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Growing housing pains rampant

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners met with attorneys during a special meeting Monday morning, as the court looks to move forward with much-needed housing regulations ahead of the expected shale-fueled boom in the local oilfield.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, commissioners met with attorneys from Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP of Austin to discuss what measures the county needs to take to regulate expected housing within the county, including RV parks and possible man camps.

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—County Judge Mark Barr



during the meeting. Right now, we're at the phase where we're trying to bring

in consultants and attorneys who deal with these types of issues on a daily basis," Barr

said. "We have to gather all of the necessary information before we can tackle this issue."

Early estimates for the Cline Shale formation — based on Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy's exploration in the area — put the estimated

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HERALD file photo

Bikers take a break during a past Cactus & Crude Ride to fight Multiple Sclerosis. There's still time to get in shape for 2013's version, which is set from Midland, through Big Spring and on to Post on July 20-21.

Big Spring native avoids bombing

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The son of a Big Spring couple narrowly avoided being an eyewitness to a national tragedy Monday.

Russell Stukel, who now lives in Denton, had completed running in the Boston Marathon and was relaxing in a food court some distance away when two bombs exploded near the finish line of the event. The blasts killed three people and wounded more than 100.

Stukel's father, Ray, said he talked to his son around 9:30 p.m. Monday.

"We had texted him earlier in the day, so we knew he was all right," Ray said. "He said he had been in one of the first groups of people to finish the race, so when the explosions happened, he had already left the area."

Stukel's son, who is the director of student activities at the University of North Tex-

as' Science and Math Academy, told his family that, despite the initial chaos, police and emergency responders did an admirable job securing the scene and treating the injured.

Feds seek clues

By **JIMMY GOLEN**
Associated Press

BOSTON — FBI agents searched a suburban Boston apartment overnight and appealed to the public for amateur video and photos that might yield clues to who carried out the Boston Marathon bombing,

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Cactus & Crude riders to take on Multiple Sclerosis

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — The National Multiple Sclerosis Society invites West Texas to hop in the saddle and pedal toward a world free of Multiple Sclerosis during Bike MS: Cactus & Crude Ride 2013, presented by Apache Corporation, Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21.

The annual two-day fundraising ride is fully supported from start to finish and features a scenic route from



Groce, development manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in West Texas. "The camaraderie and shared experience of raising awareness and funds makes the weekend a special experience. With each mile behind us and each dollar raised, we are moving closer to a cure."

Bike MS: Cactus & Crude Ride kicks off on Saturday, July 20 from Midland and travels through the byways and highways of the Permian Basin area, cruising into Big Spring for an overnight celebration at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. On Day 2 of the ride, cyclists will witness the dramatic scenery of West Texas

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Midland to Post. Registered cyclists commit to raise a minimum of \$250 to fund MS education, programs, services and research that directly impact the lives of those affected by the disease.

"Bike MS is an exciting opportunity for cyclists, sponsors, volunteers and people living with multiple sclerosis to connect to one another and our mission," said Lyndee

Flores case still under investigation

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The investigation into the February beating death of a 44-year-old Big Spring man has yielded little information, according to local law enforcement officials, as investigators attempt to piece together the hours leading to the man's death.

Daniel Flores, 44, of Big Spring was pronounced dead the evening of Feb. 19 at his residence in the 1400 block of W. Second Street by Howard County Justice of the

Call the Big Spring Police Department at 432-264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 432-264-TIPS

Peace Quail Dobbs after family members discovered his body, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring

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Obituaries

Manuel Rojo Gonzales Sr.



Manuel Rojo Gonzales Sr., 54, of Big Spring passed away Saturday, April 13, 2013, at his residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Manuel was born Dec. 25, 1958, in Big Spring, Texas, to Eufrosia and Guadalupe Gonzales. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

Manuel was a shipping clerk for the past 20 years at Blue Bell Creameries. He also worked 10 years at Western Container and also at TG&Y for five years, until it closed. He helped with the Special Olympics each year and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by four children, Monica Gonzales, Cindy Gonzales, Manuel Gonzales Jr. and fiancé Cecilia Barrera and Alonzo Gonzales, all of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Amorina Gonzales, Makiah Gonzales and Alejandro Gonzales, all of Big Spring; his mother, Eufrosia Gonzales of Big Spring; two sisters, Lupe Padron and Susie and husband Anselmo Campos, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Pry Gonzales of Big Spring and Tony and wife Mary Gonzales of Coahoma; the mother of his children, Yolanda Gonzales of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Guadalupe Gonzales; and a brother, Albert Gonzales.

Pallbearers will be Eric Aguirre, Michael Gonzales, Matthew Gonzales, Antonio Gonzales, Xavier Gonzales and Joshua Gonzales.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• RONALD STANLEY HASELBY, 62, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• WILLIAM TROY HOGAN, 46, of 302 N.E. Second St., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• ROY GUERRERO CERVANTES JR., 33, of 1304 Nolan, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOHN PETER GORDON JR., 24, of 3611 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• CHRISTIAN DAVON GORDON, 23, of 2638 Langley, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• AQUANESHA DESIREE REED, 21, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• PIERRE JEAN GORDON, 22, of 2638 Langley, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• TRISTAN MARCEL WARD, 21, of 711 Abrams, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2100 block of N. Highway 87.

• THEFT was reported:
In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
In the 3600 block of N. Highway 80.
In the 700 block of Galveston.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Dow.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of W. Third Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

• RONALD HASELBY, 62, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• WILLIAM TROY HOGAN, 46, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• ALAN CRUZ, 31, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• ROY G. CERVANTES, 33, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• CHRISTIAN DAVON GORDON, 23, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• TRISTAN WARD, 21, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

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• AQUANESHA REED REED, 21, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 31, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license - when unlicensed.

• STEPHANIE DIANA YEATS, 38, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of W. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 4800 block of W. Highway 80.

Take Note

• A benefit fund for the April Martinez family, who recently lost everything in a fire, has been set up at Prosperity Bank. Donations can be made to account number 3013914734. Ms. Martinez has four children ages 5 to 12.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals. Bring it or come and go. It is after all a picnic.

• Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

• An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events,

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 4/17	Thu 4/18	Fri 4/19
94/51	67/38	70/44
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Near record high temperatures. High 94F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM



Texas At A Glance



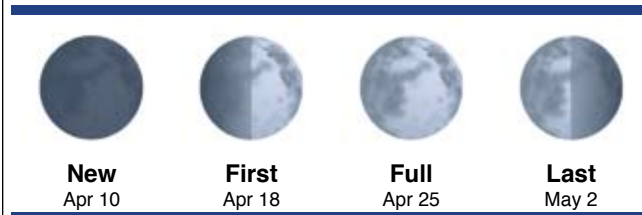
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	53	t-storm	Kingsville	93	73	pt sunny
Amarillo	81	32	pt sunny	Livingston	84	67	cloudy
Austin	87	69	windy	Longview	87	69	cloudy
Beaumont	82	70	cloudy	Lubbock	90	39	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	88	70	cloudy
Brownwood	88	64	windy	Midland	94	53	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	85	73	cloudy	Raymondville	95	73	pt sunny
Corsicana	85	69	cloudy	Rosenberg	82	69	cloudy
Dallas	87	71	cloudy	San Antonio	91	71	cloudy
Del Rio	98	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	88	69	windy
El Paso	83	49	windy	Sulphur Springs	86	70	cloudy
Fort Stockton	95	53	mst sunny	Sweetwater	91	53	t-storm
Gainesville	81	65	t-storm	Tyler	87	70	windy
Greenville	85	68	cloudy	Weatherford	85	65	cloudy
Houston	81	70	cloudy	Wichita Falls	84	53	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	62	cloudy	Minneapolis	44	33	mixed
Boston	64	42	sunny	New York	67	52	pt sunny
Chicago	50	48	rain	Phoenix	70	48	mst sunny
Dallas	87	71	cloudy	San Francisco	68	52	sunny
Denver	39	20	snow	Seattle	58	44	cloudy
Houston	81	70	cloudy	St. Louis	83	70	t-storm
Los Angeles	73	53	sunny	Washington, DC	79	59	cloudy
Miami	83	74	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 4/17	Thu 4/18	Fri 4/19
10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.



AP Photo/Charles Krupa

A Boston police officer wheels an injured boy down Boylston Street as medical workers carry an injured runner following an explosion during the 2013 Boston Marathon. Two explosions shattered the euphoria at the marathon's finish line Monday, sending authorities out on the course to carry off the injured while the stragglers were rerouted away from the smoking site of the blasts.

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while a doctor treating the wounded said one of the victims was maimed by what looked like ball bearings or BBs.

Two bombs blew up seconds apart Monday at the finish line of one of the world's most storied races, tearing off limbs and leaving the streets spattered with blood and strewn with broken glass. Three people were killed, including an 8-year-old boy, and more than 140 were wounded.

Federal investigators said no one had claimed responsibility for the bombings on one of the city's biggest civic holidays, Patriots Day. But the blasts raised the specter of another terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

President Barack Obama was careful not to use the words "terror" or "terrorism" as he spoke at the White House on Monday, but an administration official said the bombings were being treated as an act of terrorism.

"We will find out who did this. We'll find out why they did this," the president said. "Any responsible individuals, any responsible groups, will feel the full weight of justice."

Across the U.S., from Washington to Los Angeles, police tightened security, monitoring landmarks, government buildings, transit hubs and sporting events.

The FBI took charge

of the investigation, converging on a home in the suburb of Revere on Monday night and appealing for any video, audio and photos taken by marathon spectators. Authorities gave no details on the search. Investigators were seen leaving a building there early Tuesday carrying brown paper bags, plastic trash bags and a duffel bag.

Investigators refused to give any specifics on the bombs and say, for example, where they might have been hidden or whether they were packed with shrapnel for maximum carnage, as is often the case in terror bombings overseas.

But Dr. Stephen Epstein of the emergency medicine department at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center said he saw an X-ray of one victim's leg that had "what appears to be small, uniform, round objects throughout it — similar in the appearance to BBs." He said it remained to be determined what exactly the objects were.

A European security official said Tuesday initial evidence indicates that the attacks were not the work of suicide bombers.

"So far, investigators believe it was not the work of suicide bombers, but it is still too early to rule it out completely," said the official, who spoke from the United States on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the U.S. investigation.

The Pakistani Taliban, which has threatened attacks in the United States because of its support for the Pakistani government, on Tuesday denied any role in the bombings.

The fiery explosions took place about 10 seconds and about 100 yards apart, knocking spectators and at least one runner off their feet, shattering windows and sending columns of smoke rising over the street. Victims lost limbs and suffered broken bones, shrapnel wounds and ruptured eardrums.

Roupen Bastajian, a state trooper from Smithfield, R.I., had just finished the race when he heard the explosions.

"I started running toward the blast. And there were people all over the floor," he said. "We started grabbing tourniquets and started tying legs. A lot of people amputated. ... At least 25 to 30 people have at least one leg missing, or an ankle missing, or two legs missing."

At Massachusetts General Hospital, Alasdair Conn, chief of emergency services, said: "This is something I've never seen in my 25 years here ... this amount of carnage in the civilian population. This is what we expect from war."

As many as two unexploded bombs were found near the end of the 26.2-mile course as part of what appeared to be a well-coordinated attack, but they were safely disarmed, according to a senior U.S. intelligence official.

ditionally, the National MS Society depends on committed volunteers to ensure Bike MS is an enjoyable and well-managed event. Individuals interested in volunteering can go to bikeMstexas.org for information and to register as a volunteer.

Multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to

blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with

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recoverable reserves at 30 billion barrels of oil. By comparison, the U.S. Geological Survey estimates the Eagle Ford holds up to 7 billion to 10 billion in recoverable reserves, while the Bakken Shale could hold as much as 4.3 billion barrels of recoverable oil.

Barr said he expects to schedule public hearings on the matter toward the end of April or possibly the beginning of May.

"It's important the local citizens and business owners understand whatever regulations we come up with, they will have a chance to have their say in the matter," Barr said. "That's what the upcoming public hearings will be all about. And we're hoping to not just have residents involved in the process, we also want the businesses who are going to be affected.

"The last thing we want to do is handcuff

anyone or any business. That's not our goal here. However, we have to start somewhere. It's sort of like herding cats. We know it's going to be a complex, but we feel like if everyone comes together, we have a better shot of getting this right. We'll be publishing details in the Big Spring Herald, along with the dates and times of the public hearing."

Barr said the county is already seeing a staggering growth in these types of housing projects, which include RV and trailer parks.

"Just during our last regularly scheduled meeting, we had six requests for septic permits for these types of properties," Barr said. "It's not a matter of 'if they come' at this point. The oil business is coming and there are plenty of people out in the county who are looking to capitalize on it."

As the supply for housing in the oil field continues to grow, so does the demand, according to Barr.

"They fill them up just

as soon as they get them open," he said. "It's certainly not slowing down. If anything, it's picking up speed. Right now, it's anyone's guess what the total demand is going to look like once this boom gets into full swing. We'll just have to wait and see."

As the Cline Shale draws more and more oil companies to the Crossroads area, Barr said it will become vital for both the county and the city to work together to make accommodations.

"Cooperation between the county and the city of Big Spring is going to be imperative," he said. "We're going to have to work together to make sure we protect the city and the county and the people who live here. If we don't protect them, the oil companies are simply going to come in and take what they want, then leave."

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

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Police Department.

"The investigation is ongoing. However, we haven't gotten any new information or made any arrests at this time," Everett said. "With this case, there is a lot of gossip going back and forth. Unfortunately, we have to be able to confirm the claims that are being made, and, at this point, that's something we've been unable to do."

Everett said investigators are still in the process of interviewing witnesses.

"It's been a very complicated process," he said. "We'll have a witness tell us what they know and a lot of it will boil down to what someone else told them. So, then we have to try to track down that person. There's been a tremendous amount of leg work which has gone into this investigation. Unfortunately, it just hasn't yielded much as far as evidence we can use is concerned."

Officers were dispatched to Flores' home — located at 1407 W. Second St. — at approximately 6:03 p.m. in relation to an unattended death, according to police reports.

"Officers were met by family members of the deceased and advised Flores had been found sitting in the passenger seat of an old vehicle on the family property and had passed away," Everett said. "The investigation revealed Flores had come home late Sunday night or early Monday morning and had been assaulted. A family member observed Flores had been beaten and had obvious injuries."

An autopsy — ordered by Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs — confirmed investigators' belief Flores had been physically assaulted.

"The autopsy determined Flores died from serious internal injuries which were the result of an assault," Everett said. "The location of the assault is still unknown."

Flores' relatives say they are concerned with the lack of progress in the case, which has left the local man's friends and family trying to piece together the details of his death.

"It's just so frustrating," a relative, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said. "We just want to know what happened to Daniel. Somebody out there

knows what happened. If they would just come forward, it would help the family deal with all of this."

Everett said Flores was driving a brown Chevrolet Tahoe around the time the assault is believed to have occurred.

"Anyone with information regarding Flores' whereabouts that Sunday night or early Monday morning is asked to contact law enforcement officers," Everett said. "We need to establish where he was and what happened to him and citizens who possibly saw him could be a huge help to our investigation."

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call the Big Spring Police Department at 432-264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 432-264-TIPS (8477).

Information leading to an arrest or indictment could be worth up to \$1,000, according to Crimestopper officials, and callers may remain anonymous, if they wish. No caller ID is ever used in conjunction with Crimestopper tips.

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as they head to Post to cross the finish line.

Registration is \$35 now and will increase to \$45 on June 1. Registered cyclists are required to commit to a minimum fundraising pledge of \$250. Visit bikeMstexas.org to register to ride, form a team, volunteer or make a donation.

Bike MS is geared to riders aged 12 years and older and various cycling levels — novice to more experienced. Ad-

the disease. MS affects more than 2.1 million people worldwide.

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Kid Scoop Together:

Food That's for the Birds!

Recipes reprinted from *Bluebird Journal of the North American Bluebird Society (Vol. 21, No. 1)*

During the summer months the bluebirds' diet consists of insects, worms, spiders, crickets and grasshoppers. During late fall when insects become scarce, bluebirds will eat fruit. But you can give them a meal that all birds will enjoy. Work with an adult and make these dishes bluebirds love.

Peanut Butter Sticks

- 5 parts old-fashioned oatmeal
- 1 part corn syrup
- 1 part peanut butter
- 1 part bacon grease, melted suet, or lard

Mix well and smear into 1-inch holes drilled into a suspended log suet feeder.

Tweety Cakes

- 2 quarts water
- 1 cup margarine
- 4 cups grits (not instant)
- 1 cup peanut butter
- raisin or peanut hearts

In a large saucepan, bring water and margarine to a boil. Slowly add grits, stirring and cooking until mixture begins to thicken. Remove from heat and add peanut butter, raisins and peanut hearts. Mix together well, then place in feeders. Freeze the balance in foil for future use.

Birdy Ball

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- melted beef suet or bacon drippings
- 4 cups yellow corn meal
- 1 cup white flour

Mix ingredients together to make a soft doughy mix. Roll into balls and put out in a dish.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoo-doku™

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

B	I	R	D	S
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Bluebirds

Bluebirds are considered to be one of the true signs of spring. They are songbirds and are about the size of a teacup.

In recent years their numbers have steadily declined and they are now seldom seen in areas where there are many houses.

But the future of bluebird populations is promising because, with the help of the National Bluebird Society, people are setting out nest boxes and starting bluebirds trails with a series of nest boxes along a certain route in suitable habitat to help increase populations.

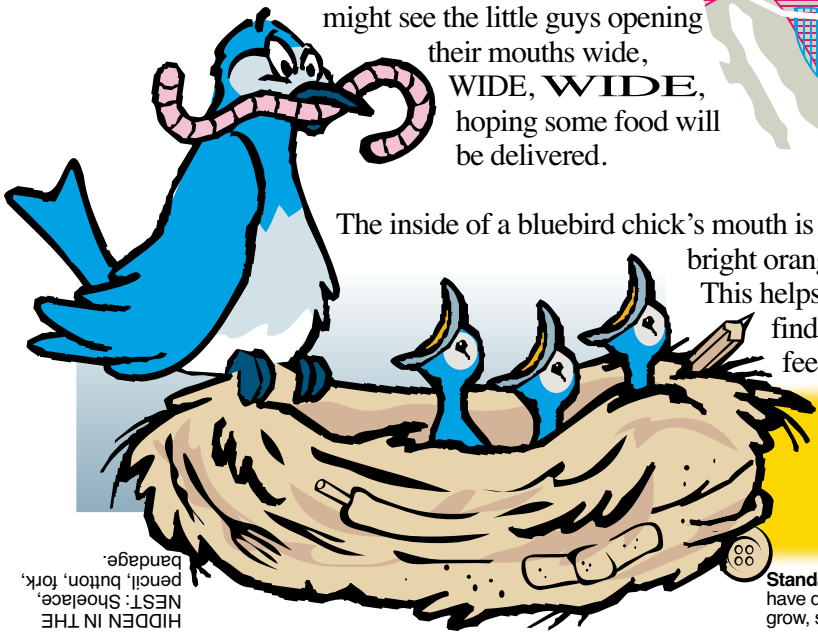
Disappearing Bluebirds

Around the start of the 20th century, good insect-eating birds like the bluebird started to disappear. The trees where they built their nests were cut down. Two birds brought from other countries, the House Sparrow and the European Starling, took over many of the holes where bluebirds built their nests. Sometimes bluebirds died in the fight to save their nesting sites.

Farmers and others have learned that by building and monitoring special nest boxes, or birdhouses, they can help bluebirds safely raise their young. Now people in Canada and the United States are putting up nesting boxes to help the bluebird make a comeback.

Open Wide!

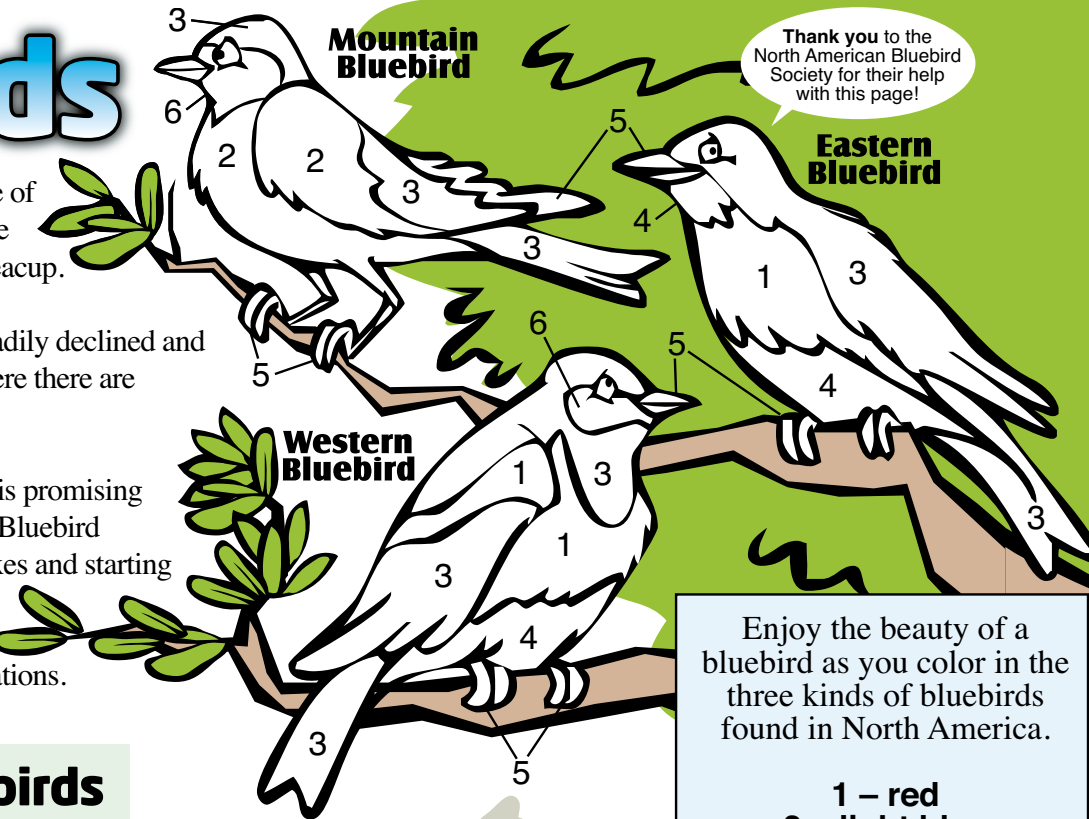
If you were to peek inside a bluebird's nesting area, you might find a nest with three to six eggs – each about the size of a grape. If the birds have hatched, you might see the little guys opening their mouths wide, WIDE, WIDE, hoping some food will be delivered.



The inside of a bluebird chick's mouth is bright orange. This helps its parents to find the nestling and feed it.

This silly bird found all kinds of odd things to add to her nest. Can you find all five?

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have different structures that help them grow, survive and reproduce.



Thank you to the North American Bluebird Society for their help with this page!

Enjoy the beauty of a bluebird as you color in the three kinds of bluebirds found in North America.

- 1 – red
- 2 – light blue
- 3 – medium blue
- 4 – white
- 5 – black
- 6 – dark gray

Bluebirds Habitat

Bluebirds like to live near meadows dotted with trees.

In warm months, they eat insects that they find in grassy fields. In the fall and winter, they eat berries that grow in wooded areas.

- Eastern Bluebird
- Mountain Bluebird
- Western Bluebird

Extra! Extra!

Animals in the News

- Find and list up to ten animals mentioned anywhere in today's newspaper.
- Make a list of one-word clues that tell what it is about the animal that makes it "newsworthy."

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Home Tweet Home

While nesting boxes are a big help, the natural place for a bluebird to build a nest is in a hole in a tree or a fence post. Unlike a woodpecker, they cannot make a hole so they must find a suitable hole with a small opening in which to build their nest. Birds that build their nest in this way are called:

CODE:							
1 = A	6 = R	2	1	9	4	8	10
2 = C	7 = S						
3 = E	8 = T	5	3	7	8	3	6
4 = I	9 = V						
5 = N	10 = Y						

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



For lots more information about bluebirds and some coloring pages and games, go to www.kidscoop.com/kids.

Double Double Word Search

- DISAPPEAR
- BLUEBIRD
- MOUNTAIN
- HABITATS
- MEADOWS
- SPARROW
- BERRIES
- WESTERN
- ORANGE
- MOUTH
- BUILD
- NEST
- EGGS
- GRAY
- BUGS

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

D	B	W	E	S	T	E	R	N	R
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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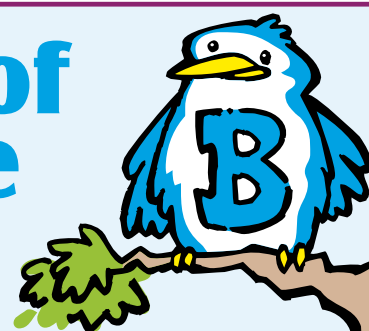
Farmers Follow the News

Look through the newspaper for articles mentioning things that might have an impact on agriculture. Write one sentence next to each article, explaining why or how agriculture might be affected.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand how cause and effect impact the economy.

What kind of bird is like a letter?

ANSWER: A blue jay.



Write On!

Signs of Spring

When you go out for a walk, what are the signs of spring that you notice?

Boston's unique celebration dissolves in chaos, tears

BOSTON (AP) — It dawned chilly, clear and blue, a parsimonious but perfect serving of New England springtime that — because it came on the third Monday in April — unquestionably called for a celebration.

The kind of morning just right for an 11:05 a.m. first pitch at Fenway Park. A day to remind your kids about the heroes of the American Revolution before heading out to stake a place on the curb and cheer on modern-day heroes of the Marathon. A day, Bostonians say, when their city realizes the best of itself.

And then, in 10 seconds of fury and smoke, the joy founded upon 117 years of sweat and aspiration was stolen away.

When a pair of bombs exploded Monday near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing at least three people and injuring more than 140, it left a scene of shattered glass

and severed limbs that terrorized this city. Spectators who moments before had been cheering family and friends were knocked to the ground. Blood stained the pavement. With reports that two more bombs had been found unexploded, Bostonians and visitors hunkered down in fear.

But to appreciate the totality of what Boston surrendered in those moments of horror requires understanding just how much the city had to lose. Other cities have, no doubt, experienced far more horrific tragedies. But few have had their sense of security ripped away at a moment of such singular exultation, on a day that captures an essential part of this city's soul.

Monday in Boston was Patriots' Day, a holiday unique to New England that brings the region's rich history alive with reenactments recalling the battles of Lexington and

Concord that marked the beginning of the American Revolution. For the city's children, it means a day off from school as they begin Spring Break. For 23,000 runners from around the world, the day caps months spent preparing to test body and spirit. It is a day when a city feels like a village, when strangers offer high-fives and free food to runners they'll never see again.

When it's over, runners wander through the streets, proudly wearing medals bearing the image of a unicorn. It is a symbol chosen because it represents the endless pursuit of perfection that lives mostly in myth — except, that is, in those all-too-brief hours when Boston finds a bit of perfection in itself.

To see all that shattered is a hard feeling to put in to words, Bostonians say. But they tried nonetheless, because it felt right to do so.

For Meredith Saillant, the day's transformation was summed up in minutes, just after she finished running the 26.2-mile race, when a gathering with friends in a hotel room overlooking the finish line morphed from a party-in-the-making into a search for an escape route.

"I went into the shower laughing, so happy about what this day was all about — and I came out and it was all over," said Saillant, who lives in the Boston suburb of Brookline. "It's just that sense of completely feeling just vulnerable, like something's been taken from us for no reason, for absolutely no reason, and it's just completely senseless."

In an old city that prides itself on its institutions, workers at Boston's hospitals seemed stunned by the shrapnel wounds and ruptured eardrums, as much because of the timing and the place they

were inflicted as for their severity.

"This is something I've never seen in my 25 years here," said Alisdair Conn, chief of emergency services at Massachusetts General Hospital. "This amount of carnage in the civilian population, this is what we expect from war."

But the pain and despair was hardly limited to the emergency wards. Instead, it spread across the city, echoing off empty cobblestones.

By evening, SWAT team members with machine guns patrolled hospitals and stood outside hotels that were on lockdown.

Most bars had closed early on a night when they're typically packed with post-race revelers.

"Be Safe and be (hash)BostonStrong," read one sign posted on the door of a darkened bar. "We urge everyone to please stay safe," said the sign posted at another.



In Memory

The family of

Mary Elizabeth Rodriguez Rios

would like to thank everyone for their

out-pouring support, love and comfort. For the flowers, food, cards, burial funds contributions, and prayers. We would especially like to thank EMT's, SMMC and Odessa Medical Center Staff, the Clergy, Deacon Clemente Villa, singers for services and Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

With Much Gratitude to all,

Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Rodriguez,

Moso Rios and family,

Children David, Linsa, Roy, Mary, Ybarra,

Molina, Rodriguez Families.

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News in brief

Wary world cities expand security, look to quell jitters in wake of blasts at Boston Marathon

(AP) — The deadly explosions at the Boston Marathon reverberated on both sides of the Atlantic as cities from Los Angeles to London saw a surge in security.

The White House, New York's Times Square, and the preparations for former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's funeral in London all had enhanced and intensified law enforcement presence after Monday's two blasts in Boston.

Police in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Detroit, San Diego and Las Vegas monitored landmarks, government buildings, transit hubs and sporting events. Law enforcement agencies also urged the public via Twitter and Facebook to report suspicious activity to the police.

British police were also reviewing security plans for Sunday's London Marathon — the next major international race — because of the bombs that killed three people and injured more than 140 in Boston.

And the already robust security operation was stepped up for Wednesday's ceremonial funeral for Thatcher. The event at St. Paul's Cathedral, to

be attended by Queen Elizabeth II and other dignitaries, calls for a procession through the streets of London, with Thatcher's flag-draped coffin carried on a horse-drawn carriage.

Sweeping, bipartisan immigration bill would remake system, promise citizenship for millions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. immigration system would undergo dramatic changes under a bipartisan Senate bill that puts a new focus on prospective immigrants' merit and employment potential, while seeking to end illegal immigration once and for all by creating legal avenues for workers to come here.

The bill would put the 11 million immigrants in the country illegally on a 13-year path to U.S. citizenship that would cost each \$2,000 in fines plus additional fees, and would begin only after steps have been taken to secure the border, according to an outline of the measure.

The sweeping legislation also would remake the nation's inefficient legal immigration system, creating new immigration opportunities for tens of thousands of high- and low-skilled workers, as well as a new "merit visa" aimed at bringing people with talents to the U.S. Senators had planned to formally introduce the bill Tuesday, but after Monday's bombing at the Boston Marathon a planned press event was delayed until later in the week.

Employers would face tough new requirements to check the legal status of all workers. Billions of dollars would be poured into border security, and millions of people who've been waiting overseas for years, sometimes decades, in legal immigration backlogs would see their cases speeded up.

Overall, the changes represent the most dramatic overhaul to U.S. immigration law in more than a quarter-century.

Both sides hunt support in Senate fight over gun background checks, but GOP opposition grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican opposition is growing to a bipartisan Senate plan for expanding background checks for firearms buyers, enough to put the proposal's fate in jeopardy. But the measure may change as both sides compete for support in one of the pivotal fights in the battle over curbing guns.

The Senate was continuing debate Tuesday on a wide-ranging gun control bill, with the focus on a background check compromise struck last week between Sens. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va. Manchin said the vote on that amendment was likely to be delayed from midweek to late in the week.

Underscoring the bargaining under way, the two sponsors seemed willing to consider a change to their deal that would exempt gun buyers from background checks if they live hundreds of miles from licensed firearms dealers, one Senate aide said.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

The Promised Land of Milk and Honey

Could it have been? Could the dream still come true?

In 1947, the British, who had the Mandate over Palestine, decided that they had enough of the decades of fighting and slaughter between Arabs and Jews. They washed their hands of the Mandate and turned it over to the United Nations.

What are the facts?

A solution not accepted. Wishing to end the bloodshed and to create a stable and, hopefully, permanent solution to the decades of conflict, the U.N. decreed a partition of the country west of the Jordan River into an Arab and a Jewish state. In deference to Arab Muslim insistence that it was their "third holiest city," the city of Jerusalem, the focus of all Jewish aspirations for two millennia, was to be "internationalized." For the Jews this was bitterly disappointing. Still, in order to create their dreamed-of state, to normalize the lives of the Jewish inhabitants, and to make possible the ingathering of the Holocaust survivors, they accepted the partition plan. They declared their state, Eretz Yisrael — the Land of Israel — and became a nation. Forever to his credit, US President Harry Truman recognized the nascent state of Israel within minutes of its declaration of independence.

The Arabs rejected the partition proposal out of hand. Instead, six Arab armies invaded the country from all sides. They vowed to wage a war of extermination. The Jewish population of only 650,000 people was lightly armed and almost hopelessly outnumbered. But in an almost Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. They suffered horrendous casualties — about 1 per cent of the population. It was as if the United States were to lose 3 million people in a conflict. The Arabs also suffered greatly. Goaded mostly by their leaders to make room for the invading armies, about 650,000 fled the fighting. They were not accepted by their Arab brethren. They were interned and live to this day in so-called refugee camps, slum cities, in which they lead miserable and totally unproductive lives, dependent on the dole of the world. They are consumed with hatred against the Jews who, they believe, have deprived them of their patrimony.

Prosperity despite unending attacks. But Israel was not

Can that dream still come true? Of course it can! Israel has accepted virtually all of the "conditions" for reconciliation on which the Palestinians have insisted, with the sole exception of the demand for the "right of return." That "right" would swamp Israel with hundreds of thousands of Arabs. And it would with one stroke be the end of Israel as the Jewish state. Even for the thorny question of Jerusalem a compromise could be found. But, having been misled by the thuggish Arafat for decades, Arab Palestine needs a wise leader in order to finally make peace with Israel. In view of Israel's experience in Lebanon and Gaza and because it would be fatally vulnerable if an armed enemy occupied the Judean heights, the state of Palestine would have to be totally demilitarized and controlled (probably by US military) for compliance. It would be a difficult condition to swallow, but it would have to be the price to gain their own country. But the dream could then finally be fulfilled and peace and prosperity could be extended over all of the Promised Land. Milk and Honey could indeed flow.

allowed to live in peace. Virtually without interruption, it was victimized by attacks from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt. There were two major wars: the Six Day War of 1967 and the Yom Kippur War of 1973. Israel prevailed in both. It acquired major territories, most of which, in its never-ending quest for peace, it returned. Following these unsuccessful wars, the Palestinians subjected Israel to almost uninterrupted "intifadas," essentially one-sided civil wars, in which suicide bombings and other assorted terrors were the main weapons.

Despite these unending tribulations and absorbing close to 4 million migrants from all parts of the world, Israel prospered mightily. Its population is now close to 8 million. Over 1 million of them are Arabs. They are Israeli citizens, have all the rights of their fellow Jewish citizens, serve in the Knesset (Israel's parliament) and in the diplomatic corps. They are full participants in the economic prosperity that permeates Israel. Israel's product per person is on the same or higher order as that of most European countries. It is a center of science and of culture. Its industrial output encompasses some of the most advanced technology and sophisticated production in the world. Next to Canada, Israel is the most represented country on US stock exchanges. Most major high-tech companies have facilities — factories and research establishments — in Israel.

All of this is admirable, of course. But there is a flip side to this edifying story. That is the fate of the Arab descendants of those who fled Israel in the 1948 War of Liberation. Had they followed the example of the Jews and agreed to the partition decreed by the U.N., they could today be in the same advanced position as Israel, instead of the misery in which they live. Because there is no question that Israel would have been more than willing to enter into a federation with Palestine, in which citizens of both countries could peacefully partake in common prosperity.

"Then the dream could finally be fulfilled . . .
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Bird Poop: Thrashers often heard but not seen

The forecast was consistent, and promised a breezy week-end. The following Monday had an additional, frightening word: "Windy."

April gusts were often a prelude to storms that could overturn lawn furniture and make temperatures plummet. Predictions of other occurrences during the rest of the week often changed throughout the day.

That year, meteorologists had a field day. Their daily revelations of upcoming events were almost entertaining in their variety. Unfortunately, the happenings often were as severe as promised.

The morning after such an event brought our doorbell to life before breakfast. Dutifully checking their backyard feeders, a neighbor had discovered a nest of twigs and dry grasses nestled among a pile of leaves. Inside, snuggled close together were three baby birds. As I carefully lifted their

home from his hands, heads popped straight up with mouths open. Considered songbirds, the nestlings, with their yellow mouths, were curve-billed thrashers.

Soon, not only had the threesome progressed from cricket guts to entire insects, the nestlings discovered their voices. The oldest bird was more vocal as its two siblings tried copying the sounds they heard.

Hatched from pale blue to bluish-green eggs with tiny spots of brown, the birds would normally remain in their nest for at least 18 to 21 days. Then eager to be with their parents, as fledglings they would begin to fly and learn how to hunt for food.

Growing quickly, our guests enjoyed finally being out of the nest and on the perches inside a large enclosure. Well-feathered and active, the fledglings were grayish-brown above and lighter underneath. More distinct spotting on their breasts and sides as juveniles would denote they were members of the thrush family.

Needing the company of others and space for strengthening flight, the thrashers were ready to join others of their specie at the Eos



Courtesy photo

Often heard but not seen, the curve-billed thrasher appreciates the tops of local mesquites. Its melodious song is often interrupted by a perceived danger. At that time, the bird utters a sharp whit, whit, whit, wheet.

Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland. A continued lack of parents and avian nurturing would only slow their progress.

When mature, the thrashers would be larger than mockingbirds. Their long tails, dark curved bills, and yellow eyes would add to their distinguishing characteristics. In flight, their buff-white wing bars and the white corners of their tails

would be evident.

Eventually, their muscle tone would be strengthened, and their hunting instincts refined and improved. When released, they would devour not only insects and their larvae. They would also search for fruits and berries. On the ground, they would hunt for grubs and ants by digging with strong beaks while tossing dirt and leaves aside.

Exposed to the more mature thrashers at the sanctuary, these songbirds would imitate their behavior and be seen running and hopping over the ground before taking flight and upon landing. Almost comical in some of their antics, the curve-bills

would become an assertive avian presence welcome in any homeowner's yard.

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

Thanks to all you Masons out there

I would like to take the opportunity to say a heart-felt thanks to the Masonic Lodge of Big Spring for the annual appreciation breakfast they provide for the school staff.

On Saturday, March 23, these dedicated lodge members prepared and served breakfast for any and all of the folks who work for the Big Spring Independent School District.

This is no simple gesture either. These guys prepared an awesome meal of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. This is an annual thing, for each year the Masonic Lodge honors the school staff with this wonderful appreciation breakfast and speaking as a member of the school district I would like to let the Masons know their work is highly appreciated by the folks they are honoring.

This year, the appreciation breakfast opened at the Masonic Lodge at

8 a.m. and lasted until noon. These men dedicated their Saturday morning to get up early, cook and serve breakfast to the employees of the school district.

I'm not aware of how many years this has occurred but I know the eight years I have been in the district the Masons have honored us with this activity. I just want these guys to know that their efforts are not in vain.

We, the employees of the school district, would like to express our thanks for their expression of their thanks! Almost sounds like a Yogi Berra ex-

pression doesn't it? So often we leave thoughts unsaid that should be expressed. At this point, the thought is to let the men of the Big Spring Masonic Lodge know that the employees of the school district are extremely grateful for their dedication and appreciation of our folks.

It seems too simple just to say thanks but sometimes that is what's needed.

Thank you, gentlemen, for a job well done and for the wonderful breakfast you prepared for us. It is such a blessing to know we have men like you who sup-

port our efforts in the educational pursuit of our children.

It has been said that properly raising and educating our children is a village effort and your support of our endeavor proves this point.

There is a proverb that says: It's not where you are in life, it's who you have by your side that matters. I'm glad the Masons are on our side.

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Decoration for Valor

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 10 7 2
♥ 9 7
♦ J 4
♣ A K Q 9 2

WEST

♠ 4 3
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ K Q 2
♣ 10 7 6 5

EAST

♠ A 8
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ A 10 9 8 6 3
♣ 8

SOUTH

♠ K Q 9 6 5
♥ A K 2
♦ 7 5
♣ J 4 3

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ 1 ♦ 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

It seems a pity that if both sides play a hand well, there must inevitably be a loser. Nevertheless, the fact is that justice cannot always be served, since nobody has yet figured out how both sides can emerge victorious in a given hand.

Consider this deal where South was in four spades and West led the king of diamonds. East saw little

chance of defeating the contract unless he could get a club ruff, so he overtook the king with the ace and returned a club. He was planning to win the first trump lead with the ace and put his partner on lead with a diamond in order to get a club ruff.

The meaning of East's first two plays was not lost on South. Recognizing the danger of leading a trump at trick three, declarer instead cashed the A-K of hearts and continued with the deuce. But rather than ruffing the deuce, South discarded the jack of diamonds from dummy!

Superficially, this play simply swapped a diamond loser for a heart loser, but it actually did a lot more than that. East unexpectedly found himself the unhappy winner of a heart trick, and his well-conceived plan of defense came to naught.

East should perhaps have gotten a *Croix de Guerre* for effort, but as it was, all he had to show for it was a loss of 620 points. Ironically, he would have achieved the same result had he simply signaled with the eight of diamonds at trick one, as a less-imaginative player might have done. But in that case, the challenge of the deal for both sides would never have materialized.

Tomorrow: Impossible, but true.

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

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• TLC at Forsan, 7 p.m.
• Denver City at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

Softball
• Big Spring at Greenwood, 5 p.m.
• Denver City at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Golf
• Big Spring (Girls) at Regional, Shadow Hills, Lubbock.

WEDNESDAY Golf
• Big Spring (Boys, through Thursday) at Regional, Shadow Hills, Lubbock.

Tennis
• Big Spring (Medalists, through Thursday) at Regional, Texas Tech, Lubbock.
• Forsan (Team, through Thursday) at Regional, Levelland.

Forsan tennis takes titles at district meet



The Forsan varsity tennis team won first place overall at the District 6-1A tennis meet in Lubbock. The boys and girls won their divisions and the squad will compete in Levelland Wednesday and Thursday for the regional title.

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — It was a sweep. Forsan High School's tennis squad claimed the boy's, girl's and overall championship at the 6-1A district tennis meet recently, advancing the Buffs and Lady Buffs to the regional tournament in Levelland beginning Wednesday.

Not only did the varsity tennis players top their peers, the junior varsity team also finished first in the district.

District Results:

Varsity

Boys Singles: 1st place, J.P. Stevenson; 4th place, Jansen McDonald.

Girls Singles: 1st Elizabeth Rhodes; 2nd place, Alex Salazar.

Boys Doubles: 1st place, Dillon Bagnall/J.T. Breyman; 3rd place, Brady Gartman/Landon Boeker.

Girls Doubles: 2nd place, Rachel Haggard/Chandler Freeman; 3rd place, Erin Bagnall/Falon Newton.

Mixed Doubles: 1st place, Ryan Pitcox/Darby DePauw; 2nd place, Case Ingram/Miranda Jennings.

Junior Varsity

Boys Singles: 3rd place, Granger Newton; 4th place, Ross Freeman.

Girls Singles: 2nd place, Stacey Jennings.

Girls Doubles: 1st place, Hannah Thompson/Kenna Colvin.

Mixed Doubles: 1st place, Zachary Long/Amanda Schafer; 3rd place, Keelia Smoot/Nick Wilson.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

Local briefs

Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund tourney planned

The Comanche Trail Golf Course will be hosting the Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund golf tournament April 27. The proceeds benefit Coahoma High School student-athletes. It will be a four-person scramble format with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$70 per person. Mulligan packages (4) are available for \$20. A meal is included and prizes will be awarded. For more information contact Delloyd Hooser at 816-9051, Gene Piercefield at 816-1134 or Rocky McCullough at 213-

4868.

B.S.C.C. to host 2013 Cancer Scramble

A tournament benefitting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at the Big Spring Country Club beginning Saturday, April 27 and continuing through Sunday, April 28. It will be a four-person scramble format. Form your own team or be assigned. Field is flighted by first round scores. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. First through third place will receive BSCC Golf Shop gift certificates. Entry fee is \$80 per person plus a \$26 cart fee.

Private carts are welcome. For more information, contact BSCC at 267-5354.

Guys & Girls Scramble slated for May

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a Guys & Girls Scramble from Saturday, May 4 through Sunday, May 5. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days. Lunch will be served Saturday and appetizers will be served at the conclusion of the event Sunday. Field will be flighted according to first round scores, while the number of flights will be determined by entry. Entry fee is \$150 per team.

Griner No. 1 pick by Phoenix Mercury

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Brittney Griner is ready for a new challenge.

After dominating women's college basketball for the past four years, Griner will head to Phoenix. The Mercury took the two-time AP Player of the Year with the top pick in the WNBA draft Monday night.

The city welcomed her with a giant billboard and renamed a street near the arena.

Griner admitted she was nervous before the draft despite knowing she was going to be taken first.

"I thought I was going to have a heart attack at the table," she said.

Griner is excited about getting the chance to play with Diana Taurasi and the other talented players on the Mercury.

"I'm bringing the dunking element

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Courtesy photo/Valerie Avery
Grady High School senior Ellyn Avery competes in pole vaulting during a track meet earlier in the season. Avery took the gold in the 100-meter (13.25), 200-meter (27.40) and the 400-meter dash at the District 6-1A, Division II track meet recently, propelling the Lady Wildcats to a second place finish with 142 points. Coming in first in the girl's category was Borden County with 197 points, rounding out the top three was Loop with 60 points. As a team, the Grady boys also placed second at the meet, scoring 123 points. The boy's title went to host Borden County. Several Wildcats and Lady Wildcats will be competing at the regional meet April 26-27 at South Plains College in Levelland.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Much will be accomplished during these final days of the passion-dominated Aries sun. The intensity is up, and a strong sense of urgency creates a flurry of productivity. At the end of the week, the sun and Mars will join Venus in Taurus, offering a different perspective and a new emotional set point. Put today's cosmic gift of bonus energy to good use!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are a key part of a cycle. You'll like your role, perhaps because it's one you have never played before. Even though this is new territory, there's already something lovely and graceful in your approach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone is thinking of you and in just the way you would most prefer. It's satisfying to have some control over

the way you are perceived and to enjoy the perks that come with that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your power won't grow from shunning the parts of you that you don't like, but from integrating all parts of you and accepting the polarities: good and bad, strong and weak, yin and yang.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One person may spark your good mood, but you keep the flames alive even after this person has left. The field of love that is around us will not be an abstract concept to you now, but a reality that you can feel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

There are moments in which you can't see the point in drawing a conclusion, because the deeper you get into things the more you realize that everything is a mystery.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may have picked up an inaccurate belief along the way, and now it seems abundantly apparent. Put the idea to the test. You won't have to ask too many questions to get to the truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just as the wind moves stagnant energy outside, new influences move the stagnant energy of the mind. That's why reading, conversation and intellectual experiences are important to your health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be even more sensitive to the energetic reality around you. You can pick up on dark auras and either do something to lighten them or avoid them altogether. Be spiritually generous, but also know your limits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are many risks around you now that are not worth taking. Ask yourself honestly: Are you willing to accept, surrender to and dwell in whatever comes of this action? If not, don't take the action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). So much negativity can be cleared away by simply cleaning up the environment of your thoughts and the environment of your home. You'll be amazed at how much better you feel when all is clean.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Much of the

action you take now is driven by the spirit of cooperation. Very little personal effort is involved, and this is because of your naturally friendly and helpful attitude.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Is it better to deliver a white lie or a hard truth? You aspire to telling the truth, but your compassion may influence you to take a softer approach. This is a call that only you can make.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (April 16). You have a clear sense of focus this year and will stay on task until your aims are accomplished. You have aspirations for your personal life, too, and refer to your wish list often. You'll adventure with a special someone in the weeks to come, building lasting bonds. May and October bring bonus funds. There's new work in June. Gemini and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 12, 5, 33 and 28.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Life is short, and I'm just the kind of Taurus who hates to waste time. This has made life with my husband, a Sagittarius, challenging at times. He's the experimental type. When he shops, he has to try everything on, ask a million questions and consider every option. When I shop, I see what I want, and I buy it. When he cooks, he never makes things the same way twice, doesn't use precise measurements and gets mixed results. When it's good, it's brilliant. When it's bad, it's inedible. I cook, too. I follow the recipe, and it pretty

much turns out right every time. I admit I get very impatient with my husband. How can I get past our different styles and have more fun with the way he is?"

Being patient with your husband and having more fun with who he is depends largely on what else you've done during the day to exhaust your resources of will power, self-control and patience. On a day when you've worked diligently for hours on projects that require great mental energy and focus, you'll be less inclined to find the fun in your husband's style. Carve out days when you can make play and fun times with your husband a top priority. That's when you'll enjoy him the most.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Two and a Half Men" star Jon Cryer is not only an actor; he's also a writer, film producer and director. This versatile Aries was born when Mercury and Venus were also in this passionate part of the sky. His Scorpio moon lends an intuitive sense and a fascination with the inner workings of systems and people. His Jupiter in Taurus indicates financial luck.

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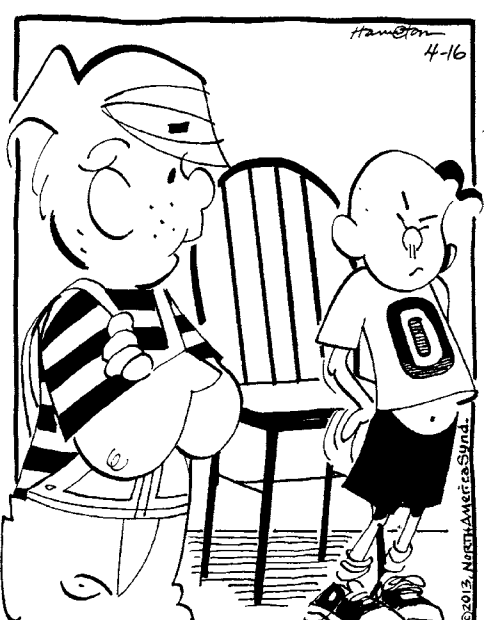
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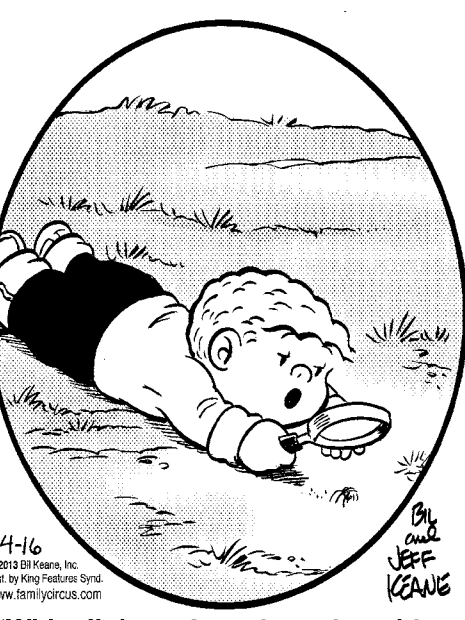
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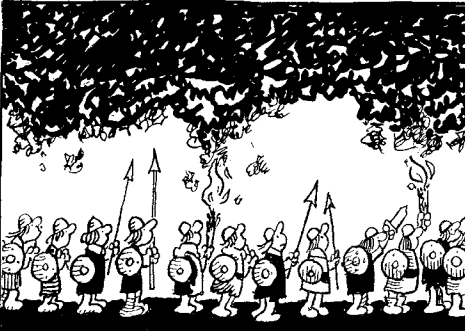
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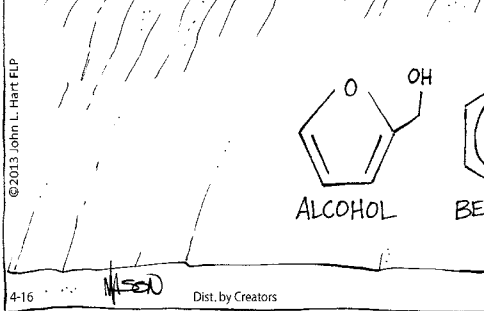
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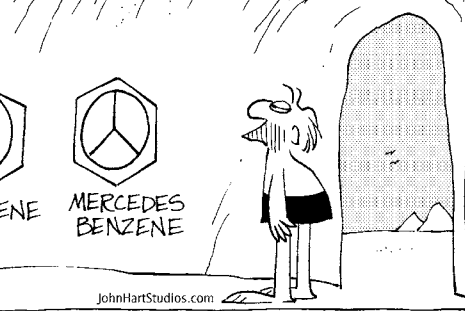
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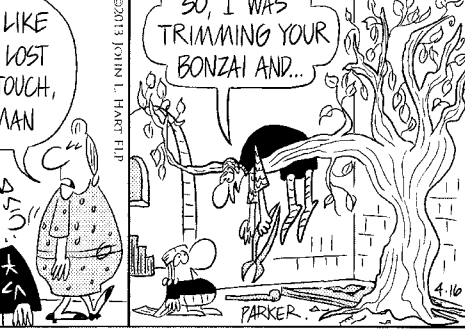
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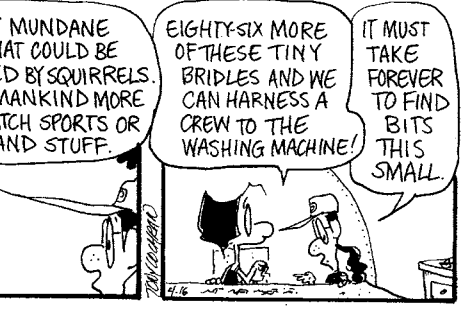
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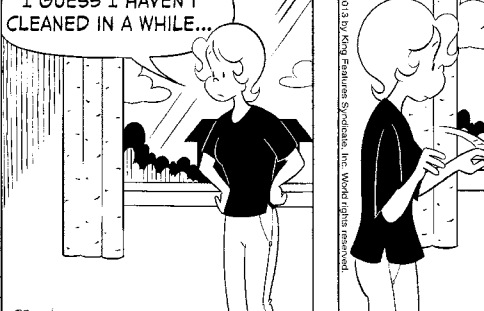
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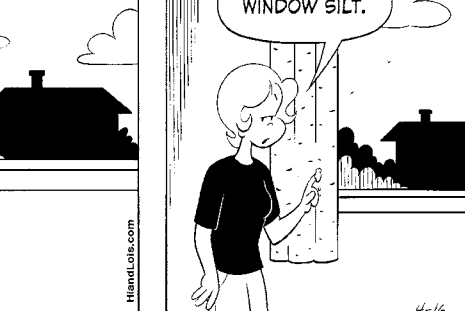
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GENERAL HALFTRACK



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 16, the 106th day of 2013. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 16, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which the civil rights activist responded to a group of local clergymen who'd criticized him for leading street protests; King defended his tactics, writing, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

On this date:

In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia. The Confederacy conscripted all white men between the ages of 18 to 35.

In 1879, Bernadette Soubirous, who'd described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers (neh-VEHR), France.

In 1912, American aviator Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel, traveling from Dover, England, to France in 59 minutes.

In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on NBC's Blue Network.

In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during the Second World War.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day (the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people). Financier Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse, "Let us not be deceived. Ai we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1962, Bob Dylan debuted his song "Blowin' in the Wind" at Gerde's Folk City in New York; Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as CBS-TV's principal anchorman.

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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 - 5 Floating ice mass
 - 9 Abbr. like PDQ
 - 13 Improvise on stage
 - 15 Wicked
 - 16 Boat framework
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 - 20 Caused much noise
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 - 24 Burst of growth
 - 25 Dine at home
 - 27 Letters after A
 - 30 Pub serving
 - 31 Cattle farm
 - 33 Prophet
 - 35 Most remote
 - 38 Toy on a string
 - 39 Make a speech
 - 41 ___ about (roughly)
 - 42 Tankini or trunks
 - 44 One-celled creature
 - 46 "Peachy keen!"
 - 47 Golf course teacher
 - 48 Recipe abbr.
 - 49 Treaties
 - 51 Poke fun at
 - 53 In the past
 - 54 Enjoying oneself
 - 60 Factual
 - 62 Not on time
 - 63 Cozy winter beverage
- DOWN
- 64 That woman's
 - 65 Window ledge
 - 66 For days ___ (nonstop)
 - 67 Adjusts, as a clock
 - 68 Small bills
 - 69 Irritable
 - 9 "Eureka!"
 - 10 Browse online device
 - 11 Suspect's story
 - 12 Unadorned
 - 14 "C'mon, help me out"
 - 21 Eliminate as a possibility
 - 22 Circus structure
 - 26 Sneeze sound
 - 27 Lads
 - 28 Rooster's cry
 - 29 Chance to make one's case
 - 31 Mouse's kin
 - 32 6x9 floor covering
 - 34 Halley's, for one
 - 35 Budgetary excess
 - 36 Weeps
 - 37 Mouse-catching device
 - 40 ___ de Janeiro
 - 43 Wide belt
 - 45 Monte Carlo's locale
 - 47 Comic strip frames
 - 49 Hiking trails
 - 50 See eye to eye
 - 51 Line on a book spine
 - 52 Steakhouse order
 - 55 In addition
 - 56 Conceited
 - 57 Got a perfect score on
 - 58 Time-consuming
 - 59 Gentleman's date
 - 61 Letter before tee

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Comanche Trail Golf Course Ladies Golf Association news

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association held its weekly couples tournament last week, with the team of Howard and Trish Gabbard and Nick and Linda Dewater coming in first place with four-under par.

Finishing in second after a three-way tie and

a scorecard playoff was the team of Vaughn Martin and Sandra Bartlett and Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth.

Landing closest to the pin on Hole No. 3 was John Leonardi. On the ladies' side, Shirley Long landed closest to the cup on Hole No. 6.

A's down Astros, 11-2

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tommy Milone was Oakland's most consistent starter as a rookie in 2012. He's doing the same thing this year, and the results are looking even better.

It sure helps that the Athletics have been giving him plenty of run support along the way.

Milone won his third straight start, Jed Low-

rie drove in four runs and Oakland beat the Houston Astros 11-2 on Monday night.

"You pretty much know what you're going to get out of Tommy every time he goes out there," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "He works quick, he knows what he wants to do and has conviction in what he's doing."

Spurs rest banged-up starters in loss to Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are resting up for the playoffs, even if it costs a couple of regular-season wins.

Typical Spurs. Point guard Tony Parker (sore neck, left ankle), power forward Tim Duncan (sore left knee) and small forward Kawhi Leonard (sore left knee) sat out Monday night's 116-106 loss at the Golden State Warriors because of nagging injuries, the team said. All three had played in San Antonio's 91-86 loss at the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night.

The Spurs also were without reserve guard Manu Ginobili, who has been out since straining his right hamstring March 29. Backup forward Boris Diaw also is

likely out until at least the second round of the playoffs following back surgery.

Whether Ginobili returns for the regular-season finale Wednesday against Minnesota is unclear. But Spurs coach Gregg Popovich left no doubt about the status of Parker, Duncan and Leonard for the Timberwolves game.

"Everybody will play on Wednesday because it's not a back-to-back," Popovich said.

The Thunder clinched the Western Conference's top seed by beating Sacramento 104-95 earlier Monday night. The Spurs will be seeded second and likely face Golden State or Houston in the first round beginning this week.

The Warriors started

Monday in seventh place because the Rockets own the tiebreaker after winning the season series 3-1.

The only concern for Popovich is the playoffs.

San Antonio has been alternating lineups because of various injuries over the past month.

Parker scored just four points on 1-of-10 shooting while playing for just the fourth time in April in the loss against the Lakers, possibly slowed by his injured ankle. San Antonio has lost five of eight entering the game at Golden State.

"We've been playing better almost any other year going into the playoffs compared to this year," Popovich said. "The health this

year, the different lineups all the time based on what's happened toward the latter part of the season is certainly a part of it."

NBA Coach of the Year still has never been afraid to rest his starters.

Popovich's decision to send Duncan, Parker, Ginobili and Danny Green home instead of having them play for the second game of a back-to-back Nov. 19 in Miami created a stir around the league. It was the finale of a six-game road trip, finishing with four games in five days. The Spurs did not give the NBA or Miami prior notice of the players' absences, which led the NBA to fine San Antonio \$250,000.

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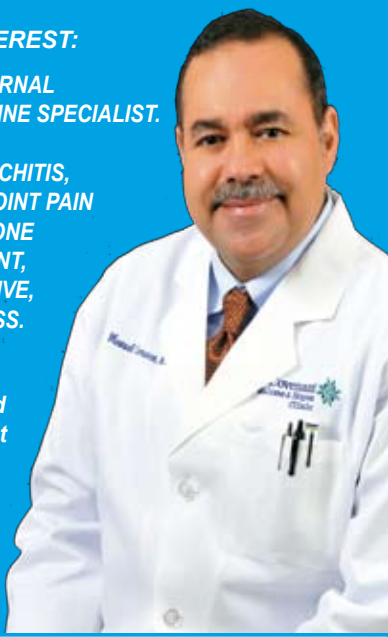
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GRINER

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of my game to Phoenix," Griner said. "Everyone would love to see Dee throw that alley-oop, I catch it and slam it. The high energy I bring to the table."

Mercury coach Corey Gaines said it took about a second for the team to decide on their choice.

"I think with the tal-

ent we have already, and it's not going to be all forced on her to do everything, it makes her even more of a game changer because there's no pressure on her, she can just do the things that she does naturally — rebound, block shots, putbacks and then as it goes on, she'll learn more," Gaines said.

The 6-foot-8 star finished as the second all-time scorer in women's NCAA history, with

3,283 points. She owns the shot block record, shattering both the men's and women's college marks with 748. She also had a record 18 dunks — including 11 this season.

WNBA President Laurel Richie opened the draft by offering the league's thoughts and prayers to those affected by the bombings in Boston.

She said earlier in the evening that the WNBA had discussions whether to hold the draft before deciding to go ahead with it.

Soon after the draft started, she announced Griner as the first choice.

Griner joins a very talented Mercury squad that was plagued by injuries most of last season. Taurasi played in

only eight games and Penny Taylor missed the entire year while recovering from an ACL injury.

Candice Dupree also missed 21 games because of a knee injury.

"I'm ready to get there and ready to learn from (Taurasi)," Griner said. "I got to play with her a little bit at USA Basketball. I'm ready to feed off her and give all I can to the Phoenix Mercury."

Phoenix had the second-worst record and a 28 percent chance of getting the first pick. Washington, which had the worst record in the league, picked fourth.

"We have a team of All-Stars already," Phoenix Mercury President Amber Cox said. The Mercury have had the first pick in the draft two other times, including when they took Taurasi in 2004.

It was an eventful day for Griner.

Not only was she the top pick, but she bumped into her skateboarding idol, Tony Hawk, who was also at ESPN.

"Getting drafted being the No. 1 overall pick that was above it, but Tony's right there at No. 2," Griner said.

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9	1	6	3	7	8	5	2	4

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