday's Games				BASEBALL								
Minnesota	40	36	.526	N.Y. Yankees (Warren 5-5) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 4-6), 7:05 p.m.	Arizona 10, L.A. Dodgers 6	Tuesday's Games				BASEBALL								
Detroit	39	36	.520	Texas (N.Martinez 5-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 3-4), 7:05 p.m.	Oakland 7, Colorado 1	Monday's Games				BASEBALL								
Cleveland	34	41	.453	Pittsburgh (Burnett 6-3) at Detroit (Simon 7-4), 7:08 p.m.	Milwaukee 7, Philadelphia 4	Tuesday's Games				BASEBALL								
Chicago	32	42	.432	Cleveland (Carrasco 9-6) at Tampa Bay (Colome 3-3), 7:10 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7:08 p.m.	Monday's Games				BASEBALL								
West Division				Wednesday's Games				Monday's Games				BASEBALL						
Houston	45	34	.570	Seattle (T.Walker 6-6) at San Diego (Shields 7-2), 3:40 p.m.	Minnesota at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.	Tuesday's Games				BASEBALL								
Los Angeles	40	37	.519	N.Y. Yankees (Warren 5-5) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 4-6), 7:05 p.m.	San Francisco at Miami, 7:10 p.m.	Monday's Games				BASEBALL								
Texas	39	38	.506	Texas (N.Martinez 5-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 3-4), 7:05 p.m.	Washington at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.	Tuesday's Games				BASEBALL								
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Anticipation Moon

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Do you like surprises? Some find the anticipation sweeter

than what follows, while others can't stand not knowing what's going to happen. Our relationship with the tension caused by anticipation will be highlighted today in the manner of winding up a Jack-in-the-box with the Sagittarius moon singing "Pop! Goes the Weasel."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are reasons you don't push for what you really want. You sense that the other person is not ready to give it, and the last thing you want to do is come across as needy. Trust your intuition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Moving with the times is not always the easiest thing to do. The changes are coming rapid-fire, and you must stay on your toes to keep up. Eliminate excess baggage -- that will free you up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A controlled environment? Who needs it? There's something about your life now that is unmanageable and will remain as such. This will be a continual source of fun and adventure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can stand in your accomplishments now, but it wasn't always so. Because you've had the experience of being needy, you are compassionate with someone who is going through such a stage now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mood will be positive and upbeat, but that's not because your life is without stress. It's because you deal with your stress so gracefully. You'll teach people around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you love, you tell the person. This feels natural to you, but it isn't natural for everyone. It takes guts. The ones you love appreciate your gift for telling it like it is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People like you and invite you places because they trust that you won't let things get awkward. You'll supply the missing words, change the subject and generally pick up the conversational slack.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When people don't know where they stand with you, they work to win you. You'll be purposeful in the application of this principle, making less available. What you do make available will be more desirable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may have several projects going at once now. In time, you will get around to finishing each and every one. Understand and accept that you're not always going to do things the way others would.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a great deal of self-control when a relationship is proceeding nicely. Bumps in the relationship road may cause you to seek external security.

Remind yourself that real security comes from within.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Remember way back when you set that boundary and never crossed it again? Now it's time to revisit the choice. Is the limit still appropriate, or is it boxing you in?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today is one of those days when you won't see the boomerang of your kindness on its returning mission, so you'll just have to trust the law of physics that says it's coming back.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 30). You'll see more of the world and understand people who live very differently from how you do. Your explorations will change the way you approach work in August. Love is your main focus, and a fascinating someone will steal your heart in September. The windfall in October has to do with seizing opportunity quickly. Libra and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 14, 29, 31 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What is a trine in astrology?"

When two planets are 120 mathematical degrees apart from each other (one-third of a circle), they're said to be trined. The trine is a beneficial aspect that brings stability to a situation. Like the Great Pyramid of Giza, that triangle shape is strong enough to withstand eons of wear and tear. Trined planets may be so secure and comfortable in each other's presence, in fact, that the situation at hand may take on a life of its own.

Let's say that Jupiter trines Mercury. You may find yourself on the receiving end of kudos galore, which is great as long as you can keep up with your gazillion emails and keep your server from crashing. Forward momentum is nearly impossible to stop once set in motion, and the trine definitely greases the wheels of inertia unless you deliberately apply the brakes. Too much of a good thing can get out of control. Think of the trine like this: You're holding

a beautiful cup, and someone's pouring you a refreshing beverage. You have to know when to say when, or that cup is going to overflow and ruin your grandmother's heirloom tablecloth. Don't get greedy.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Decorated Olympian swimmer Michael Phelps says he is currently at his best spiritually and physically after taking time for soul searching and personal growth. Talent, determination and a fiercely competitive spirit came together for this stellar water sign. Three fire signs energize his four water-sign planetary influences. His Venus in Taurus signifies strength, and Neptune in Capricorn adds business savvy.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie:

I have two sons, both married with children, living in two different states. For several years, my older son "John" has refused to talk to his brother, "Teddy." I don't know why, except that John's wife initiated it. My husband and my sons and their families were at a wedding a few years ago. John's wife refused to acknowledge Teddy's family. She stayed for all of the wedding festivities, but walked away whenever Teddy, his wife or children came near. Since then, John and his family have visited cousins who live near his brother, but they have not once contacted him. My husband and I are stressed over the situation, but don't know what to do about it. Any suggestions? -- Cornered

Dear Cornered: Can you speak to your sons and find

out what this is all about? Was there an argument between the wives? Did Teddy say or do something that John's wife found insulting or unforgivable? Or vice versa? Losing a sibling over something that might be remedied is terribly sad. But if you are willing, you are in a position to broker a truce. Perhaps one of your sons (or their wives) would be willing to discuss it with you and find a way to resolve it. Often these disagreements turn into longtime feuds because no one is willing to take the first step without encouragement and help from a third party. If you don't feel capable of mediating, consider asking another relative or a close friend to step in.

Dear Annie: I read your column every day, but I am of tired reading about problems. Surely there are people who have

good marriages. I first met my wife at her school's football game when I was 15 and she was 16. My friend and I sat behind her and her friend, and when we found out that our school was playing hers the following week, we had a lot of fun banter back and forth and we eventually got their phone numbers. One of the girls made a great impression on me. I was so taken with her that I called her every day. I was too young to drive, so for three years, I would walk 14 miles on the weekends to see her. She graduated ahead of me and went to work. I graduated the following May and we were married in June. When we said, "Till death we do part," we meant it. We were married 67 years. She died in April of last year. I think we somehow found the secret to a good marriage and lived it all of that

time. -- W

Dear W: A lot of readers have good marriages, which means they don't generally write for advice, and that is reflected in our column. But we are happy to print your sweet valentine. It will give the rest of our readers hope that they, too, can achieve marital bliss, as did you and your wife. Thank you for the words of encouragement.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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East dealer.
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NORTH
♠ K 10 6
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A Q 3
♣ Q 6 5 2

WEST
♠ J 7 4
♥ K 6 5 3
♦ J 10 9 7 4
♣ 8

EAST
♠ Q 9 3 2
♥ J 10 9 2
♦ 6 5
♣ A J 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads a diamond. How would you play the hand?

The actual declarer won the diamond lead with the king and led a low club to the queen. East took the ace and returned the jack of hearts. South finessed the queen, losing to the king, and back came a heart, dislodging the ace.

Declarer crossed to the queen of diamonds and returned a club, on which East followed low. The outcome now depended on whether South went up with the king or

finessed the ten. Unfortunately, he played the king and finished down one, losing two clubs and three hearts all told.

It's hard to blame South for the misguess in clubs, as he could just as easily have been right by playing the king as the ten. He did not have the advantage of seeing the East-West cards.

Nevertheless, the fact is that South misplayed the hand. He had a sure way to make the contract and did not avail himself of it. All he had to do was to win the first diamond in dummy and lead a low club to the nine. This would have put him on firm ground, however the clubs were situated.

If the worst happened and the nine lost to the jack, the contract would still have been unassailable. Whatever West returned, South could next force out the ace of clubs and thus assure nine tricks consisting of three clubs, three diamonds, a heart and two spades.

The contract was certain from the start, regardless of how the clubs or any other suit was divided. The key was for South to recognize that he could afford two club losers — provided he lost the first one to West, who could do him no harm with any return. In the actual case, the finesse against the jack at trick two would have yielded 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Oops!

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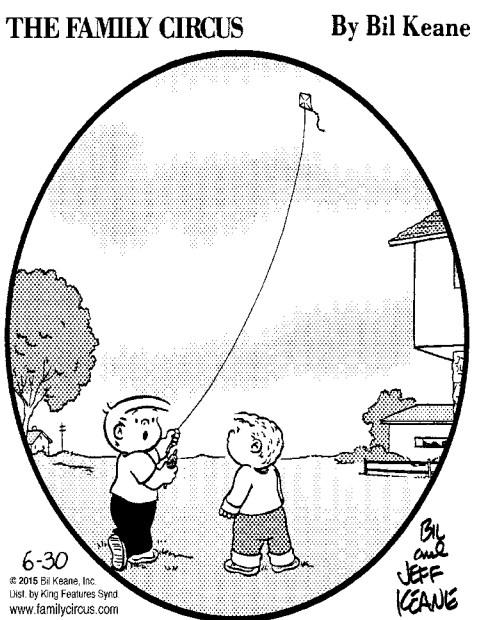
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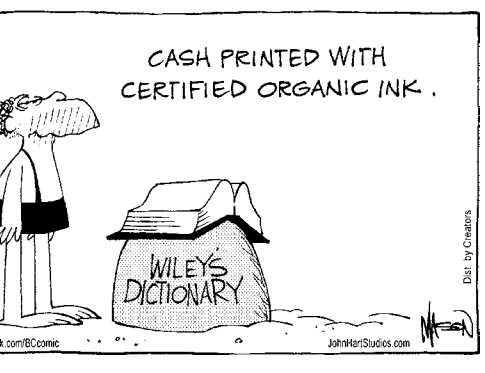
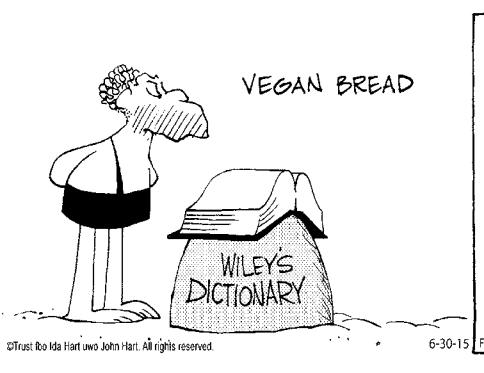
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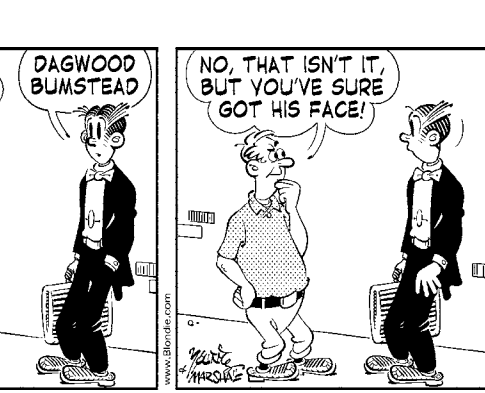
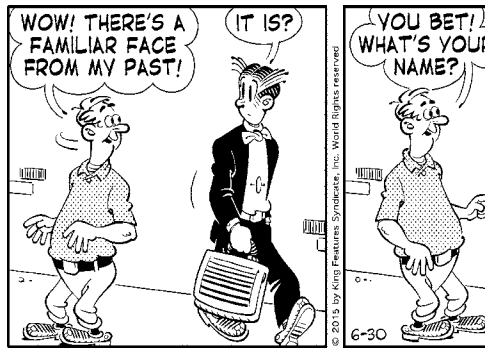
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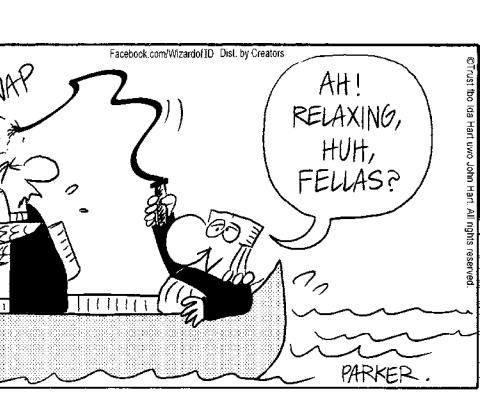
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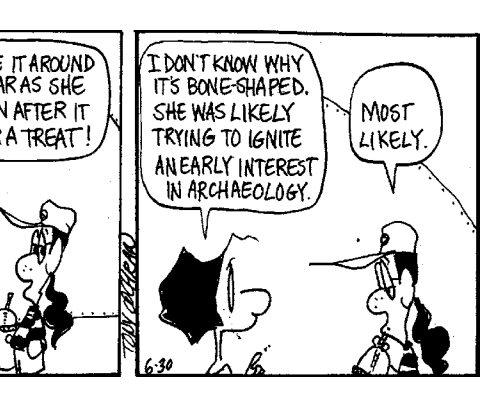
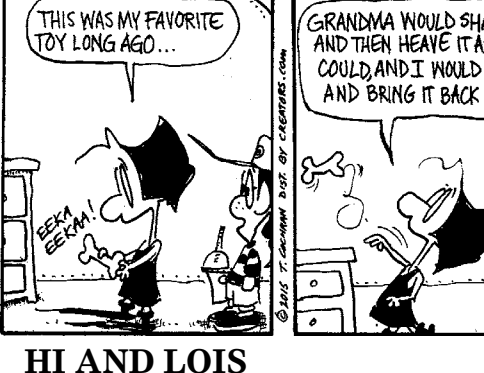
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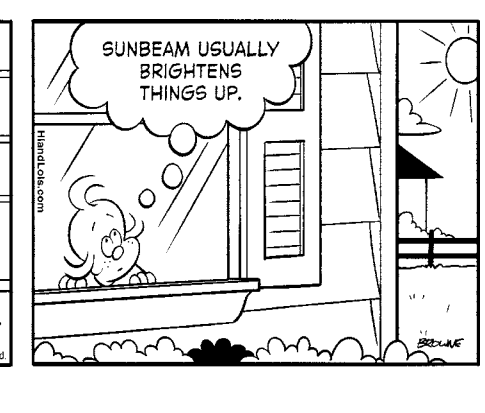
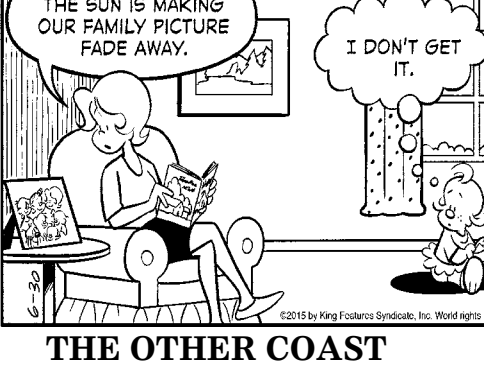
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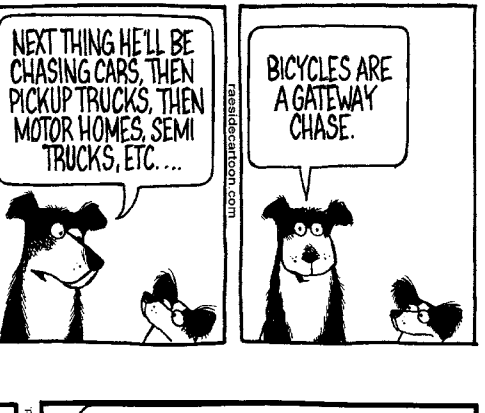
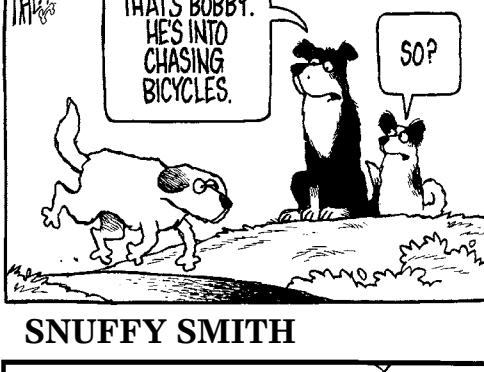
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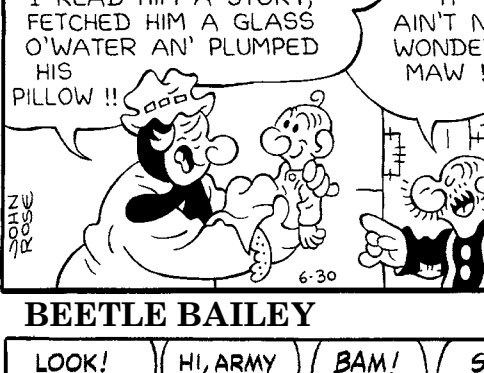
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This Date In History

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In 1921, President Warren G. Harding nominated former President William Howard Taft to be chief justice of the United States, succeeding the late Edward Douglass White.
In 1933, the Screen Actors Guild was established.
In 1934, Adolf Hitler launched his "blood purge" of political and military rivals in Germany in what came to be known as "The Night of the Long Knives."
In 1949, "The Missouri Waltz" became the official state song of Missouri.
In 1958, the U.S. Senate passed the Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 64-20.
In 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.
In 1972, for the first time, a leap-second was added to Coordinated Universal Time to account for the slowing rotation of the Earth.
In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.
In 1994, an Airbus A330 passenger plane crashed after takeoff from Toulouse, France, on a test flight, killing all seven occupants. The Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, that judges can bar even peaceful demonstrators from getting too close to abortion clinics. The U.S. Figure Skating Association stripped Tonya Harding of the national

championship and banned her for life for her role in the attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan.
Ten years ago: Federal Reserve policymakers boosted the federal funds rate by one-quarter percentage point to 3.25 percent, the ninth such increase since the Fed began to tighten credit in June 2004 in an effort to keep inflation under control. Five years ago: President Barack Obama talked about the economy at a town hall in Racine, Wisconsin, saying, "We got it moving again," and that he intended to get "our debt and our deficits under control," but warned he wouldn't slash spending at the expense of the economic rebound.
Thought for Today: "In order to go on living one must try to escape the death involved in perfectionism." Hannah Arendt, German-born American philosopher and historian (1906-1975).

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACME	AGREE	SITE
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Newsday Crossword

SUMMER FUN by Billie Truitt

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
1 "My country, 'tis of _"
5 Boost, as sound
10 Scissors sound
14 Get well
15 Spicy taco topping
16 Errand-list heading
17 Start a poker pot
18 Very mean
19 State frankly
20 Summer party serving dessert
23 Paragraph portion
24 Grown-up boy
25 School support org.
26 Quick swim
27 A/C measure
30 On a cruise
34 Chili _ came
35 Spill (over) messily
36 Summer barbecue
40 Clear-sky color
41 Distress signal
42 Explosive liquid, for short
43 Ketchup color
44 Be in debt
45 Poor grade
47 Take to court
48 Cyclones
53 Summer vacation of a sort
56 Computer info
57 Washing-machine quantities
58 Hay bundle
59 Equips for battle
60 Nimble
61 Prayer conclusion
- DOWN**
1 Bangkok residents
2 "It follows that . . ."
3 Gobbled up
4 Vote into office
5 Mountaineer's trip up
6 Rumba band's rattle
7 Decorative feather
8 Puts to work
9 Golden-coat horse
10 Ink smudge on a shirt
11 _ Scotia, Canada
12 Much-admired person
13 Comics punch sound
21 Settle, as a loan
22 Upper limit
26 Physician's nickname
27 Ink smudge
28 Perform in many cities
29 _-the-minute (current)
30 Shortened form of a wd.
31 Story
32 Gulf War missile
33 _ out a living (just manage)
34 Interest-paying accts.
35 Slide down slopes

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USA men have small contingent at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP) — The seven U.S. men in the Wimbledon main draw represent the country's smallest contingent since 1947, when only five played at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

Three are scheduled to be in first-round action Tuesday: 31st-seeded Jack Sock, 37th-ranked Sam Querrey, and 77th-ranked Tim Smyczek.

The 22-year-old Sock — who was born in Nebraska, later lived in Kansas City, and now is based in Florida — is seeded at a Grand Slam tournament for the first time in singles. A year ago at the All England Club, he lost in the second round of singles,

but he won the men's doubles championship with Vasek Pospisil of Canada.

On Tuesday, Sock will face Sam Groth of Australia, a big server who is ranked 69th, in a rematch of sorts. Sock and Pospisil eliminated Groth and Sergiy Stakhovsky in the first round of doubles on Monday.

Querrey meets 170th-

ranked qualifier Igor Sisling of the Netherlands, while Smyczek plays 30th-seeded Fabio Fognini of Italy.

Three of the four U.S. men who were in action Monday won: 17th-seeded John Isner, 52nd-ranked Steve Johnson and 105th-ranked wildcard entry Denis Kudla, who eliminated 28th-seeded Pablo Cuevas.

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