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Six-year-old BreAsia Gardner shows off her budding gymnastics skills at the Kids Zone playground at Comanche Trail Park.

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Moving up, moving out

McLellan gives up Howard College post for mayor's role

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The city's gain is Howard College's loss.

When Larry McLellan formally steps up as Big Spring mayor tonight, he also will step down as a trustee for the Howard County Junior College District.

The state secretary of state's

office has ruled that the two offices are "incompatible" and cannot be held at the same time. Therefore, when McLellan takes the mayoral oath of office today, he will, by matter of law, resign from his college trustee position.

While happy for

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VA2K event will support homeless veterans

The West Texas VA Health Care System is hosting the 2013 VA2K Walk and Roll event from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday at the George H. O'Brien Jr. VAMC. All veterans, their families and the community is invited.

The event is to help promote employee and veteran wellness and support to homeless veterans programs. In addition to the services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs the clinic will be collecting household items for veterans such as wash clothes, towels, pots and pans, plates, silverware, mugs, cups, detergent, cooking utensils ... all the things that make a house a home.

Council to focus on pending runoff

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council convenes tonight to call for a run-off election June 8 to decide the fate of the District 5 council seat.

Candidate Raul Benavides

garnered the most votes in Saturday's election — 187 — while opponents J.D. Smith had 143 and Clint Collins tallied 93).

Despite a strong finish in the municipal election, Benavides' victory was short-lived as he did not account for 50 percent or more of the vote to avoid a run-off. According to city officials, current District 5 Councilman Craig Olson will continue to represent the district until the results of the run-off — slated for June 8 — are canvassed. Olson had



Benavides



Smith

announced earlier this year he would not seek a second term.

Also tonight, Mayor Tommy Duncan will give up his seat on the council to newly elected Larry McLellan, who won his bid for the mayoral seat Saturday.

McLellan defeated challenger Roger Rodman 1,074 votes to 505. Duncan had decided not to seek re-election.

City Secretary Peggy Walker is to administer the oath of office to McLellan this

evening and the council is to hold a ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of outgoing council members.

Also during the meeting, the council is to entertain:

- First reading of an amendment to the 2012-2013 budget to provide for the purchase a front-end loader for the Municipal Landfill Department.

- Approval of an agreement with Terracon Consultants Inc. for consulting services for asbestos abatement in the two-story barracks building at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and approval of an agreement with Vanco Insulation Inc. for asbestos abate-

ment of the building.

- Approval of an agreement for audit services with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP.

Today's meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information, call 264-2401. A complete copy of the meeting agenda can be found online at www.mybigspring.com

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

SMMC celebrates Hospital Week

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is opening its doors to the community for National Hospital Week — May 12 through 18.

Several activities have been planned not only for the employees, but also for the community.

"A hospital is one of those places you don't really pay attention to until you need to be

there. However, by that time, it's too late to have your questions answered," Marketing Coordinator Amanda Duforat said. "This year during hospital week we are hoping the community will take advantage of our different activities and come out and get some of those questions answered."

SMMC kicked off National Hospital Week with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Blitz from

7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. today.

Community members will have an opportunity to tour different areas of the hospital Thursday between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Members of the hospital staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide a brief tour of five areas of the hospital: labor and delivery, sleep lab, radiology, emergency department and the volunteer group.

"We want to make sure that

the community knows about the services offered in their own backyard. We want them to know about the changes that have been made throughout the hospital and this is one of the ways we felt we can get that accomplished," Duforat said.

To find out more information about services provided at SMMC, visit SMMCCares.com or call Duforat at 432-268-4842.

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Obituaries

Tomas Lopez

Tomas Lopez, 64, of Waxahachie, formerly of Big Spring died April 27, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jesus Bermea

Jesus Bermea, 50, of Big Spring, formerly of San Antonio died Monday, May 13, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. May 13, 2013 and 7 a.m. today:

- JOSE HILARIO MARTINEZ, 26, of 1505 E. Cherokee, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- NOEL GARCIA III, 31, of 1011 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- RICHARD LEE OLIVAS, 26, of 1600 Donley, was arrested Monday for possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone and evading arrest/detention.
- GORDON WESLEY TAYLOR, 54, of 4200 Center Point Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of speeding.
- ANDREW PATRICK FRYE, 25, of 709 Woodforest Dr., Kingsland, Texas was arrested Monday on a charge of causing an accident involving damage to vehicle less than \$200.
- SHAWN CARR II, 32, OF 2504 Gunter Circle, was arrested Monday for failure to identify – fugitive giving false information.
- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 46, OF 1712 E. 15th St., was arrested Monday for driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- ABRAHAM TREVINO, 23, of 624 Rice Dr., Andrews, Texas was arrested Monday for driving while disqualified in a commercial vehicle with a previous conviction.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 500 block of Westover.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 500 block of NW 9th St.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 2000 block of Goliad.
- JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported at the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- THEFT was reported at thee 3000 block of Sherrod.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1200 block of Mad-

ison.

- THEFT was reported at the 1000 block of E. 21st St.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.
- GORDON WESLEY TAYLOR, 54, was booked by the HCSO Monday on a charge of speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone.
- SHAWN CARR II, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of fugitive intentionally giving false information.
- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 46, was booked by the HCSO to begin 30 day sentence for driving while license suspended.
- ANDREW P. FRYE, 25, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of causing an accident involving damage to vehicle less than \$200.
- ABRAHAM TREVINO, 23, was booked by thee HCSO on a charge of driving while disqualified in a commercial vehicle with a previous conviction.
- NOEL GARCIA II, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- VINCENTE VIOLANTE, 24, was booked by the Glasscock County Sheriffs Department on a charge of violation of motor fuel tax requirements.
- RICHARD LEE OLIVAS, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention.

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the 2000 block of Goliad. One person transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 300 block of Veteran's Blvd. One person transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported at th 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. One person transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-33320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new 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.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through

the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- 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.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 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

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

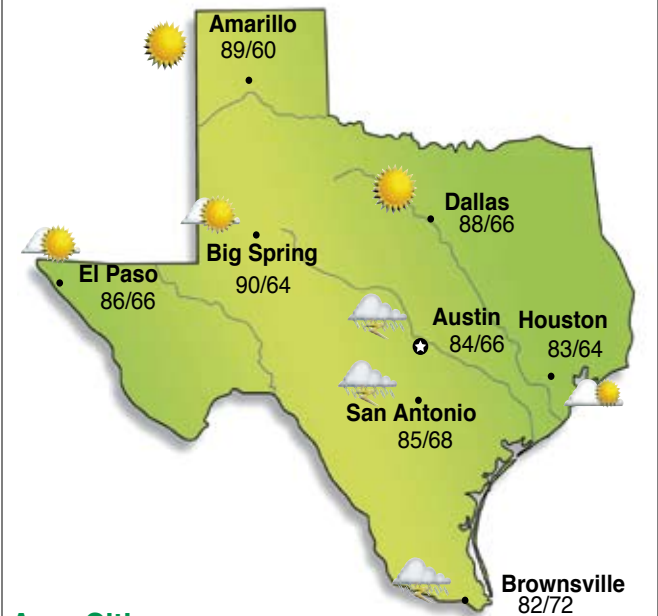
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 5/15	Thu 5/16	Fri 5/17
 90/64 Sunshine and some clouds. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High near 90F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	 97/66 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 102/68 Mainly sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	64	mst sunny	Kingsville	85	71	t-storm
Amarillo	89	60	sunny	Livingston	85	60	mst sunny
Austin	84	66	t-storm	Longview	87	61	sunny
Beaumont	83	63	sunny	Lubbock	88	58	sunny
Brownsville	82	72	t-storm	Lufkin	88	61	sunny
Brownwood	89	65	mst sunny	Midland	89	63	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	82	72	t-storm	Raymondville	82	71	t-storm
Corsicana	86	64	sunny	Rosenberg	84	65	pt sunny
Dallas	88	66	sunny	San Antonio	85	68	t-storm
Del Rio	87	70	t-storm	San Marcos	85	67	t-storm
El Paso	86	66	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	62	sunny
Fort Stockton	87	60	t-storm	Sweetwater	88	63	mst sunny
Gainesville	88	63	sunny	Tyler	88	62	sunny
Greenville	87	62	sunny	Weatherford	87	64	sunny
Houston	83	64	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	93	65	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	57	sunny	Minneapolis	93	57	pt sunny
Boston	62	41	mst sunny	New York	62	48	mst sunny
Chicago	81	64	pt sunny	Phoenix	99	73	mst sunny
Dallas	88	66	sunny	San Francisco	68	42	sunny
Denver	83	54	mst sunny	Seattle	65	49	pt sunny
Houston	83	64	pt sunny	St. Louis	88	68	sunny
Los Angeles	80	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	66	56	mst sunny
Miami	82	69	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



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Wed 5/15	Thu 5/16	Fri 5/17
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Leadership Big Spring 2012-13 group graduates; another class on its way

Herald Staff Report

Graduation time is not always a cap and gown affair.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held its Leadership Big Spring graduation for the 2012-2013 class last week at the Hotel Settles.

Graduating Thursday were:

Nancy Bonura, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf; Jesse Bravo, Alon, Big Spring Refinery;

Laura Carlsen, West Texas VA Medical Center;

Kim Clark, Lamun, Lusk, Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home;

Daphne Coates, Coates Air Conditioning;

Geneva Cox, West Texas VA Medical Center;

Sophia Dominguez, Howard College;

Wade Dunbar, State National Bank;

Dan Hendrickson, Big Spring Fire department;

John Irwin, Alon, Big Spring Refinery;

Paul Keierleber, Alon, Big Spring Refinery; Juan Rodriguez, Hotel Settles; Paul Sotelo, city of Big Spring; Jamey Stegall, Big Spring State Hospital; Terri Telchik, city of Big Spring; Amy Vidal, West Texas Centers.

Perfect Attendance awards went to Wade Dunbar, Laura Carlsen and Terri Telchik; they were in attendance for every session.

A special certificate was given to Kay Clark, recognizing her as Honorary Leadership Graduate. She has been the bus driver for the Leadership Big Spring Class since the program started in the 1980s.

This year, the class community project was to help erect a pavilion/ stage in the Coahoma City Park to help provide shade to entertainment during festivities held there.

Leadership Big Spring is a nine-month



Courtesy photo

Leadership Big Spring 2012-2013 class graduated recently. Another class will begin in the late summer.

program. It takes place every second Thursday of the month, September through May.

Leadership Big Spring is for those persons who have demonstrated management and/or leadership ability; those who have shown an interest in community affairs, and have time

and talent to offer the community.

"We are certain someone in any organization or business will be able to profit from this excellent opportunity, especially for those who have just moved into the community and wish to learn more about the

goings on," said Debbye Valverde, Chamber executive director.

The program takes participants on tours of industrial, government, medical, agriculture, education and other entities. It gives the participant a "behind the scenes" look at how things happen in the

different entities and in the community.

The next class will begin late in the summer, date to be announced soon. Applications will be going out in late June. Those interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to contact the Chamber Office at 263-7641.

Area activities

Coahoma sets All-School Reunion

COAHOMA — Coahoma High School will hold an All-School Reunion on Saturday, July 20, at the Elementary School in Coahoma. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who attended Coahoma schools or taught or worked in the Coahoma school system is invited to attend.

Rather than a theme this year, the emphasis will be upon visiting with old friends and renewing acquaintances. Individual classes are encouraged to utilize this opportunity for their milestone class reunions (20th, 40th, etc.). Invitations will not be mailed this year, so everyone is asked to help spread the word to

all CHS alumni. E-mail information will be sent upon request to Michael Hinsley at mdhinsley@mac.com.

A barbecue lunch will be prepared by school organizations as a fundraiser, and pre-payment of \$10 per person is requested by July 1 to: CHS REUNION, PO Box 84, Coahoma, TX 79511. Include the names; tickets will be waiting at the registration desk.

The reunion is expected to last until 2 or 3 p.m. and will include an auction and drawings to raise money for college scholarships to CHS students. Attendees are asked to bring new or novelty items for the auction. That evening, a CHS Reunion social for all classes will be held in Big Spring at Kokapelli's. Additional details will be available

by e-mail, Facebook (Michael Hinsley) or at the reunion.

If you need further information, please contact any of the CHS Reunion Officers:

Joyce York Baumann, president, at jefnjoyce@yahoo.com or 432-816-1588

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Genealogy class to benefit museum

GAIL — Curious about who's in your family tree? Come learn the ba-

sics of family history research with the Borden County Historical Commission.

A beginner's genealogy class is slated Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center. Taught by Lisa Dennis Mahler, the class will cover how to begin, how to stay organized, how to use the internet to find relatives and how to find records at the county level.

Lisa was raised in Borden County and now lives in San Angelo, where she serves on the board of directors of the state award-winning San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society and has been teaching beginner classes in San Angelo for several years.

When asked who should attend, Lisa re-

sponded, "Everyone interested in their family history. Even if you don't have relatives who lived in Texas, beginning genealogists can start their search with online resources."

The class will cost \$10 per person for pre-registered and pre-paid participants. Deadline for early pre-registration is June 17. Cost will be \$20 at the door for non-registered participants.

The Historical Commission will provide coffee, iced tea and desserts. Participants should bring a sack lunch and note-taking materials.

Proceeds from the class go toward preservation of the Borden County Museum's collection.

You may pick up a registration form from the following location

in Big Spring: Election Administrator's Office, Room 101, Howard County Courthouse; or email bordencohistory@gmail.com to request an electronic version of the registration form.

Mail your completed registration form and payment to Borden County Historical Commission, c/o Kenny Bennett, PO Box 152, Gail, TX 79738.

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Jesus Bermea, 50, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Thomas Lopez, 64, died April 27, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

COLLEGE

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McLellan, college officials now find themselves short one trustee and must begin the process of filling his District 3 seat on the college board. That process will begin Wednesday when the board holds its monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.

College officials began bracing themselves for this possible turn of events once McLellan filed for the mayoral election earlier this year.

"We contacted the (state) secretary of state's office and asked

how we could proceed," College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "We were told that until he was elected (mayor), he could continue to serve on the college board. But they also said that holding both the mayor and trustee positions would be incompatible due to conflict of interest concerns."

McLellan will not have to formally resign his college board position — his assumption of the mayoral post will make that action legally moot, according to the secretary of state's office.

The college has two options in filling the District 3 position — it can either call for a special election, or the board can simply appoint someone to serve until the next round of trustee elections. The second option has been the action of choice for the board in filling its last two vacancies, Sparks said.

McLellan was appointed to the college board in 2008 following the death of long-time District 3 trustee Harold Davis. In 2010, he was elected to serve the remainder of

Davis' unexpired term, then was elected to a full six-year term in 2012.

No timetable has been set for finding a new trustee, Sparks said.

In other business Wednesday, trustees will consider:

- An agreement between the college and Angelo State University.
- An update on construction plans for Howard's San Angelo campus.
- Bids and handbook and catalog changes.

Contact Steve Reagan

at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

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DAILY PRAYER

May we grow abundantly in your Word, dear Lord.

Amen

Spawning a more abusive IRS

Tweet In case you're hiding under a rock, you should know that an audit conducted by the inspector general for the Internal Revenue Service has found that IRS officials targeted for scrutiny certain groups critical of the administration.

Which groups? Well, those with “tea party” or “patriot” in their names and non-profit groups that criticized the government and sought to educate Americans about the U.S. Constitution.

It's disgraceful that government bureaucrats, whether on their own initiative or at the direction of superiors, singled out anyone for special scrutiny, but what their selection criteria were makes it even worse. Reportedly, the IRS field office in charge of evaluating applications for tax-exempt status decided to focus on groups making statements that “criticize how the country is being run” and those that are engaged in educating Americans “on the Constitution and Bill of Rights.”

Surely, we all understand the awesome and, frankly, horrifying power the IRS has come to have in our system, which originally didn't even contemplate an income tax, much less oversight of it by such a monstrous bureaucratic leviathan. What could be more chilling and destructive to our liberties than a government targeting — that's its word, not mine — private citizens and organizations based on their political and ideological views?

If the First Amendment means anything, it is that the full force of the federal government will be used to safeguard, not suppress, the liberties of American citizens to utter political speech, especially speech critical of the government. But instead, this IRS sought for abuse groups that criticized the administration and groups that wanted to teach people that under our Constitution, such government officials



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have no right to do this type of thing.

And you wonder why people favor a major overhaul of the tax system? What if low-level staffers in an obscure Cincinnati field office were actually solely responsible for this, as the administration is alleging? How could a system become so corrupt — or how could officials overseeing it become so reckless — as to make possible such a systematic abuse of power?

But speaking of this effort to pass the buck to “low-level” players: Can we not at least agree that the Obama administration has established a culture conducive to the type of stereotypical thinking that could lead to this? Didn't the Department of Homeland Security under this administration list right-wing groups as extremists and potential terrorists? Hasn't President Obama himself referred to tea partiers as “tea baggers”? Haven't other Democrats deliberately depicted tea party groups as violent extremists who are a hair trigger away from armed revolution?

Liberals have been trying to vilify conservative talk radio for years now, suggesting that its strong political opinions lead to violence.

That is preposterous, but if we were to apply the same type of standard to Obama, we could say that he has personally fomented a climate of hate against conservative groups, such that the IRS targeting was completely foreseeable. Surely, it's fair to hold the president to his own standard.

Consider: Obama's “bitter clingers” remark, his statement that conservatives who want a “small America” are dragging America into “a race to the bottom where we try to offer the cheapest labor and the worst pollution standards,” his calling Republican congressmen “hostage takers” for opposing his tax policies (does that ring a bell, i.e., those who criticize the government?), his despicable statement that Republican leaders are “willing to compromise (their) kids' safety so some corporate jet owner can get a tax break,” Vice President

Joe Biden's saying Republicans “have acted like terrorists” and are using threats of shutting the government down as a “weapon of mass destruction,” Obama's looking on with approval as Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa said of the tea party, “Let's take these sons of b—es out,” and his spiritual adviser the Rev. Jim Wallis' saying, “And to be blunt, there wouldn't be a tea party if there wasn't a black man in the White House.”

In my book “The Great Destroyer,” which was published in 2012, I reported that there were “literally dozens of tea party organizations that (had) received intrusive information demands from the IRS” in response to tea party requests for tax-exempt status. These demands, I reported, “have not been in response to allegations of wrongdoing against the parties, but simply in response to their applications for tax exemptions.”

I reported that some were alleging that “the Obama IRS (was) ‘using the routine process of seeking and granting tax exemptions to undertake a sweeping, top-down review of the internal workings of the tea party movement in the United States.’” I added, “Recall that Obama's own campaign organization, Organizing for America, once labeled tea party opponents of Obamacare ‘right-wing domestic terrorists.’ ... If Team Obama views tea partiers as a dangerous threat, would it really be surprising to learn that it treats them as such?”

Ahem ... no, it wouldn't — and isn't.

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Three girls lost in Cleveland

The story of three girls grabbed from the streets of Cleveland and caged in their neighborhood for some 10 years demands scrutiny beyond expressions of shock. We can't let this gruesome tale of Ariel Castro allegedly imprisoning, impregnating and tormenting young women simply pass into the annals of true crime — not just yet. But how are we to process it? The man was clearly a sicko, but what kind of sicko was he?

In this story of threes, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson publicly asked three questions: “why they were taken, how they were taken and how they remained undetected in the city of Cleveland for this period of time.”

All good questions, especially the last one. Castro kept his prisoners in a boarded-up, foreclosed-upon cottage in a packed neighborhood. It was no isolated farm, far from neighbors' eyes or the girls' screams.

We recall the recent house-to-house search in Watertown, Mass., as police tried to nab one of the accused Boston Marathon bombers. Had that been tried in this Cleveland neighborhood, chances are decent that the captives at the decrepit house on

Seymour Avenue would have been found. It may have never occurred to authorities to do that. And frankly, such a concentrated effort wouldn't have been tried in Boston, had the community not been so focused on an act of terrorism.

Two of the victims apparently led normal lives. Amanda Berry disappeared at age 17 after working a shift at a Burger King. During her ordeal, she apparently gave birth to a daughter, also found in the house. Gina DeJesus, 14, vanished as she walked home from middle school. Only Michelle Knight, then 20 and now 32, had serious troubles.

Castro seems to fit the profile of a “collector” and abuser of women.

Of course, he's not the first.

There was convicted sex offender Phillip Garrido, who, with his wife's help, grabbed 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard as she headed home from her school bus stop in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. In the astounding 18 years of her confinement, Dugard bore two children. There was Brian David Mitchell, a certified psychotic and alleged pedophile who pulled Elizabeth Smart from her bedroom in Salt Lake City and worked her over for nine months.

Forensic psychologist Kris Monahan, an expert in such cases, talks of the men's “longstanding fantasies of capturing, abusing and dominating women.” He told reporters, “Total control over another human being is what

stimulates them.”

Chains and ropes were found in the Cleveland house. And the women may have had as many as five pregnancies.

Castro was a school bus driver who lost his job for “lack of judgment,” but not for anything pointing to psychosis. Like the Boston Marathon suspects, he apparently played a game with the outside world, seeming normal, taunting the public. He attended a fundraiser held for one of his victims, handing out flyers containing her photo.

The three women from Cleveland, now in their 20s and 30s, have a lot of anguish to work through. For the time being, they are thrust into the happy world of welcome-home balloons and joyous family reunions. It was their good fortune, if such a term may be used, to have not been killed, as so often happens in such disappearances.

Castro will presumably have the rest of his life behind bars to contemplate his sickness, if he is capable of complicated thought. His abduction of the three girls is an unusual story, but, sadly, it's not unique.

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Join us on a trip to Africa to interview a giraffe!

Ask a Giraffe!

If you could ask a giraffe any questions you wanted, what would you ask?

Q: How does a giraffe sleep?

A long, deep sleep is very dangerous for giraffes. We might not sense when a predator comes near.

During the day, we doze on and off for a few minutes at a time. Quietly and gently we relax our necks and let our heads hang downward.

At night, we lie down. But even then, we only take cat naps. We wake up every few minutes and look around.

Q: Why is there a bird hopping around your body?

That little bird is called an oxpecker and it is a good friend to a giraffe. We don't have arms and hands to flick away pesky ticks, fleas and flies. Oxpeckers pick them off of us. They eat the little pests and also help keep us clean.

Catch that flea!
A flea is tickling the giraffe. Follow the flea's path.

START

FINISH

Q: How tall is a giraffe?

Giraffes are the tallest land animals. Find the missing number to find out how tall a giraffe grows.

Males: 2+ ____ =8

Male giraffes can grow to be ____ meters tall. That is the size of 3-4 grown men standing on each other's shoulders!

Females: 3+ ____ =8

Female giraffes can grow to be ____ meters tall.

Baby giraffes are about 2 meters tall when they are born. That is more than 6 feet tall! If one meter equals about 3 feet, approximately how many feet tall are adult giraffes?

Standards Link: Algebra: Solve problems involving numeric equations; express simple unit conversions.

ANSWER: Male = 15 ft. Female = 15 ft.

At top speed, giraffes can gallop up to 37 miles per hour (60 kph)!

Q: How many bones are in a giraffe's neck?

Add the numbers to find out!

2+3+1+1= ____

Do you know how many bones are in your neck? Subtract these numbers for the answer.

19-5-3-4= ____

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems using addition and subtraction.

Extra! Extra!

Greater Than Less Than

Cut out six numbers from the newspaper. Arrange them into different "greater than" and "less than" sentences.

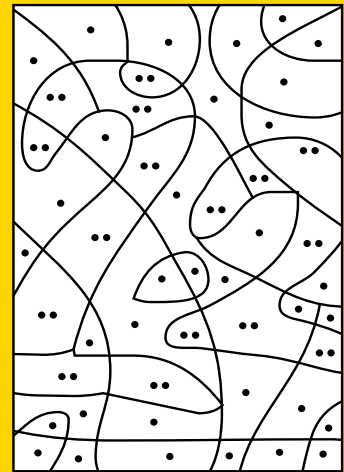
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Standards Link: Math: Number Sense; compare and order whole numbers using the symbols for less than and greater than (< >).

Q: How long are giraffe tongues?

Don't challenge a giraffe to see who can stick out their tongue the farthest! Color the spaces that have 2 dots red to find out how many inches a giraffe can stick out its tongue.

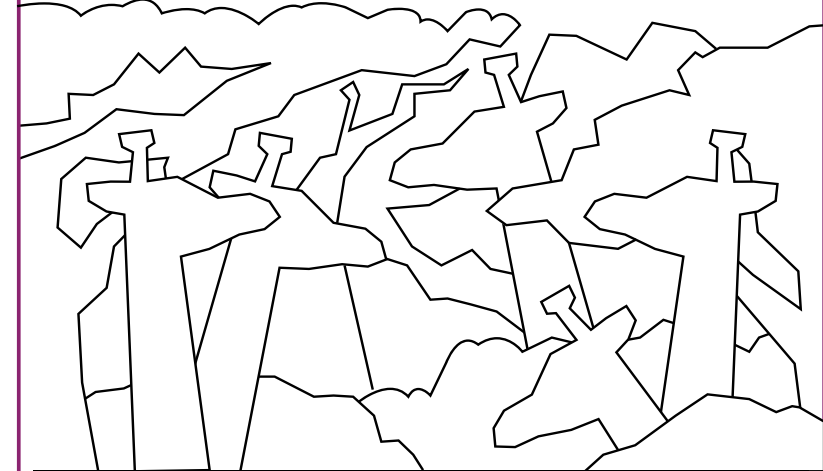
Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have different structures that serve different functions in survival.



Q: Why do giraffes have spots?

The patterns on a giraffe's body are not just for looks. They camouflage us. We can blend in with the shadows and shafts of light that filter around trees and bushes.

Color all of the giraffes you see in the grove of trees.

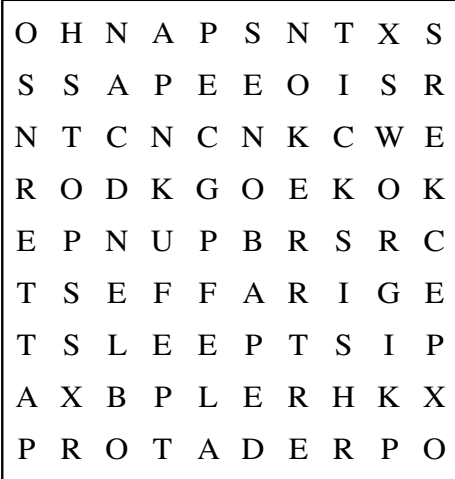


Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have different structures that serve different functions in survival.

Double Double Word Search

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TONGUES
PATTERNS
TICKS
SLEEP
HANG
SPOTS
PREDATOR
BONES
NECK
GROWS
OXPECKER
PATH
NAPS

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



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

TRUE OR FALSE

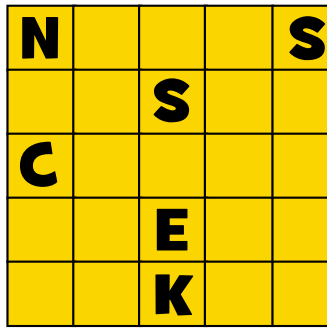
Five pieces of information below are true and one is false. Can you figure out which it is?

1. The tongue of a giraffe is a bluish-purple and is strong enough to grasp the foliage from the thorny acacia tree. They can also use their tongue to clean their nose.
2. There are nine subspecies of giraffe each with different pattern markings and each giraffe has it's own individual markings.
3. Giraffe's will rub their necks together as a sign of friendship.
4. All giraffes have horns called ossicones.
5. A giraffe can close its nostrils to protect it from sandstorms and ants.
6. Giraffes have to splay out their legs or kneel down to drink. They are vulnerable to predators when drinking.

Numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 are TRUE. Number 3 is false. A giraffe uses its neck in combat. A "necking" duel can last more than half an hour and it is used to establish dominance.

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

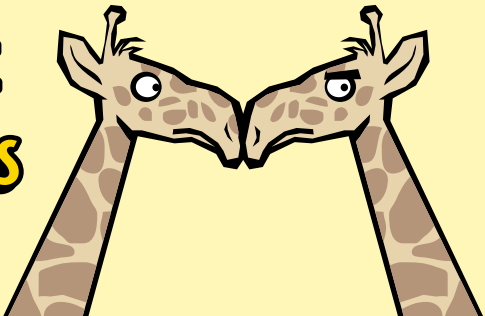


BEYOND Kid Scoop Sentence Stre-e-e-etchers

1. Write a short subject-verb sentence.
Example: Maria laughed.
2. Look through the newspaper for words to add to the sentence.
Example: The talented Maria caught a flying baseball and laughed aloud.

Standards Link: Sentence Structure; students construct simple sentences; use correct word order in written sentences.

What do you get when two giraffes collide?



ANSWER: A giraffe jam!

Write On! Long Neck News

Pretend you woke up one morning with the neck of a giraffe. Write a news story about being the first person with such a neck.

Bird Poop: A basket full of barnies

When she heard they were moving the rig, she asked the foreman to check the derrick. For weeks, she had seen, from her vantage point, nightly flights to and from the framework. For generations, her family had depended upon their ranch as a livelihood. Between the ups-and-downs of the oil and cattle businesses could be learned the lesson of patience.



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Flush one year, and then bust for several more, their lives had fluctuated between extremes. The latest craze of hydraulic fracturing had once again brought excitement to these arid lands.

Partially reassured by the foreman's promise, she hoped he would return her call. Later in the day, his deep, gravelly voice informed her there were "young-uns" to be moved.

Telling him she was on her way, she left the sprawling ranch house and headed toward the rig. As soon as the dust settled enough for her to step outside her vehicle, she walked toward the men standing beneath the massive tower.

Huddled close together in a cardboard box were the recent tenants from near the top of the

rig. On this area of the derrick, their parents had established a nesting area.

Not known for constructing elaborate abodes, the pair of barn owls had chosen the flat, steel surface. A few feathers, and remnants of mice and rabbits, had served as a lining. The isolation and height were quite adequate for raising their young.

After thanking the men, she called a friend in Midland. Having taken injured and abandoned birds to her in the past, she was reassured that her cargo would reach us.

Upon answering our phone came the news of six, infant barn owls removed from a drilling rig. Within thirty minutes we were on our way to Stanton.

When Midge and Woody Erskine arrived south of the gin, it seemed like "old times." For twenty-four years, we had worked with, and learned from them.

To look in the box was to see two larger, a middle size, and three tiny babies. All were covered in downy white fuzz. Guessing there were about two weeks of developmental difference between the oldest to the youngest, we knew the mother owl had laid her eggs in sequence.

If all the eggs had been laid at the same time, the parents would not have been able to supply enough food for every ravenous chick. With the youngsters stair-stepped in size, age, and appetite,



A laundry basket offers a cozy habitat for the six young barn owls and their surrogate parents. While "Mean" spreads his wings at the upper right, "Nasty" settles down among her new responsibilities in the lower left corner.

Courtesy photo

the two oldest would receive the most, while the middle and smallest would be given adequate feedings. As the youngest matured, their appetites would increase, but by then the oldest would have been given the necessary nutrition for their early development.

Having already alerted Gail Barnes in Lubbock, we drove back to Big Spring. Confirming that we had received the barn owls, we agreed to meet her in Lamesa within the hour.

As Gail glanced inside the box for her first encounter with the helpless birds, a wide grin spread across her face.

Of all the raptors and their young, barn owls were her favorite.

A male, adult "Jasper," and an infant named "Firecracker," had been her positive introductions into the world of night-wings.

Too young to be placed with surrogate parents necessitated using the warmth of incubators until they were ready for "Mean" and "Nasty." When the six little ones were placed in a container inside the adult owls' mew, it took very little time before the parents-to-be were on top of the wriggly babies to share their warmth, nurturing, and feedings. Gail suddenly had a basket-

ful of "barnies."

Devised by a volunteer, the parents' names represent the attitudes and characteristics barn owls must have to survive and prosper in the wild. Non-releasable due to wing injuries, they can still contribute to the upbringing of their kind.

By being with adults, the sextet will adopt mannerisms and behavior necessary for survival. Without their own specie influencing growth and development, these youngsters' futures could be grim in the wild.

Phone calls during early spring often-mean relocation of owls. One of our concerns is for

the natural parents and their loss of these young birds.

If the past few years and present are any indication, as long as there are oil fields to be discovered or worked, individuals will find these beneficial denizens of the night. Of utmost importance, however, is to insure that, when these young chicks mature and are released, they have the skills to take their place within the scheme of nature.

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Parent's Corner: The meanest mom you've ever seen

We have just celebrated a special day dedicated to mothers all across the land and I would like to share a note I received called the "Meanest Mother in the World." It was written by Bobbie Pingaro in 1967 and appeared in

a column by Ann Landers shortly afterward.

You will get the message right away and also agree we should all be so lucky.

"I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids had candy for breakfast, I had to eat cereal, eggs and toast. While

other kids had cakes and candy for lunch, I had a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids' dinners, too. "My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang or something. She had to know

who our friends were and what we were doing.

"I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash dishes, make the beds, and learn how to cook.

"That woman must have stayed awake nights thinking up things for us kids to do and she insisted that we tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser and our life became more unbearable. None of this tooting the car horn for us to come running, she embarrassed us to no end by insisting that friends come to the door to get us.

"I forgot to mention

that most of our friends were allowed to date at the mature age of 12 or 13, but our old-fashioned mother refused to let us date until we were 16.

She really raised a bunch of squares. None of us was ever arrested for shoplifting or busted for dope. And who do we have to thank for this? You're right, our mean mother.

"I am trying to raise my children to stand a little straighter and taller and I am secretly tickled to pieces when my children call me mean. I thank God for giving me the meanest mother in the world. Our country needs more mean mothers like mine. Blessings on that wonderful woman!"

I love how timeless

these words are and I think it's amazing how times really haven't changed. We strive for the same thing in parenting our kids and we are considered "mean" when we have to say "no," even if it is in our children's best interests. However, I hope my children will be as grateful as I am for having had such a "mean mother."

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Hawks fall to Midland in quarterfinal



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Howard College's Michael Renick fields a hit in left field during Monday's 7-6 regional quarterfinal loss to Midland at the Region V tourney in Grand Prairie. The Hawks face Grayson today.

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

GRAND PRAIRIE — Once again, Midland College is a thorn in Howard College's side.

The Hawks (37-22) were cruising at the NJCAA Region V Tournament, having defeated tough opponents in No. 10 Grayson College, then Mexico Junior College in the first two rounds of play.

But an unearned run scored by the Chaparrals in the bottom of the ninth inning Monday led to a narrow 7-6 victory, sending the Hawks to the loser's bracket.

Cameron Neal — the first batter of the game — was hit by a pitch, then was caught stealing second. Levi Scott singled, Nick Bullington belted a double. Scott rounded third and headed for home and was thrown out at the plate.

Considering how the game ended, the Hawks could have used that run.

Trailing 3-0 in the top of the fourth, Jose Favela — with two on and two out — recorded a RBI on an infield single. Dane Steinhagen followed suit, as the Hawks tacked on two runs of their own.

The Chaps responded in the bottom half of the inning with three more runs.

After leaving the bases loaded in the top of the fifth, Hawks pitcher Tommy Burns retired the Midland hitters in order for the first time during the outing.

Then the offense started to heat up for Howard. Favela and Steinhagen again picked up back-to-back singles. Neal drew a walk to load the bases with one out. Scott finally got the big hit the Hawks were waiting for, driving home two runs to make it 6-4.

Bullington stepped into the batter's box and ripped a base hit, scoring another run before a double play cut the rally short.

Joe Cervantes — who was responsible for three-of-four errors in the game — redeemed his miscues after fielding a hit in the bottom of the sixth, stepping on third base to make one out and throwing a runner out at first before Burns struck out the next hitter to end the inning.

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Texas loses fifth straight game in Oakland, 5-1

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — This must have felt awfully familiar for the Texas Rangers.

Back in the Bay Area for the first time since a three-game sweep at the end of last season cost them the AL West crown, the first-place Rangers had their momentum stopped by Oakland once again.

Yoenis Cespedes and Brandon Moss hit consecutive home runs in the third inning. A.J. Griffin matched his season high with eight strikeouts and the A's beat the rival Rangers 5-1 to start an important stretch in which the teams play six times in 10 days.

Still, before this three-game series had begun, Rangers manager Ron Washington downplayed anything that happened in this ballpark more than seven months ago.

"We're not in here for any revenge," Washington said.

"They beat us, we understand that, but there's nothing we can do about that. ... I'm not coming up in here thinking

about what happened in the past. Learn from that, but that certainly isn't fueling us. What's fueling us is we're healthy and we're playing good baseball, that's it."

This marks Texas' first trip to Oakland losing those final three games of the 2012 regular season to give away the division title to the surprising A's, whose latest victory ran their home winning streak in the rivalry to five.

The Rangers had their four-game winning streak snapped, and they haven't won five in a row since June 26-30 last year.

Texas righty Justin Grimm (2-3) was pitched by Griffin and lost his third straight after receiving an extra day of rest between outings. Grimm gave way to Joseph Ortiz after plunking Daric Barton to begin the sixth. Ortiz immediately allowed Derek Norris' double.

"April was a lot more fun, especially between starts when things are going well," Grimm said. "I have to keep

my head up and keep working through it. I have to stay mentally strong when things aren't going well."

Mitch Moreland homered to give the Rangers the lead in the second, then Eric Sogard and John Jaso hit RBI singles for the A's in the bottom half.

Texas had few other chances against Griffin and Co.

The Rangers (24-14) arrived in the Bay Area having won seven of nine and began the day with the best record in the majors, but again ran into their division nemesis.

Last season, Oakland became the first team in major league history to win a division or pennant after trailing by five games with fewer than 10 to play, stunning the two-time reigning AL champion Rangers in game No. 162. The A's trailed by 13 games on June 30.

Griffin faced either the minimum or one more batter in each of his final five innings, helped by a pair of

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Spurs, Warriors showing 'no quit' ahead of Game 5

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Golden State Warriors coach Mark Jackson placed a prominent poem by an unknown author in every player's locker before Game 4 against the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday that had a simple title:

Don't Quit.

Jackson's gritty Golden State team never has this season. Neither have the four-time champion Spurs, led by a group of veterans who have stood the test of time.

Young or old, it might not matter at this point.

Both teams are writing a new script in the playoffs, giving each other all they can handle in a thrilling Western Conference semifinal that has had more twists and turns than anybody ever predicted. The Warriors and Spurs head into a critical Game 5 tilt in San Antonio on Tuesday night tied at two apiece.

What started as a best-of-seven series is suddenly a best of three.

"It's a great place to be," Jackson said at Golden State's practice facility in Oakland on Monday before

the team boarded a flight to San Antonio. "It's a great story."

Differing in style and experience, the Warriors and Spurs share at least one common thread: each has reason to be confident and concerned before the next ball is tossed.

Both have blown late leads and lost a game in overtime that they felt they shouldn't. Each has won once on the other's home floor, and neither has won consecutive games.

"They've already won one here, so there is no reason to be comfortable here," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said back at team headquarters in San Antonio. "We're happy we have home court and we're happy to have a game (in Oakland), but there is no comfort level. We're 2-2. This next game is a huge game for both teams."

Home court seemed so huge at the start of the series.

Maybe not anymore.

The Warriors hadn't won two games beyond the first round since the 1977 conference semifinals through four games.

Area briefs

BSHS Sports Banquet set for May 21

The Big Spring High School boys and girls sports banquet will be held Tuesday, May 21 in the BSHS cafeteria at 6 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased through the athletic office at the ATC, Mrs. Stuteville, Ms. Trammell or Coach Warren for \$10 apiece. A full meal is included.

For more information, call 264-3662.

Country Club to host Parent-Child tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a 2-person scramble format, parent-child tournament June 1-2.

Play will begin with a shotgun start Saturday at 9 a.m. And 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Entry fee is \$100 per team in the

open division and \$50 for the trophy division. Plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome. Divisions will be flighted by first day score.

A parent may play with more than one child. Entry fees for a second team are half-price.

Barbeque will be served on the course Saturday. Prizes in the form of pro shop gift certificates will be awarded.

For more information, call 267-5354.

Earl Diddle Basketball Camps slated for June

Howard College Head Women's Basketball Coach Earl Diddle will be hosting the annual basketball skill camps at Howard College in June.

The Little Hawk Camp (boys and girls, K-3rd grade) will be held June 3-6 from 9 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

The Individual Skill Camp (girls,

Grades 4-6) is June 3-6 from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Individual Skill Camp for boys (Grades 4-12) will be June 3-6 from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Shooting and Position Camp (girls, Grades 7-12) is set for June 10-13 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

All camps are \$50 per student and enrollment is open to students from any school.

Proceeds from the camps go toward the Howard College women's basketball program.

For more information, contact Diddle at 816-4127.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at BSCC

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic

at the Big Spring Country Club with a shootout beginning June 21 and a two-day tournament slated for June 22-23.

The event is limited to the first 100 paid two-man teams.

The scramble format tourney will be pre-flighted by tournament committee and local golf pro (handicap required).

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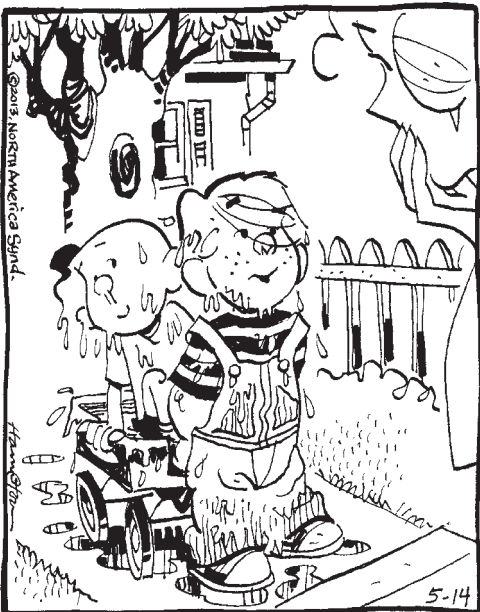
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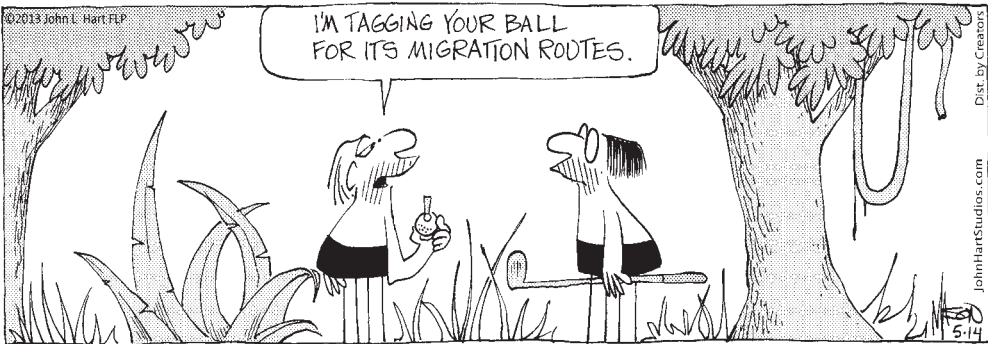
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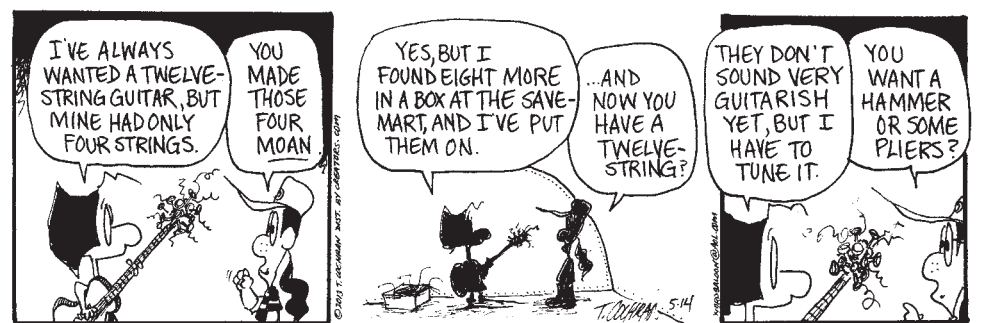
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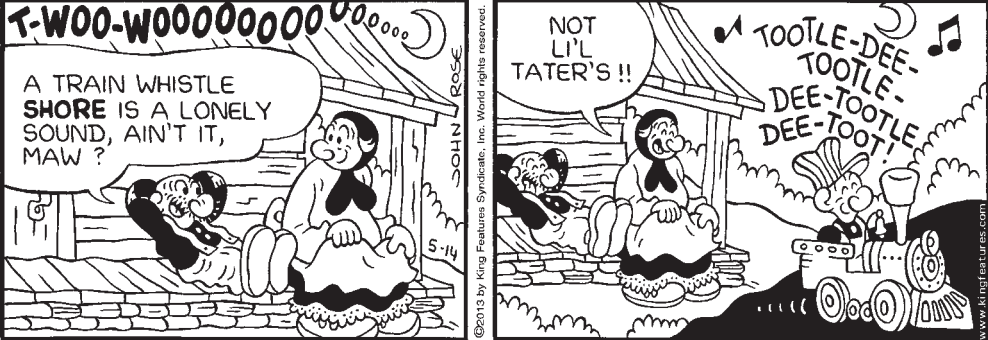
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 14, the 134th day of 2013. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 14, 1973, the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station. (Skylab 1 remained in orbit for six years before burning up during re-entry in 1979.)

On this date: In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age 4 upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Ill.

In 1863, Union forces defeated the Confederates in the Battle of Jackson, Miss.

In 1900, the Olympic games

opened in Paris, held as part of the 1900 World's Fair.

In 1913, the Rockefeller Foundation was founded in New York.

In 1942, Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" was first performed by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

In 1948, according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv.

In 1961, Freedom Riders were attacked by violent mobs in Anniston and Birmingham, Ala.

In 1973, the National Right to Life Committee was incorporated.

In 1988, 27 people, mostly teens, were killed when their church bus collided with a pickup truck going the wrong direction on a highway near Carrollton, Ky. (Truck driver Larry Mahoney served 9-12 years in prison for manslaughter.)

In 1998, singer-actor Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82. The hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode after nine years on NBC.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Patrice Munsel is 88.

Photo-realist artist Richard Estes is 81. Former Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., is 71. Rock singer-musician Jack Bruce (Cream) is 70. Movie producer George Lucas is 69. Actress Meg Foster is 65. Movie director Robert Zemeckis is 62. Rock singer David Byrne is 61. Actor Tim Roth is 52. Rock singer Ian Astbury (The Cult) is 51. Rock musician C.C. (aka Cecil) DeVille is 51. Actor Danny Huston is 51. Rock musician Mike Inez (Alice In Chains) is 47. Fabrice Morvan (ex-Milli Vanilli) is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Raphael Saadiq is 47. Actress Cate Blanchett is 44. Movie writer-director Sofia Coppola (KOH'-pah-lah) is 42.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS			DOWN		
1 24-hr. money source	63 Leatherworking tools	9 Wipe clean	39 Egg on		
4 Went for a dip	64 Embrace	10 TV room	40 Cook in oil		
8 Hope-chest wood	65 Lake boat	11 "Further-more . . ."	41 Confuse		
13 __-la-la	66 Piece of land	12 Beam of light	46 Gets up		
14 River through Egypt	67 Environmental prefix	19 British luxury car, for short	47 Cookware coating		
15 Sports venue	68 Crockpot meals	20 Mermaid's home	49 West Coast state		
16 Corn serving	69 Payroll IDs	21 Tire type	50 Crosses (out)		
17 Without a warranty	70 Fellows	25 Present a second time	52 "That's not news to me"		
18 Like a beach		26 Angry, with "off"	54 Aides: Abbr.		
19 Face card in poker		27 Complete collections	57 Empty spaces		
22 Inquire		29 Observes	58 Nocturnal fliers		
23 Billiards stick		31 Line of bushes	59 "Sorry to intrude . . ."		
24 Tips off		32 __ Baba	60 Game show VIPs		
28 Honking birds		35 Relax, as rules	61 Grain in granola		
30 Shelter from the sun		37 Completed	62 __ of a kind (unique)		
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HAWKS

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With the momentum on the Hawks' side, Omar Garcia started off the seventh with a single, stole second base and reached third on an error.

A balk scored Garcia and allowed Cervantes

to take first, then Favela reached on an error. Steinhagen and Neal were both fanned to end the inning with the score knotted at 6-6.

After a walk and a fielder's choice in the bottom of the seventh, HC Head Coach Britt Smith pulled Burns — who pitched 7 and 1/3 innings, striking out seven — and replaced

him with relief pitcher Brock Hunt, who retired the next two batters, freezing Midland base runners.

Hunt had a three-up, three-down inning in the bottom of the eighth, but the Hawks couldn't produce a run in the top of the ninth despite a two-out single by Cervantes, who was left on base.

Hunt struck out two Chaps in the bottom of the ninth, but a single, a walk and Cervantes' third error led to an unearned, game-winning run.

David Palladino, David Gates and Burns have all turned in qual-

ity outings, but as the pitching thins out, HC Head Coach Britt Smith is hoping for at least one more quality start — this time from hurler Diego Rodriguez.

"Diego just has to give us a chance," Smith explained. "He has good movement on the fastball, but Grayson is a fastball-hitting team. If he can throw enough off-speed stuff to keep them honest — if we get a pitching performance, yeah, I think we can beat them again."

Down, but not out, the Hawks faced Grayson again today. Smith hopes to limit the mistakes and work his way

to the championship game — a task that got more difficult following the defeat.

"We made some physical errors and mental errors," Smith said. "Obviously, we're not in the best position. We're going to go out there and compete. We will try to take good at-bats and give ourselves a chance to win. We competed well against Midland, we just gave them too many opportunities and too many outs."

Smith — who has been critical of his team for much of the season for a lack of teamwork — cited a renewed sense of

cohesion which has allowed the squad to make it this far among the region's best.

"The talent has always been there," Smith added. "Now, the effort is there as well."

A win would keep Howard's tournament championship hopes alive, a loss will eliminate them from contention.

Results will be published in Tuesday's edition of the Herald.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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

5		7				9		
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RANGERS

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double plays. He improved to 3-0 in four starts against division opponents.

"It's the best start command-wise I've had in the pros, in the major

leagues," he said.

The right-hander got a scare when he ducked out of the way of Adrian Beltre's sharp single up the middle leading off the seventh, and the pitcher patted his hand on his pounding heart once back on his feet.

"He was keeping the

fastball down and making good pitches," Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus said. "There was nothing more we could do. His breaking ball is really slow and it's not that easy to adjust to so many mph lower than his fastball."

Next, Sean Doolittle came in and struck out the side in order on 12 pitches in the eighth.

For the A's, it hardly mattered that Texas was on the other side after they returned home from a rough 3-7 road trip.

"It was big. It was welcomed," manager Bob Melvin said. "It just felt like we were back in sync."

Griffin (4-3) went seven innings and didn't walk a batter for the first time this season, earning his second victory in six outings since he won back-to-back appearances to start the year.

Cespedes hit an 0-1 pitch just over the center-field wall above

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Haste Makes Waste

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ Q 9 5 4
♦ J 10 7
♣ 6 5 2

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

EAST
♠ 9 6
♥ J 8 6
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ J 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 5
♥ A 2
♦ 9 3
♣ A K Q 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Before playing to the first trick, declarer should take time to identify all his assets. Failure to do so might easily cost declarer a contract that could have been made.

Consider this simple case from a team contest. At both tables, South got to four spades and both Wests led the K-A and another diamond. Both declarers ruffed and had to decide how to proceed.

At one table, South drew trumps and cashed the A-K-Q of clubs, hop-

ing for a 3-3 division in the suit. When West showed out on the third round, declarer could not avoid losing a club and a heart and so went down one.

The trouble with South's approach was that he played the hand as if dummy did not have the queen of hearts. That card, which offered a 50 percent chance of taking a trick, was never put to any use, and it wound up withering on the vine.

The declarer at the other table, a much more introspective type, did not make the same mistake. After ruffing the third diamond, he cashed the A-Q of spades, then played the ace and another heart.

West could do no better than take the king and shift to the ten of clubs, but South was now in full control. He won, crossed to the king of spades and discarded the four of clubs on the heart queen to finish with 10 tricks.

The second declarer gave himself two chances instead of just one to get home safely. He kept the 36 percent chance of a 3-3 club division in reserve while exploring the 50 percent chance of West's holding the king of hearts, giving him a combined chance of about 68 percent to make the contract. This was a significant improvement over South's effort at the first table, and it paid an appropriate dividend.

Tomorrow: Do something!
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