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Genevieve Stockburger, Hangar 25 Air Museum administrator, spoke to the fifth graders at Goliad Intermediate School on Friday. The talk included facts about the holocaust, in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Week.

Students receive holocaust primer

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Holocaust Remembrance Week may be over, but that doesn't mean what it represents should be forgotten.

Hangar 25 Air Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger made a visit to Goliad Intermediate School to visit with fifth graders last week.

"The holocaust was a huge tragedy

and there was no reason for it to happen. It just happened, but we need to remember so that it doesn't happen again," Stockburger said during her presentation.

For an hour, students learned about concentration camps, genocide, World War II and Adolf Hitler. As Stockburger said, all aspects played an important role in the holocaust, but the most important was Hitler.

"The one thing I want all of the kids to take away from this is that if there wouldn't have been Adolf Hitler then the holocaust never would have happened," she said. "He is the one who

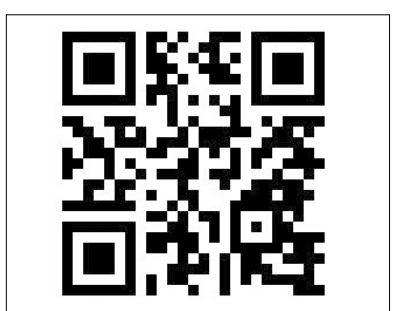
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Get your 'Q' going

Eagles hosting cook-off

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It's no secret people in the Crossroads — and West Texas, for that matter — are crazy for barbecue, and area cooks will get an opportunity to compete for the title of king of the grill Saturday as the local Eagles Lodge presents BBQ Fest.

The cook-off will feature the best and brightest local grillers and smokers as they go head to head

in categories including pork ribs, chicken, brisket and jackpot beans, according to coordinator Paul Moran.

Entry is \$10 per team per category, according to Moran, and the money raised by the cook-off — which is being held by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188 — will benefit the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children.

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Hot spot

County library forced to cut hours until AC is repaired

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

If you doubt the importance of air conditioning in West Texas, just drop by the Howard County Library some afternoon.

The library's air conditioning unit, which operated in fits and starts most of this spring, finally gave up the ghost for good recently, leaving the building a tad on the hot side.

Well, more than a tad, it turns out.

"It's been getting up to 83 or 84 most afternoons, and it'll only get



McCright

hotter," County Library Hollis McCright said. "It's gotten so warm that we've not had much business in the afternoon, and after 4 p.m., we're not getting anyone at all."

Bowing to the inevitable, McCright said the library will have to reduce its hours of operation until a replacement air conditioning unit is installed.

Effective Monday, the library will

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High speed chase leads to man's injuries, arrest

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Saturday afternoon 27-year-old Justin Martinez led authorities on a high-speed chase through three counties.

The pursuit began when Midland County Deputies and DPS Troopers attempted to pull over Martinez's vehicle. According to news media reports, Martinez was driving east on Interstate 20 at a high rate of speed and kept crossing into oncom-

ing traffic and back again. Reports had been received that there was a hostage in the vehicle and Martinez was armed.

Once the chase reached Howard County, Big Spring Police Department and Howard County deputies joined the pursuit.

The vehicle stopped in the 3700 block of West Highway 80. Once stopped, officers discovered there

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El Paso	91	63	pt sunny
Dallas	87	68	pt sunny
Austin	88	67	pt sunny
Houston	86	70	pt sunny
San Antonio	90	70	pt sunny
Brownsville	89	72	pt sunny

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	91	71	pt sunny
Amarillo	93	57	mst sunny	Livingston	87	66	pt sunny
Austin	88	67	pt sunny	Longview	87	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	85	69	pt sunny	Lubbock	95	62	pt sunny
Brownsville	89	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	89	68	pt sunny
Brownwood	92	67	pt sunny	Midland	96	68	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	86	73	pt sunny	Raymondville	92	71	pt sunny
Corsicana	86	66	pt sunny	Rosenberg	86	69	pt sunny
Dallas	87	68	pt sunny	San Antonio	90	70	pt sunny
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El Paso	91	63	sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	69	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	96	66	mst sunny	Sweetwater	92	67	windy
Gainesville	85	66	pt sunny	Tyler	87	66	pt sunny
Greenville	85	66	pt sunny	Weatherford	87	65	pt sunny
Houston	86	70	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	87	67	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	64	pt sunny	Minneapolis	79	63	t-storm
Boston	50	47	rain	New York	69	55	rain
Chicago	74	60	pt sunny	Phoenix	89	64	sunny
Dallas	87	68	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	50	sunny
Denver	77	50	cloudy	Seattle	51	42	rain
Houston	86	70	pt sunny	St. Louis	82	67	t-storm
Los Angeles	65	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	64	t-storm
Miami	78	74	t-storm				

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Bob Dean

Bob Dean, 67, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 29, 2012, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Shirley M. Davis

Shirley M. Davis, 76, of Big Spring died Monday, April 30, 2012, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Shirley. Brashears

Shirley M. Brashears, 74, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 1, 2012, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- **MARK ANTHONY MOLINA**, 47, of 2911 W. Hwy 80 226, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault family violence causes bodily injury.
- **DANIEL RAY CASTILLO**, 45, of 201 Ave. J, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **OLGA MARIE FLORES**, 21, of 1000 E. 20th, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft between \$50 and \$500 from buildings.
- **ANTONIO PARADEZ FLORES**, 50, of 1602 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on warrants from other agency (two counts), fail to appear, expired motor vehicle inspection certification and expired registration.
- **LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON**, 35, of 3304 W. Hwy 80 44, was arrested Monday on a warrant for failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- **STEVEN GARY KARIBIAN**, 37, of 1308 Boykin Rd., was arrested Monday on a warrant for evading arrest/detention using vehicle or watercraft.
- **STEPHEN CRUZ**, 33, of 1707 Donley, was arrested Monday on a warrant for issuance of bad check and theft by check between \$20 and \$500 (two counts).
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir Street.
- **THEFT** was reported: In the 100 block of Hooser Road. In the 6500 block of W. Perineter. In the 4100 Bilger Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

In the 900 block of Nolan Street.
In the 4100 block of Dixon Street.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DANIEL RAY CASTILLO**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Monday by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **OLGA MARIE FLORES**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by BSPD on a warrant for theft between \$50 and \$500.
- **STEVEN GARY KARIBIAN**, 37, was arrested Monday by HCSO for evading arrest/detention using vehicle or watercraft.
- **ANTONIO P. FLORES**, 50, transferred to the county jail Monday by BSPD on ride not secured by safety belt, violate promise to appear (two counts), display expired registration, expired motor vehicle inspection, display expired registration.
- **LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON**, 35, was arrested Monday by HCSO on a warrant for failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- **STEPHEN CRUZ**, 33, was arrested Monday by HCSO on a warrant for issuance of bad check and theft by check between \$20 and \$500 (two counts).

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.

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These Texas lotteries were drawn Monday:

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World briefs

1 year on from raid that killed Osama bin Laden, no answers from Pakistan

ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan (AP) — One year since U.S. commandos flew into this Pakistani army town and killed Osama bin Laden, Islamabad has failed to answer tough questions over whether its security forces were protecting the world's most wanted terrorist.

Partly as a result, fallout from the raid still poisons relations between Washington and Pakistan, where anti-American sentiment, support for Islamist extremism and anger at the violation of sovereignty in the operation can be summed up by a Twitter hashtag doing the rounds: #02MayBlackDay.

The Pakistani government initially welcomed the raid that killed bin Laden in his three-story compound, but within hours the mood changed as it became clear that Pakistan's army was cut out of the operation.

Any discussions over how bin Laden managed to stay undetected in Pakistan were drowned out in anger at what the army portrayed as a treacherous act by a supposed ally.

That bin Laden was living with his family near Pakistan's version of West Point — not in a cave in the mountains as many had guessed — raised eyebrows in the West.

The Pakistani army was already accused of playing both sides in the campaign against militancy, providing some support against al-Qaida but keeping the Afghan Taliban as strategic allies.

A week after the raid, President Barack Obama said bin Laden had a "support network" in Pakistan and the country must investigate how he evaded capture.

Obama, Romney offer distinct choices to voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the better part of a year, Mitt Romney has tethered himself to an array of positions designed for the Republican presidential primaries, stances that put him to the right of where he's been through much of his career and raise questions about where he really wants to go. President Barack Obama's politicking has tacked to the left, thanks to all those speeches to Democratic fundraisers and other activist-heavy events that play up the liberal in him.

Now, though, it's time for both politicians to start maximizing their appeal to the broad electorate, a task Obama had the luxury of starting early as the incumbent without an intra-party struggle to settle. And as they compete for that middle ground, the essential differences between them may become harder to see.

Those differences surely exist. Obama and his Republican challenger are offering voters a distinct choice on taxes, a sharp disagreement over health care and a classic ideological divide on social issues that neither candidate seems eager to talk about. So, too, Obama has shown he believes in the power of the purse — or the power of debt — to right an economic downturn in ways that Republicans find hard to swallow.

Obama wants to push even more than in 2008 to raise taxes on the rich and companies that outsource jobs.

On the other hand, Romney wants lower rates for all incomes and no special tax penalties on corporate behavior.

Obituaries

Leon Kennedy

Leon Kennedy, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 30, 2012, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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"We're hoping for a big turnout. The plan is to make this an annual event," Moran said. "Everyone has their own take on barbecue, whether it's beef, pork or chicken. They have their own recipes, methods and spices, and we hope this event will serve as a chance for them to show off their skills and, at the same time, raise money for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital."

Moran, a past president of the Howard County Scottish Rite Club and who currently handles fundraising for the charity-driven hospital, said he hopes the event will serve two purposes.

"I'm really excited about having a chance to raise money for the hospital, and the Eagles have been extremely supportive of the cause," Moran said. "The Howard County Scottish Rite Club had been dormant for some time, but now we're hoping to get some local folks interested in it again. I'm hoping this fundraiser will allow us to raise money for the hospital while also giving us a chance to educate people on what they do and how important it is we show them support."

Moran said cooks are required to bring their own means of cooking and ingredients, including meat.

"Whether you use a grill, smoker or a crock pot, just bring it with you and we'll get you squared away," Moran said. "Everyone has their own method and I can't wait to see some of the different styles of cooking folks around here have. The local merchants have

really opened up their hearts and donated some great prizes for the competition, so it should be a great time for everyone."

As for those who aren't looking for prizes or bragging rights, Moran said the Eagles have a job for them, as well.

"One of the best parts of a cook-off like this is getting to taste all the different food," Moran said. "I mean, who doesn't like to eat, especially when it's barbecue? We'll have plates for \$10 and they will include barbecue, potato salad, cole slaw, beans and bread. It doesn't get much better than that."

Moran said cooking can begin at the contestant's leisure, but judging will begin at noon.

"There are some folks who like to start before the sun comes up," Moran said with a laugh. "Then there are others who just need an hour or two. They can begin cooking whenever it suits them, just as long as their entry is ready to be judged at noon. We'll also start serving the plates at noon."

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is a world leader in the treatment of pediatric orthopedic conditions and strives to improve the care of children worldwide through innovative research and teaching programs, training physicians from around the world. The facility is located in Dallas.

For more information on the cook-off or the Howard County Texas Scottish Rite Hospital club, contact Moran at 928-345-8014. For more information on the hospital, visit www.tsrhc.org

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LIBRARY

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be open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and will close on Saturdays.

"The library will be changing its hours, quite

simply because we can't exist in a building that's 90 degrees," McCright said.

Bids for a new cooler are expected to be opened by county commissioners May 12, and McCright is hopeful the new unit will be installed an operational by late June.

Once that happens, normal summer operating

hours will go back into effect, she said.

"This is just temporary," she said of the new schedule. "We'll go back to our usual 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. business when the air conditioning is fixed."

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HOLOCAUST

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started it all."

According to statistics, 11 million people — a total of the population of New York and Los Angeles combined — perished in the tragedy. Out of that number, six

million were Jews and 1.5 million were children.

"During the holocaust there were more than 20,000 concentration camps throughout Europe," Stockburger said.

"It is important that we remember the rescuers, victims and the soldiers

in this tragedy. Even though this genocide was allowed to happen because many people did nothing, there were those who did what they could and helped out."

In addition to the presentation, Stockburger left packets for each of the students to take part in the upcoming exhibit

at the Holocaust Museum in Houston. As a tribute to the 1.5 million children who lost their lives in the Holocaust, the museum is setting up a display called the Butterfly Project. By 2014, the museum hopes to gather a personalized butterfly to represent each of the children and

put them on display.

To find out more about the Butterfly Project, visit http://www.hmh.org/ed_butterfly1.shtm.

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CHASE

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was no hostage inside. The driver was the only occupant of the vehicle.

Due to apparent gunshot wounds, Martinez was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and airlifted to Lubbock. The wounds were allegedly received when officers opened fire on

the vehicle in an attempt to stop the driver.

According to reports, Martinez is in the Midland County Jail on a felony charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

The Texas Rangers are handling the investigation at this time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we listen to Your voice, Lord, for our future.

Amen

Wishing John Edwards the worst

John Edwards allegedly misused campaign money to cover a tawdry affair while posing lovey-dovey with his dying wife for the cameras. All this happened in 2008, as the former Democratic senator from North Carolina was running for president. Accused of six felony counts for violating federal election laws, Edwards faces up to 30 years behind bars. Let's go for the max.

Edwards aide Andrew Young has recounted how he did everything for the boss, from changing light bulbs at his house to claiming paternity of his love child by another campaign worker. Young told the court in Greensboro, N.C., that his love for Edwards clouded his better judgment. Meanwhile, Young's ex-wife, Cheri, testified on Monday that Edwards knew all about the money being funneled through her family to hide the pregnant Rielle Hunter from public scrutiny.

Elizabeth Edwards wrote that she learned of her husband's affair early on. Even then, in a book published in 2009, the year before her death, she noted that John "left most of the truth out." A gruesome betrayal, but that was between husband and wife.

Edwards' grand infidelity was to all the volunteers who had worked tirelessly for his campaign. It was a slap to the folks

who fell under the spell of his hope-filled message. (His fans chose to ignore that this self-defined "son of a mill worker" lived in baronial splendor.) Even his choice of mistress, the flaky Rielle, expressed scorn for his followers. Above all, his using a presidential run as a forum for down-market adultery showed contempt for the political process.

Those things are not necessarily illegal. Taking political donations from rich benefactors to keep one's mistress comfy would be. Attached to Young and his family, Rielle travelled with the group to Aspen and other fancy spots, before they all settled down together in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Here's Rielle's classy take on the setup: "Not too bad, considering I was sleeping in my car a few years ago."

Master con artists don't stop at fooling the trusting masses but go on to work over the supposedly sophisticated. Bernard Madoff had his spiel down pat, and so did Edwards.

Andrew Young told the court that when he first heard Edwards speak, "He looked at me like he'd known me forever." As candidate Edwards became the only Democratic candidate to talk at length about blue-collar fears and the poor, many commentators listened intently.

One columnist following the Edwards campaign in New Hampshire observed, "The people who filled the Bow Town Hall on a slushy Monday morning were neither rich nor poor,

but they definitely felt left out." Clearly intrigued by his populist message, the writer noted, "As Edwards warned the crowd not to 'trade corporate Republicans for corporate Democrats,' people nodded."

That writer would be me. This guy's good. He's real good. In the ongoing trial, he has his elderly parents sitting in the courtroom on kitchen pillows. A homey touch, like when he says to them within earshot of the media, "Are y'all OK?" If I didn't disapprove of name-calling, I'd call Edwards a creep.

Is Andrew Young, as the Edwards defense insists, a liar who latched onto the politician for the money and power? Did Rielle blackmail him during the campaign, lest she go public with her pregnancy? Was the late Elizabeth Edwards not quite the saint married to a scoundrel, but a co-conspirator in keeping the misdeeds under wraps?

Whatever questionable motives others may have had, they sit low in the shadows of Edwards' towering badness. Prosecutors have thrown the book at him. May their aim prove perfect.

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Obama is not headed forward

You have to hand it to President Obama and his cabal of re-election strategists; they are masters of illusion. Their newly released Web video and its accompanying campaign slogan, "Forward," are science fiction-level fantastical.

We're all familiar with Obama's penchant for deflecting responsibility and blaming his policy failures on George W. Bush, but after more than three years in office for Obama, it has gone from childish mischief to juvenile delinquency. This is a question for Guinness: Has any other president run for re-election against the record of his retired predecessor?

Indeed, Obama is still feeding us this dodge years beyond its spoil date, apparently hoping we won't realize we have salmonella until he's safely voted in to his second term.

Watch the video. In the words of The Hill's John Easley, "it blames GOP policies for the still-sluggish economy."

It attempts to draw a clear dichotomy between the dark days of the last year of Bush's term and the glorious remedial reign of President Obama, which began in January 2009.

The first period is depicted as one of excessive job losses, the housing and foreclosure crisis, the stock market free fall, and the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers, with ominous images of President Bush and Vice President Cheney, the sinister masterminds of these disasters, strategically placed throughout, for maximum effect.

The second period begins with the inauguration of President Obama, underscoring his heroic agenda — the one Obama has cited in placing himself among the greatest American presidents — the stimulus, the GM and Chrysler bailouts, financial reform, the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell," bringing the Iraq War to a close and, of course,

the killing of Osama bin Laden. Before the video ends, the video dutifully boasts about Obama's signature "accomplishment," Obamacare, going so far as to include the controversial birth control mandate in his plus column. Likewise with his green energy policies.

According to the video, the most polarizing chief executive in the history of the American presidency is not the cause of our current dreadful economic conditions, about which, in any event, the White House is mostly in denial, as we'll see. Nor is Obama to blame for our nearly unprecedented partisan acrimony. No, the root of our problems is obstructionist GOP Republicans, who — along with their evil media mouthpieces Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck — "instead of working together to lift America up ... (have waged) a campaign to tear the president down."

But despite the pernicious efforts of the GOP and its loud-mouth conservative co-conspirators to thwart President Obama's salutary agenda, Obama has persevered and triumphed.

That's right; his record is not one of failure but one of extraordinary achievement against this right-wing hydra and the multi-faceted adversity it has hurled at him.

In fact, the White House would have us believe the economy is doing pretty well. "The president's stimulus plan saved up to 4.2 million jobs" and has given us steady economic growth, and the manufacturing sector is going gangbusters.

What this little clip doesn't tell you — apart from the meaningless and immeasurable metric of "saved jobs," which has now been further diluted to the ludicrous rendering "saved up to" — is how much these possibly or possibly not saved jobs cost the American taxpayer. It doesn't reveal Obama's miserable record in creating new private-sector jobs or that overall, he has delivered us a net loss of millions of jobs and unemployment at levels consistently 60 percent higher than what economists consider normal.

It doesn't report that taxpay-

ers lost billions on his vaunted auto bailouts or that through his abuses of power, secured creditors were literally cheated out of their money.

The video conveniently fails to mention that Obama has rightfully earned his nickname "The Food Stamp President" with the objectively measurable skyrocketing increases in government dependency payouts during his term, a great portion of which cannot be blamed on the recession, which his policies grossly worsened anyway. It doesn't disclose that Obamacare will cost nearly twice what Obama promised or that Dodd-Frank is likely to exacerbate the very problems it is ostensibly designed to prevent.

The video casually glosses over Obama's real record on green jobs, the wasted billions and the shameless corporatist corruption. It doesn't showcase his gutting of the military or his plans for radical nuclear disarmament.

But the most gaping hole in this propaganda piece is its glaring omission of the debt crisis Obama has engineered, his abdication of leadership in failing to pressure his party's Senate majority to produce a budget — even a phony, superficial one — in more than 1,000 days, and his egregious refusal to work on entitlement reform and balancing the budget.

Team Obama is gifted in community organizing, but not even these wizards can re-create reality to make Obama's record appear anywhere north of calamitous failure. This "progressive" president is headed anywhere but forward.

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YOUNG JOURNALIST GETS THE SCOOP ON HEALTHY FARMING PRACTICES

Farming That is Good for Mother Earth and YOU!

By Samantha Anderson, 5th Grade

Joel Salatin is a farmer working a farm called Polyface. He and his family own and run the farm in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Polyface was first bought as an aged, worn-down piece of land by Joel's parents and has now become a world-famous producing farm.

Farming Freedom
This farm is unlike most other farms. Anyone can Polyface freely, 365 days a year. If you were to visit, you might notice that Joel is a busy farmer. A couple of things Joel and

his family stay busy with is moving cows from pasture to pasture and processing their own meat. They do not ship their meat; they want it as as possible.

Polyface farm raises many different types of animals, unlike most of today's mass-production farms. Some animals on Polyface are chickens, cows, turkeys and meat rabbits. The cows are herded from pasture to pasture eating grass and weeds.

Joel's son, Daniel, cares for the rabbits. Daniel began raising rabbits in the 1980s and came across a type of rabbit that can eat grass and without getting sick. The rabbits are moved daily with the chickens to a place called the Raken house where they live with the chickens for a short while.

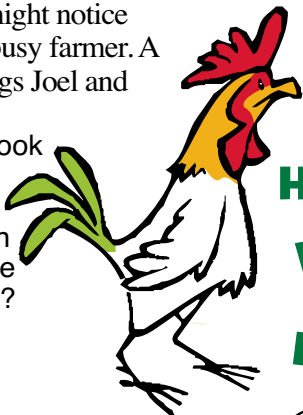
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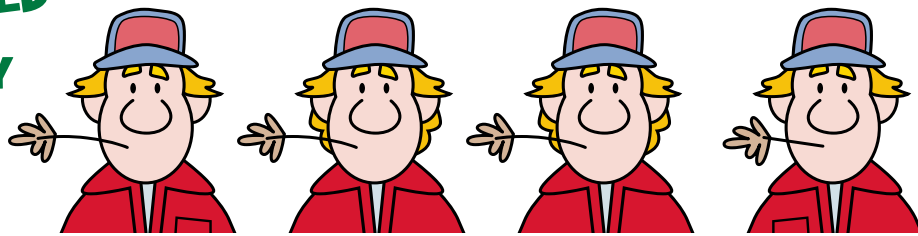
Samantha Anderson loves to write and she cares about Mother Earth. She combined these two interests when she interviewed a farmer in Virginia who uses healthy farming practices. Samantha's entry won the Kid Scoop Foundation's Hometown Heroes essay contest.

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This rooster took some of the words out of this story. Can you find where each belongs?



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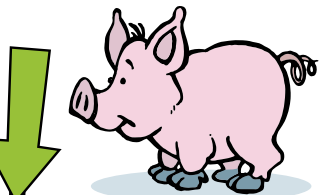


Find the two identical farmers.

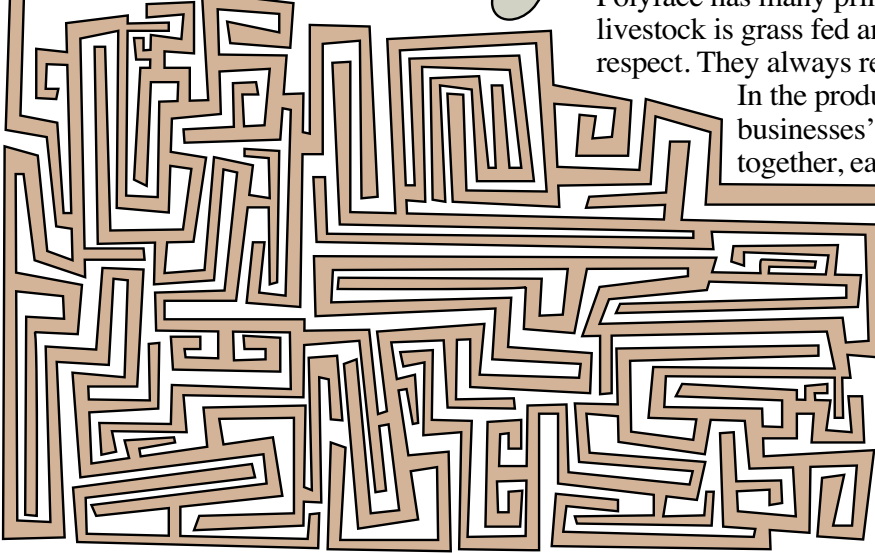
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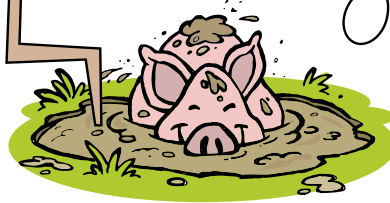
Help this pig join his pal in the mud puddle.



A Farm With Principles

Not a principal like at your school – but *principles*, which means *rules or guidelines*.

Polyface has many principles of farming, such as all livestock is grass fed and all animals are treated with respect. They always respect the “piggyness” of a pig. In the production of a pig, most farmers’ or businesses’ pigs stand all day, packed together, eating from a trough, changing their life and instincts. Polyface’s pigs have their own pastures and enjoy eating what they are given.



Extra! Extra! From the Farm

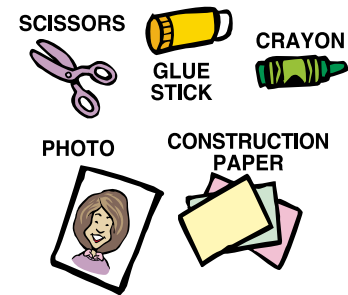
Look through the newspaper for pictures of things that are made from animals and plants raised on farms. For example, the leather of shoes comes from a cow and the flour in bread comes from wheat. Cut out five of these pictures and then label them with one or more plants or animals that they are made from.

Standards Link: Economics: Know that goods are made or grown by people to satisfy needs and wants.

Make a Keepsake Flower for Mom

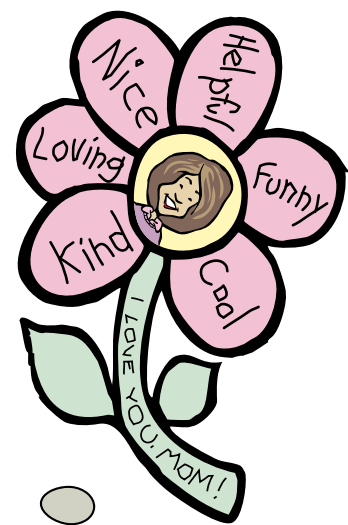
This little gift is also great for any special woman in your life—your grandmother, an aunt, a teacher or a friend!

Stuff you'll need:



Instructions:

1. Cut out six flower petals, a center circle, a stem and two leaves.
2. On each petal, write a word that describes your mother.
3. Glue a picture of your mom on the center circle. (Ask an adult for a photo that's okay to use!)
4. Write “I love you” on the stem.
5. Glue the flower parts together.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

What a Character!

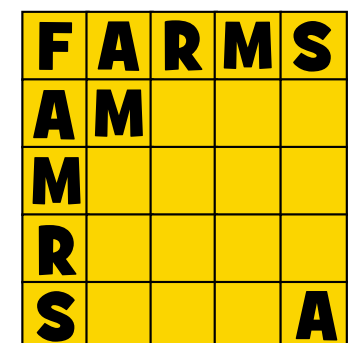
Respect is ...



... helping your mother without being asked.

Kid Scoo-doku

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



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Luis wants to buy his mother some flowers. He has \$1.00. Use the puzzle to figure out what each of the flowers costs. Then select some flowers that Luis can buy to make his mother a bouquet.

FLOWER PRICES:

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Solution at: www.kidscoop.com/kids/

Standards Link: Math / Number Sense: Solve problems using amounts of money.

Double Double Word Search

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TROUGH
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FARMS
EARTH
GRASS
PIGS
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BUSY
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Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



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

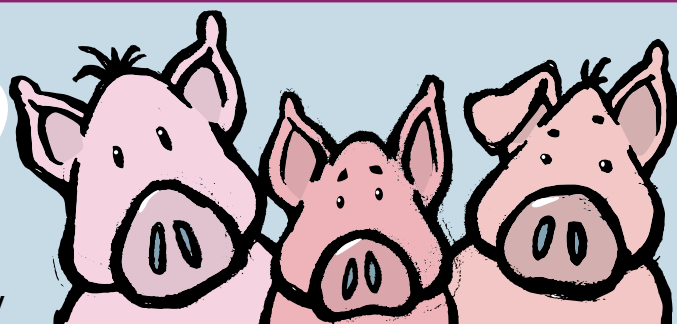
FROM THE **Kid Scoop** LESSON LIBRARY

What is a hero?

Look through the newspaper for articles about people who are working to make your community a healthy place to live. Are there any efforts happening in your town that your family could help?

Standards Link: Health: Know healthy services and information.

How do you fit more pigs on your farm?



ANSWER: Build a sty-scraper.

Write On!

All About Mom

Write about a special day or a special experience you had with your mom (or another special lady in your life).

The three 'owl-migos'

As he neared the well site, in his rearview mirror could be seen a huge, billowing cloud of dust. Pulling up to the pump jack, he knew to wait a few minutes before opening the door of his truck.



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While he waited for the air to clear around the pumping unit, he remembered his earlier days in the oil field. He'd help bring in this well and many others.

Stepping down from his vehicle, he approached the inactive structure.

With the walking beam parallel to the ground, the horse's head and supporting legs resembled a steel steed permanently frozen in time.

To reactivate the facility, the man needed to inspect every aspect of the mothballed unit.

Satisfied that everything was intact and no thefts had occurred, he would then notify the owner.

Having given a glance at the counter weight area, he approached the front.

When he heard a brief, sort of warning sound, he stopped abruptly. Then all was quiet.

Another few steps forward and the noise resumed.

After stopping again, he glanced over the surrounding ground and pad.

What puzzled him was the sound.

It was more like a hiss than the familiar rattle of a snake.

As he neared the pump jack's horse's head, the noise grew even louder. Nestled inside the structural opening at the front, three downy chicks, with dark eyes and heart-shaped faces, stared menacingly back at him.

Even in their limited space, the young barn owls swayed their heads back and forth in a threatening gesture.

While two of the chicks were a dingy, light buff, the largest of the group was covered in a thick, buff-colored down and starting to feather.

It amply voiced its displeasure and tried to encourage its younger siblings to join in the chorus.

When the game warden called us, he had already helped the man extract the youngsters from the



Courtesy photo

Threatening hisses from deep in their throats warn anyone that young barn owls will follow with flailing feet and talons for their defense. As adults with superb hearing and sight, they will hunt silently in open fields during the night. They are also known to frequent barns and towns in search of mice and rats.

pump jack. "The racket and screaming of the biggest one was deafening."

"They put up quite a fight," he added.

He'd never forget the trio sitting on their rumps and striking outwardly with flailing talons.

"They sure didn't have much nest," he continued.

He had expected to see nesting material similar to other birds.

Lining their nursery crib were only fur, hair, and bone fragments left from regurgitated pellets that had been stepped on and crushed by their parents and themselves.

"Smelled like guano," he said.

In such cramped quarters, the oldest had carried waste on its feet and stepped on the younger ones.

Even though they appeared filthy, and in spite of the conditions in which they lived, all three appeared to be healthy.

Knowing that South Plains in Lubbock had incubators, playpens, and eventually a surrogate parent for the owls, we alerted them to a next day delivery. Then we started thawing mice for the hungry threesome.

In a short period of time, the feathering out of their wings and tails would really be evident. With feeding and nurturing offered by their

adoptive parent, the owls were less likely to imprint upon humans.

Their freedom could only be attained after learning to kill live mice and showing their flight ability and agility in the flight cage.

Placement would be in the barns of area farmers who need the mousers.

In the wild, barn owls would leave their nest between 7 to 8 weeks after hatching.

Although they would remain in the area, their parents would feed them. Gradually they would learn to hunt and be independent.

Later in the week, I called the game warden to thank him for his part in the owls' rescue.

In the months to come, with broad wings silently carrying them into the night, the threesome could take their place in nature.

His willingness to help capture and relocate the birds would result in their being welcomed in another area.

Having seen how helpless and lonely the babies were in that desolate West Texas landscape, he said he had told his wife they had at least had a "rocking horse" even if it had been inactive at the moment.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop.

She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Never forget importance of music ed

Research has shown how students profit and test scores soar from engagement in music education. In looking at some of the research, the following story has appeared and emphasizes this point.

A young girl from Attica, Ind. named Emma fell in love with the violin she plays at school. There's not a lot of demand for this type of instruction in a town with 10 percent unemployment and poverty.

However, Emma and 58 classmates are benefiting from an educational experiment and the charity of the tiny town's residents, who raised \$40,000 to pay for three dozen violins and the salary of a qualified teacher.

It's part of a program developed by Indiana University's music school to find out whether it's true that playing the violin can make you smarter. Brenda Brenner, a music education professor at the IU Jacobs School of Music, developed the program after academic research showed students who played string instruments performed better academically than those who did not.

A neurological study showed music instruction topped computer skills instruction in developing a student's abstract reasoning skills. Brenner was concerned whether

the study examined all students, even those from different backgrounds.

"I felt it would be interesting to start with a group of kids for whom the violin was not in their cultural picture," said Brenner, who began the project a few years ago at a low-income elementary school in Bloomington.

She branched out to Attica this year.

Ultimately, Brenner hopes to monitor the academic progress of the kids as they move through elementary school and high school.

Attica, about 70 miles northwest of Indianapolis, is a town of 3,200 known more for its steel mill (the area's largest employer) and less for its love of classical music.

Attica Schools never would have begun a violin program on its own. The cost of each violin is about \$350 and the cost of a qualified teacher is even higher.

"We would never have been able to afford this," said Superintendent Judy Bush. "The economy has had a huge impact on us."

Most of the students in the Attica class had never really aspired to play the violin. There are no grand performance halls, although the local country club does host small music events.

Now, students quickly find their spot in the room.

Each stands on a tiny square of carpet (posture is important for violinists) and mimics the teacher, who stands in front of the class.

"If we are trying to have them all to play at the same time, then they need to all feel the same pulse," said Kasia Bugaj, a 31-year-old doctoral student who teaches the class.

In Bugaj's class, you don't start sliding your bow or plucking your strings right away. Students are first taught how to stand, how to hold their instruments and how to move their bows. Bugaj seems to have complete control of the two dozen kids in each class.

To the amazement of visitors, the students remain glued to their little rug squares.

The effects of playing an instrument are long-lasting, and children who begin at a young age will most likely continue with that same instrument or move on to another. Music will continue to enrich their lives.

It's keeping some of our kids wanting to come to school.

With enough local support, the violin might just change the educational infrastructure of the community, where current census figures show less than 10 percent of residents have a bachelor's degree.

And totally off the subject, to quote Yogi Berra: "We have a good time together, even when we're not together."

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Coahoma captures bi-district trophy

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — The rain held off and the wind picked up just enough to cool the crowd who traveled to see the Coahoma Bulldogettes on Ladyjackets of Kermit.

Coahoma — which entered the postseason as the third District 3-2A seed — found itself trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the third when Bree Hilario bunted and reached safely after Kermit's first basemen bobbled the ball. Laurel Nix hit a one-out single that scored Hilario, who had stolen second and third base, tying the game at 2-all.

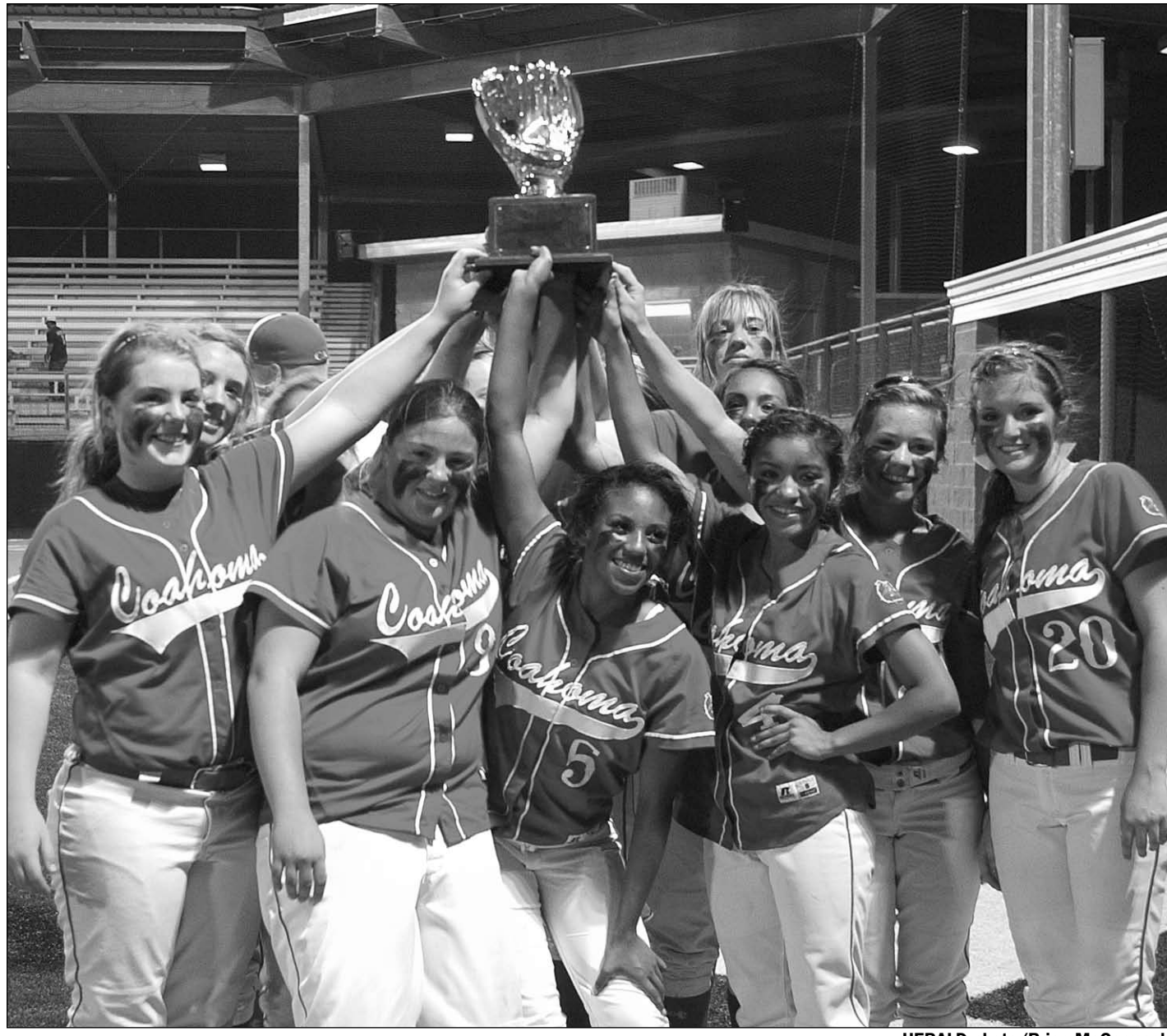
With Nix in scoring position after stealing second, Savannah Neff stepped up to the plate and swatted one out of the park in left field, scoring Nix and giving the Bulldogettes a 4-2 advantage and their first lead of the day.

Kermit charged back in the top of the fourth inning, adding two runs of their own, making it a 4-4 game.

Coahoma went three up, three down in the bottom of the same inning, but held the Ladyjackets scoreless in the top of the fifth.

What was turning into a stalemate between the two squads was interrupted when Neff struck again, this time with a stand-up, one-out triple.

Cleanup hitter Jennifer Castilaw brought Neff home with a RBI single to retake the lead. Brittne Cortez hit a liner into shallow right and legged one to first base while advancing Castilaw to second. Minnie Goodblanket got her first hit of the day which was bobbled by Kermit pitcher Lindsay Nutt, picking up the RBI as Castilaw crossed home plate, making it a 6-4 game in Coahoma's favor. A strikeout and a pop out ended the rally, as well as the inning.



HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

The Coahoma Bulldogettes hoist the bi-district trophy following Monday's victory over the Kermit Ladyjackets in Seminole. Coahoma won the game 6-4. The Bulldogettes will square off against Bushland next on Friday and Saturday at Lubbock Cooper.

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Darvish wins third straight as Rangers slap Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Yu Darvish acknowledged it felt strange to face the Blue Jays. That didn't stop him from shutting down their lineup.

Darvish won his third straight start, Mitch Moreland and Craig Gentry homered and the Texas Rangers beat Toronto 4-1 on Monday night.

Pitching against a Blue Jays team that reportedly pursued him when his rights went up for auction last December made Darvish (4-0) a little uneasy as he took the mound.

"Honestly, it was kind of an awkward feeling because rumor has it that this was a team that might have posted for me and there was some chance that I might have played for this team," Darvish said through a translator. "Facing the Blue Jays, they could have been my teammates."

Toronto might have wished that themselves on this night, scratching out just one run and four hits in seven innings against the

Japanese sensation, the first starting pitcher in Rangers history to win four of his first five games.

Blue Jays manager John Farrell said Darvish was "outstanding" and "as good as advertised," while Rangers skipper Ron Washington called him "electric."

"He had good stuff," Washington said. "Once again, the most impressive thing about him was when he got people on the bag, he made pitches. That's what good pitchers do."

Darvish allowed his first home run but remained unbeaten in five major league starts. He walked two and struck out nine.

"I don't expect him to go 32-0," Washington said, "but the thing about him is he will keep us in ballgames, and that's what we want."

In winning his past three starts, Darvish has allowed just two earned runs over 21 2-3 innings against Detroit, the New York Yankees and Toronto. His season ERA is

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Champion Mavs head home trailing 2-0

JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Last postseason, Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks rode a wave of late-game comebacks to win the franchise's first NBA title.

Now the Oklahoma City Thunder are showing the Mavs how it feels to be on the other side.

Russell Westbrook scored 29 points, Kevin Durant added 26 in an off-shooting performance and Oklahoma City clawed out a 102-99 victory over Dallas on Monday night to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round Western Conference playoff series.

The Mavericks led in the final minute in both road games so far, but couldn't even manage a split as the Thunder gutted out two wins by a total of four points.

"We just haven't made enough plays. It is tough, there's no question about it," Maver-

icks coach Rick Carlisle said. "We've had opportunities and we haven't cashed in. They've made one more play than we have in both games. That's how playoff basketball is."

Durant hit two free throws with 50.4 seconds left to give Oklahoma City a 98-97 lead, and reserve James Harden hit all four of his foul shots after that to close it out for the Thunder.

Jason Terry missed two 3-point attempts from the left wing in the final 5 seconds that could have tied it and set up overtime. Instead, the defending champs head back home facing what amounts to a must-win Game 3 on Thursday night in Dallas.

"That's really all we need right now is to get on the board on Thursday," said Nowitzki, who led Dallas with 31 points but missed both his shots in the final 75 seconds.

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Baylor's Elliott charged with sexual assault

Baylor suspends Elliott for violating team rule

WACO, Texas (AP) — Suspended Baylor defensive end Tevin Elliott has been arrested and charged with sexual assault

A Waco police statement says the 20-year-old lineman was arrested Monday on a

warrant related to the reported sexual assault of a woman early the morning of April 15 at a Waco apartment complex.

No bond has been set. Jail records list no attorney for Elliott.

Baylor coach Art Briles announced Friday that Elliott

was suspended indefinitely for violating an unspecified team policy. He didn't elaborate and said he'd have no further comment.

Over the past two seasons, Elliott started 11 of his 25 games. He had 63 tackles with 17 tackles for loss and eight sacks.

Downs hits two-run homer to help power Astros past Mets

KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Jordan Schafer has reached base safely in every game for the Houston Astros this season.

More special than that is what the leadoff hitter can do once he's on base.

Schafer had two hits and scored twice, including the go-ahead run on a single by Jed Lowrie in the eighth inning to help the Astros to a 4-3 win over the New York Mets on Monday night.

Matt Downs had a two-run homer in the sixth inning as the Astros started a nine-game homestand.

The game was tied 3-all when Schafer reached on an infield single to start the eighth. He stole second with one out and scored on the hit by Lowrie off reliever Manny Acosta (0-2).

"I'm just trying to get on base and

give the guys behind me opportunities so we can score runs," said Schafer, who has eight stolen bases this season. "My job leading off is to get on base and steal bases or bunt guys over or whatever. So ... I try to cause a little bit of havoc on the bases and score some runs."

Schafer has scored 17 runs this season, most on the team.

Downs' homer came in Houston's three-run sixth after New York knuckleballer R.A. Dickey began the game with five hitless innings.

The Mets tied it by scoring three times in the seventh, including a two-run single by rookie Kirk Nieuwenhuis.

Fernando Rodriguez (1-3) got the last out of the eighth and Brett Myers pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save.

David Wright and Ike Davis hit consecutive singles to start the seventh

and Wright went to third on a flyout by Mike Baxter.

An RBI single by Andres Torres, activated from the disabled list before the game, got New York within 3-1. Pinch-hitter Lucas Duda walked with two outs to load the bases before Nieuwenhuis' single chased starter Bud Norris.

Wilton Lopez retired Ruben Tejada to end the inning.

The Mets have scored 20 runs with two outs in the past seven games.

Dickey gave up three hits in the sixth before he was replaced by Acosta for the seventh.

"Tonight was the night that I literally threw one pitch that I didn't like, and it got hit out of the park," Dickey said. "That normally doesn't happen. One more wiggle to the knuckleball there, and he pops that up or hits it off the end. That is the only pitch I would take back. Everything else I feel like I

am in a good place with it."

Norris allowed seven hits and three runs with seven strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings.

"He did a good job of putting us in position when we couldn't get anything going against the guy who was no-hitting us," Houston manager Brad Mills said.

Schafer got Houston's first hit with a soft single to left field leading off the sixth. He has reached safely in each of Houston's 23 games, tied for the second-longest streak to start a season in franchise history.

"He's been the catalyst for us just about this whole season, and it's been huge," Mills said.

Schafer reached second on a sacrifice bunt by Jose Altuve and went to third on a bloop single by Lowrie that dropped in the outfield not far from third base. Schafer had to slide to get there safely.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The elderly are not the only people who are concerned about staying sharp. Today the spoils will go to the quick-witted, whatever age they may be. Tune in, and stay engaged. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Take a hint from the transcendental mediators. Don't worry about how well you are doing, and don't be disappointed in

Tomorrow's Horoscope

yourself for having intruding thoughts and feelings. Simply say, "Oh, well" and return to your desired focus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though you know quite a lot on a certain subject, avoid going on and on. The fewer your words, the more confident you sound. Besides, no one will remember everything you say. Hit the main point, and then quit the conversation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It would actually be unwise to finish absolutely everything you start. When you learn enough to know that the rest is going to be a long, fruitless slog, it's time to jump ship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Usually you ask permission to interact with others in a particular way because it's customary and polite for you to do so. Today you may benefit from simply doing the thing you would like to do, instead of asking for the green light.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Perhaps you lost some money recently. Learning from experience is the same thing as gaining from experience. You'll soon apply what you've learned, and your knowledge will be worth more than gold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In Buddhism, a nurturing figure called Kuan Yin hears the cries of the world and responds as only a mother could. Express your pain and you'll experience an example of unconditional love such as this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You need more loving care than usual, if only because you've taken on bigger challenges and more is required of you. Being around someone who accepts and supports you will remind you to accept and support yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll feel compassion welling up in your heart when you're around those who need it most. Right now, the ones who could use your love are the same ones who are usually so self-sufficient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'd like to win the race, complete the project or land the ball. Stay playful. Keep your eye on the goal while your heart is in the

moment, free from the pressure of expectation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Exciting new influences jolt you out of your former mindset. There's something new to want here, and it has you paying greater attention to what's going on around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You always love a certain person, though you are not always thinking about what this person would prefer as you go about your daily life independently. You'll benefit from giving more weight to that very consideration.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 1). This month, you'll let go of a certain attachment and love how your life develops. June brings new resolutions that you can stick to, especially regarding health and fitness. Guided by your competitive spirit, victory will be yours in August. November features family visits as well as work challenges that lead to a financial bonus. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 15, 39 and 18.

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Opening lead — two of spades.

If you ever have an opportunity to watch an expert in action, you might find his game unimpressive. This would be because most players think that the expert game abounds in squeezes, coups, endplays and other exotic maneuvers, while in actuality the expert's chief stock in trade is his ability to reason well and make relatively few mistakes.

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Take this case where an expert East made a sensational play that defeated three notrump. South chose this contract, despite his singleton club, because he thought nine tricks would be easier to make than 11.

Declarer won the spade lead with the queen and returned the king of diamonds. East ducked, but won the continuation with the ace as West discarded a low heart. It was here that East found the only play that could sink the contract — he shifted to the king of clubs!

South could not recover from this extraordinary play. He eventually tried a heart finesse and wound up down two. Had East returned a spade or a low club at trick four, South would have gotten home safely.

East had taken careful notice of his partner's singleton diamond and also his lead of the spade deuce, indicating at most a four-card suit. Since West presumably would have led from a five-card suit if he had one, East deduced that his partner had a 4-4-1-4 distribution, which in turn meant South had one club.

If South's singleton was the jack or a small club, it didn't matter which club East returned. But if South's singleton was the queen, it was necessary to return the king. So East did what he had to do to cover all the contingencies — he made the "expert" play.

Tomorrow: The better way.
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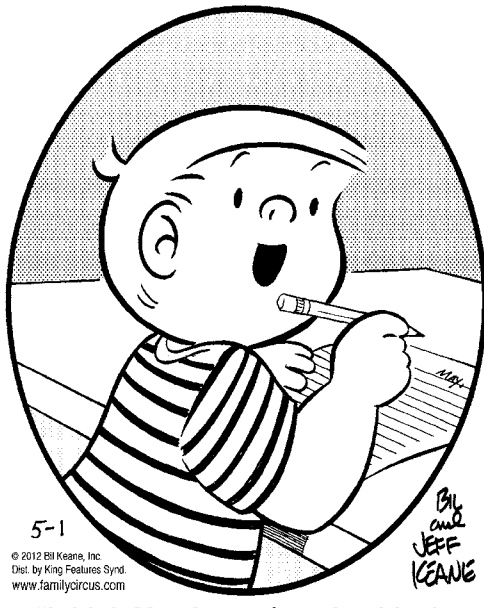
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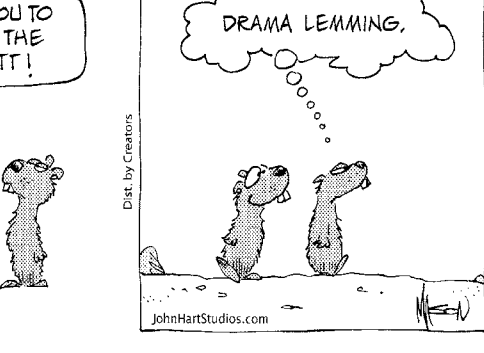
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In 1911, the song "I Want a Girl (Just Like the Girl That Married Dear Old Dad)," by Harry Von Tilzer and Will Dillon, was first published.

Answer to previous puzzle

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Scott Carpenter is 87. Country singer Sonny James is 83. Singer Judy Collins is 73. Actor Stephen Macht is 70. Singer Rita Coolidge is 67. Pop singer Nick Fortuna (The Buckingham) is 66. Actor-director Douglas Barr is 63. Actor Dann Florek is 61. Singer-songwriter Ray Parker Jr. is 58. Hall of Fame jockey Steve Caution is 52. Actress Maia Morgenstern is 50. Country singer Wayne Hancock is 47. Actor Charlie Schlatter is 46. Country singer Tim McGraw is 45. Rock musician Johnny Colt is 44.

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- 1 Copenhagen residents
 - 6 Gawk at
 - 10 Melt
 - 14 Conscious (of)
 - 15 Once in a blue __
 - 16 Mystical glow
 - 17 Open the door for
 - 18 Sunrise direction
 - 19 Speak unclearly
 - 20 Bewildered comment
 - 23 "No __, ands, or buts!"
 - 24 Your pick of
 - 25 Buffet table heater
 - 29 __ cost (free)
 - 31 Watchdog's warning
 - 34 Lake boat
 - 35 Oil cartel
 - 36 Moccasin or loafer
 - 37 Bewildered comment
 - 40 Long-running argument
 - 41 Waffle appliance
 - 42 Flip-chart stand
 - 43 Rage
 - 44 Neck-and-neck
 - 45 Brief disputes
 - 46 Prefix for light
 - 47 Puppy's bite
 - 48 Bewildered comment
 - 57 Slips into
 - 58 Bearded farm animal
 - 59 Pollute
 - 60 Behind schedule
 - 61 Poker pot starter
- DOWN**
- 1 Painter Salvador
 - 2 Very impressed
 - 3 USA alliance
 - 4 Ireland nickname
 - 5 One on guard duty
 - 6 Prophetic signs
 - 7 Urge on
 - 8 Come in second
 - 9 Highway on-ramp
 - 10 Yummy
 - 11 Hawaiian dance
 - 12 Make __ for it (flee)
 - 13 Stave (off)
 - 21 25 Down craft, for short
 - 22 __-cone (icy treat)
 - 25 Futuristic novel genre
 - 26 Potato, slangily
 - 27 Happen next
 - 28 Highway
 - 29 Kitchen wear
 - 30 Adolescent costume
 - 31 White Halloween
 - 32 Juliet's love
 - 33 Fishing-line holders
 - 35 Fairy tale meanie
 - 36 Bit of numerical trivia
 - 38 Residing in
 - 39 Don't give up
 - 44 Lamb's mother
 - 45 Take a chair
 - 46 Entertainment room appliance
 - 47 Paid attention to
 - 48 Not doing anything
 - 49 Elaborate ruse
 - 50 __-lock brakes
 - 51 Way of speaking
 - 52 Airplane boarding place
 - 53 Walking stick
 - 54 Jar tops
 - 55 Troop group
 - 56 Expected landing hrs.

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MAVS

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"I still think the guys are upbeat, even though we're down 2-0. The guys know that we're right there. We're still in this if we get the game on Thursday."

If not, the Thunder will take a big step toward avenging last year's 4-1 loss in the Western Conference finals.

"Obviously, they have been here last year so they know what it takes," Harden said. "We've made it pretty far, so we know what it takes."

"It's going to be a battle."

Durant put the Thunder ahead to stay after salvaging two key points with Oklahoma City inbounding the ball with only 2.6 seconds left on the shot clock. He grabbed the inbounds pass from Harden while headed toward the sideline, and Terry was called for a foul for bumping him.

Durant hit both foul shots, and Nowitzki missed his chance to answer with a fade-away 12-foot jumper from the left side.

Harden, only eight days removed from sustaining a concussion as the result of elbow from Metta World Peace, grabbed the rebound on Nowitzki's shot and got fouled to set up the first of his four clinching free throws in the last 26 seconds.

"That's what the playoffs are about," Westbrook said. "Toughness."

The late-game struggles are exactly the opposite of last year's championship run, when the Mavericks got two fourth-quarter rallies while sweeping

the Los Angeles Lakers and closed out the Thunder with back-to-back comebacks from deficits of 15 and eight points in the fourth quarter.

But it's a continuation of the regular-season series, when Dallas led in the final 3 minutes of both games in Oklahoma City and lost them both.

"We're just a couple bounces away from being up 2-0," Nowitzki said. "It's tough and it's frustrating, but we're going to keep coming. We're not going to lay down. If they beat us, we're going to make them earn it."

This one nearly came to blows. The tension escalated after Serge Ibaka tried to block Nowitzki's jumper midway through the first quarter and smacked him in the left eye on his follow-through, without getting called for a foul. Nowitzki hit another jumper along the baseline on Dallas' next possession before he got shoved in the back by Kendrick Perkins while jockeying for rebounding position on a made 3-pointer by Durant.

Perkins followed Nowitzki for a few steps before Nowitzki bumped him away, and Perkins responded by taking a swing at Nowitzki's head with his open hand. Official Zach Zarba stepped in front of Perkins and backed him away, and both were assessed technical fouls.

"He tried to bully me and I bullied back a little bit and talked about some stuff, and moved on," Nowitzki said.

Perkins responded: "It's playoff basketball. There's grown men out here playing basketball and teams trying to advance. You're just out here playing. It's nothing to hurt nobody or nothing like that."

RANGERS

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"I'm very aware that all these hitters are seeing me for the first time," Darvish said. "It's only April. So I'm not thinking about how I did this month or being satisfied. Right now all I'm thinking about is preparing well for the next start."

Mike Adams worked the eighth and Joe Nathan finished for his sixth save in seven chances.

AL West-leading Texas won for the 17th time in April, matching the 1989 team for the second-most victories in the season's opening month. The Rangers won a record 18 April games in 1998.

Texas slugger Josh Hamilton was held out of the lineup with a sore back. Hamilton, who leads the AL with nine home runs and 25 RBIs, left Sunday night's loss to Tampa Bay in the third inning with back spasms. He is day to day.

Moreland and Gentry, the eighth and ninth hitters in Texas' lineup, swatted back-to-back solo shots off rookie left-hander Evan Crawford in the seventh, giving Darvish some extra cushion.

It was the third time this season the Rangers have hit consecutive home runs. Moreland's homer was his third while Gentry's drive was just his second in 213 career at-bats over parts of four seasons, and his first to clear the fence: His only

other one was as an inside-the-park homer against Seattle last Sept. 23.

Texas opened the scoring in the second when Adrian Beltre led off with a double and scored one out later on a double by Nelson Cruz. The Rangers added one more in the third when Ian Kinsler drew a one-out walk and scored on Elvis Andrus' RBI double.

Darvish didn't allow a hit until the fourth but when he did, it was a big one. After being hit on the left elbow by a pitch in the second, Edwin Encarnacion responded by lining a two-out solo homer to left, his eighth of the year and fourth in four days.

It's the second time in his career that Encarnacion has homered in four straight games, something he also did in the final four games of 2010. Following his leadoff single in the seventh, Encarnacion had reached safely in nine straight plate appearances dating to Saturday, recording five hits, walking twice and twice being hit by a pitch. The streak ended when he struck out in the ninth.

The hard-luck loser was Blue Jays right-hander Kyle Drabek, who dropped his second straight start. Drabek (2-2) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings. He walked two and struck out a career-high eight, including five straight during one stretch.

"I was able to command my fastball a lot better than the last two outings," Drabek said. "I had my cutter working, that was probably my best pitch for me."

COAHOMA

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Holding Kermit scoreless again in the top of the sixth, the Bulldogettes were

looking for insurance runs. Kyla Clanton — who picked up the complete game victory from the circle — connected for a one-out single in the bottom half of the inning. Nix drew a walk and Neff — who was a double shy of hitting for the cycle — dropped one into right-center field and reached on a fielder's choice after Nix was thrown out at second. Neff stole second during Castilaw's next at-bat, and with two outs, Cas-

tilaw walked, loading the bases for Coahoma. Brittne Cortez struck out to end the inning and leave three runners stranded, but it mattered not as the Bulldogettes' defense prevailed in the top of the seventh, throwing out two would-be Kermit baserunners at first and catching an infield fly to end the game and record the win.

Coahoma Coach Robb Glasscock wasn't surprised with the outcome.

"It went pretty much how I expected it to," Glasscock said. "We have played (Kermit) four times in two years and we were in a lot of the same situations, so that helped us out."

Glasscock was pleased with the strong outing but sees some areas where improvement is warranted.

"We got into some bad situations but we got out of them," he added. "We can definitely get a little better on defense. Overall, the girls played well, I am real proud of them. They have overcome a lot of adversity, played a lot of tough teams. 13 of our 14 losses were to good teams — playoff teams who are still in the playoffs, that has helped us get stronger mentally."

Coahoma takes the field next against Bushland on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Lubbock Cooper on Friday. Game Two will also be at Lubbock Cooper on Saturday at 10 a.m., with Game Three (if necessary) following 30 minutes after Game Two.

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