

## Immigration Bill Supporters Seek Delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Far-reaching immigration legislation neared a final committee vote on Tuesday as the White House and Democratic supporters pressed the panel's chairman to delay a showdown over the rights of gay spouses until a debate in the full Senate.

"There have been 300 amendments. Why shouldn't we have one more?" said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. He spoke in response to concerns that a vote on the issue inside the Senate Judiciary Committee could unravel months of work on the bill, which gives a chance at citizenship to millions of immigrants living in the United States illegally.

The measure also creates a new program for low-skilled foreign labor, and would permit highly skilled workers into the country at far higher levels than is currently the case. At the same time, it requires the government take new steps to guard against future illegal immigration.

Leahy, who has presided over days of committee work on the legislation, said an end was in sight, perhaps as early as Tuesday night.

The bill's ranks of supporters inside the committee grew during the day as the result of a compromise setting the terms of the expansion of H-1B high tech visas. Under the deal, the number of highly skilled workers admitted to the country would rise from 65,000 annually to 110,000, with the possibility of a further rise to 180,000 depending in part on unemployment levels.

## Suspicion Arises Francis Performed Exorcism

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis' obsession with the devil took on remarkable new twists Tuesday, with a well-known exorcist insisting Francis helped "liberate" a Mexican man possessed by four different demons despite the Vatican's insistence that no such papal exorcism took place.

The case concerns a 43-year-old husband and father who traveled to Rome from Mexico to attend Francis' Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square. At the end of the Mass, Francis blessed several wheelchair-bound faithful as he always does, including a man possessed by the devil, according to the priest who brought him, the Rev. Juan Rivas.

Francis laid his hands on the man's head and recited a prayer. The man heaved deeply a half-dozen times, shook, then slumped in his wheelchair.

The images, broadcast worldwide, prompted the television station of the Italian bishops' conference to declare that according to several exorcists, there was "no doubt" that Francis either performed an exorcism or a simpler prayer to free the man from the devil.

The Vatican was more cautious. In a statement Tuesday, it said Francis "didn't intend to perform any exorcism. But as he often does for the sick or suffering, he simply intended to pray for someone who was suffering who was presented to him."

## Iran Election Overseers Block 2 Wild Cards

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's election overseers removed potential wild-card candidates from the presidential race Tuesday, blocking a top aide of outgoing President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and a former president who revived hopes of reformers.

Their exclusion from the June 14 presidential ballot gives establishment-friendly candidates a clear path to succeed Ahmadinejad, who has lost favor with the ruling clerics after years of power struggles. It also pushes moderate and opposition voices further to the margins as Iran's leadership faces critical challenges such as international sanctions and talks with world powers over Tehran's nuclear program.

The official ballot list, announced on state TV, followed a nearly six-hour delay in which the names were kept under wraps. That raised speculation that authorities allowed some time for appeals by the blackballed candidates and their backers to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say in all matters.

But the official slate left off two prominent but divisive figures: former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Ahmadinejad protege Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei. The decision also appeared to remove many potential surprise elements in the race, including whether Rafsanjani could revitalize the reform movement or if Ahmadinejad could play a godfather role in the election with his hand-picked political heir.

Instead, the eight men cleared by the candidate-vetting Guardian Council included high-profile figures considered firm and predictable loyalists to the ruling Islamic establishment, such as former Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, Tehran Mayor Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf and Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili.

# IRS Chief Knew Tea Party Was Targeted

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WASHINGTON — The former head of the Internal Revenue Service said he first learned in the spring of 2012 — in the heat of the presidential campaign — that agents had improperly targeted political groups that vehemently opposed President Barack Obama's policies.

But, former Commissioner Douglas Shulman said Tuesday, he didn't tell higher ups in the Treasury Department and he didn't tell members of Congress.

And he wouldn't apologize for it.

"I had a partial set of facts, and I knew that the inspector general was going to be looking into it, and I knew that it was being stopped," Shulman told the Senate Finance Committee in his first public comments on the matter. "Sitting there then and sitting here today, I think I made the right decision, which is to let the inspector general get to the bottom of it, chase down all the facts and then make his findings public."

Shulman, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, left the IRS in November when his five-year term ended. His testimony makes him the top official to publicly acknowledge knowing before



OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/MCT  
Tea Party supporters rally in front of the IRS building Tuesday in Washington, D.C., to protest the abuse of power from the IRS in targeting tea party and grassroots organizations for harassment.

the presidential election that tea party groups had been targeted.

Even so, senators from both political parties said they were skeptical of the version of events portrayed by Shulman and Steven Miller, the man who later took his place as acting commissioner and was forced last week to resign.

For more than 18 months during the 2010 and 2012 election campaigns, IRS agents in a Cincinnati office singled out tea party and other conservative groups for additional scrutiny when they ap-

plied for tax-exempt status. They asked who the political donors were and the political affiliations of officers.

The additional scrutiny delayed applications for an average of nearly two years, making it difficult for many of the groups to raise money, according to a report by J. Russell George, the Treasury Department inspector general for tax administration.

George's report blamed ineffective management in Washington for allowing the practice to continue

# FBI ID's Benghazi Suspects — But No Arrests Yet

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. has identified five men who might be responsible for the attack on the diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, last year, and has enough evidence to justify seizing them by military force as suspected terrorists, officials say. But there isn't enough proof to try them in a U.S. civilian court as the Obama administration prefers.

The men remain at large while the FBI gathers evidence. But the investigation has been slowed by the reduced U.S. intelligence presence in the region since the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks, and by the limited ability to assist by Libya's post-revolutionary law enforcement and intelligence agencies, which are still in their infancy since the overthrow of dictator Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

The decision not to seize the men

militarily underscores the White House aim to move away from hunting terrorists as enemy combatants and holding them at the military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The preference is toward a process in which most are apprehended and tried by the countries where they are living or arrested by the U.S. with the host country's cooperation and tried in the U.S. criminal justice system. Using military force to detain the men might also harm fledgling relations with Libya and other post-Arab-Spring governments with whom the U.S. is trying to build partnerships to hunt al-Qaida as the organization expands throughout the region.

A senior administration official said the FBI has identified a number of individuals that it believes have information or may have been involved, and is considering options to bring those responsible to justice. But taking action in remote eastern

Libya would be difficult. America's relationship with Libya would be weighed as part of those options, the official said, speaking only on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the effort publicly.

The Libyan Embassy did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Waiting to prosecute suspects instead of grabbing them now could add to the political weight the Benghazi case already carries. The attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans weeks before President Barack Obama's re-election. Since then, Republicans in Congress have condemned the administration's handling of the situation, criticizing the level of embassy security, questioning the talking points provided to U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice for her public appearances to explain the attack and suggesting the

for so long. But George said he found no evidence that Washington directed the targeting.

George also testified before Senate Finance Committee Tuesday. So did acting IRS Commissioner Miller.

Several senators were less than pleased with the testimony of both Shulman and Miller.

"I found it unsatisfying," Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said after the hearing. "I think a lot of information's not getting out, a lot of questions not answered."

Shulman said he was briefed by Miller "sometime in the spring of 2012" that tea party groups were being singled out for additional scrutiny. But Shulman said he didn't realize the scope of the issue until the inspector general issued his report last week.

"What I knew was not the full set of facts in this report," Shulman said. "What I knew sometime in the spring of 2012 was that there was a list that was being used, knew that the word 'tea party' was on the list, didn't know what other words were on the list, didn't know the scope and severity of this, didn't know if groups that were pulled in were groups that would have been pulled in anyway."

Shulman is now a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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

## Ask a Giraffe!

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

### Q: How does a giraffe sleep?

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

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

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

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

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

### Q: How tall is a giraffe?

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

**Males: 2+ \_\_\_\_ =8**

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

**Females: 3+ \_\_\_\_ =8**

Female giraffes can grow to be \_\_\_\_ meters tall.

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

### Q: How long are giraffe tongues?

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

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

Add the numbers to find out!

**2+3+1+1= \_\_\_\_**

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

**19-5-3-4= \_\_\_\_**

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

**START**

**FINISH**

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

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Greater Than Less Than**  
Cut out six numbers from the newspaper. Arrange them into different "greater than" and "less than" sentences.

**987 > 654**

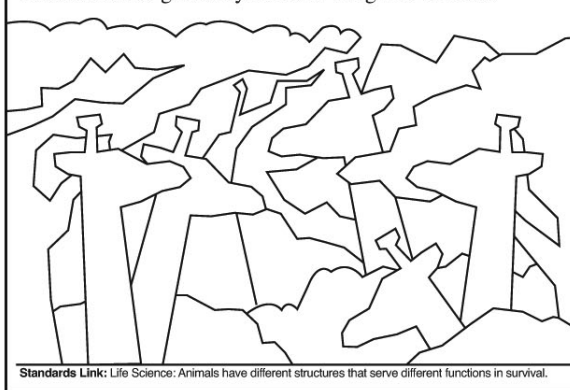
**Standards Link:** Math: Number Sense; compare and order whole numbers using the symbols for less than and greater than (< >).

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals have different structures that serve different functions in survival; living things depend on one another in an ecosystem.

## Q: Why do giraffes have spots?

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

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



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

## Double Double Word Search

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

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

O	H	N	A	P	S	N	T	X	S
S	S	A	P	E	E	O	I	S	R
N	T	C	N	C	N	K	C	W	E
R	O	D	K	G	O	E	K	O	K
E	P	N	U	P	B	R	S	R	C
T	S	E	F	F	A	R	I	G	E
T	S	L	E	E	P	T	S	I	P
A	X	B	P	L	E	R	H	K	X
P	R	O	T	A	D	E	R	P	O

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

## B E Y O N D Kid Scoop

### Sentence Stre-e-e-etchers

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

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

## Write On!

### Curious about caves?

Send your story to:

Press & Dakotan  
C/o Noelle Schlechter  
319 Walnut Street  
Yankton, SD 57078  
605-665-7811, ext 112

Would you like to go into a cave? Have you ever been in one? Write about a trip, real or imagined, into a cave.  
**Deadline:** June 9 **Published:** Week of July 7  
**Please include your school and grade.**

## Weekly Writing Corner

### Long Neck News

Pretend you woke up with the neck of a giraffe. Write a news story about the event.

Once upon a time I woke up and I had a really long neck! When I went to school to play basketball all I could do was score points, no one could block me. On Easter I could see all of the eggs, but it was hard to talk to people because my head was up in the sky. It got really bad when I went to the park. My head kept banging into things and I couldn't go on the monkey bars. The worst thing was my parents couldn't reach my head to kiss me, but one day I and my dad went to a mechanic and he made a bunch of things so I could do everything I liked to do! The end.

**Rebecca K. 4th grade, Vermillion**

When I woke up I was amazed. I had a giraffe's neck and I was in Africa. I was in a land full of grass and surrounded by zebras and wildebeests. I saw a thorny tree and it made me feel hungry. A little bird was sitting on my back. He told me that I was the tallest giraffe in all of Africa. Then I heard my mom call my name. I hadn't woken at all, it was all in my dream.

**Karla, 1st grade**

Oh my word! I woke up and I had a giraffe neck. When I got to school, everyone laughed at me so I went home.

**Jacob, 1st grade**

I woke up this morning and found my head was hitting the roof. I felt weird but I did not do anything about it. But when I walked into the bathroom, my sister screamed. Then, I looked in the mirror and saw that I had the neck of a giraffe. Now I saw why my sister had screamed. Next, I ran down the stairs and told my mom that I was not going to school because I had a neck as big as a giraffe.

**Jordyn, 3rd grade**