





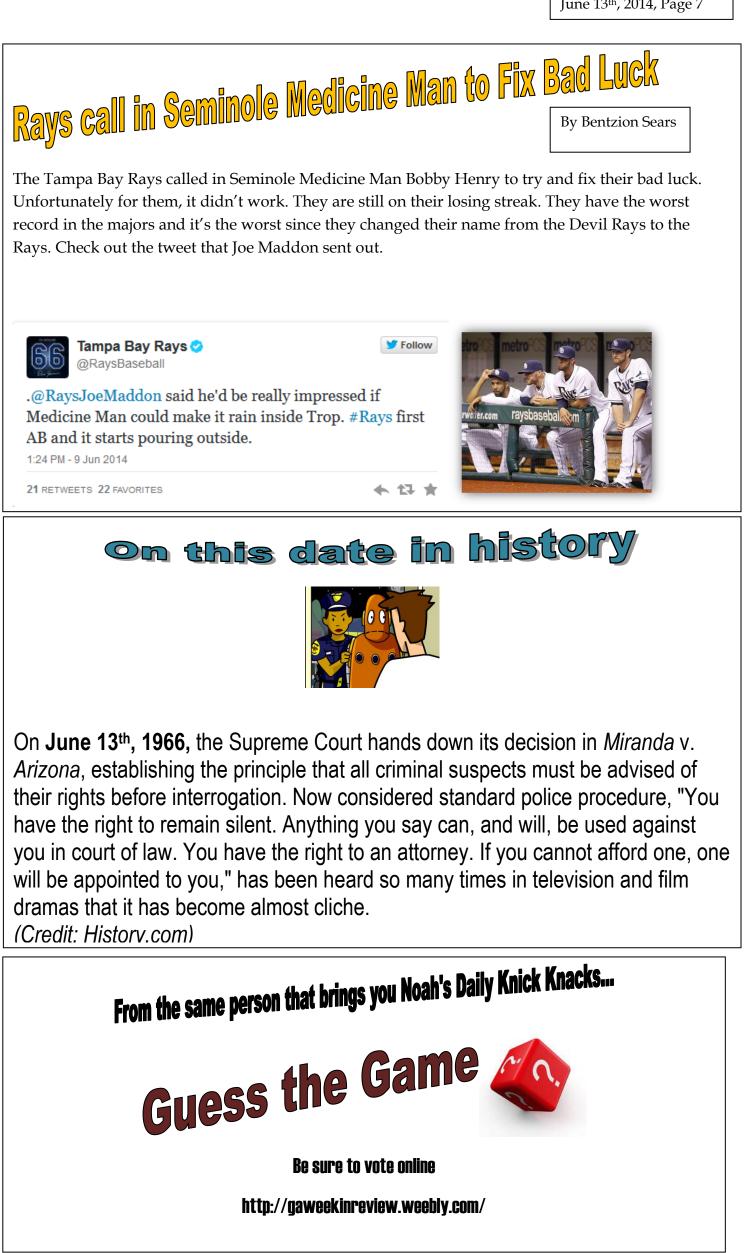
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United States have a tough challenge ahead



By Mr. Giangaspro

The United States drew the short straw in terms of their grouping. If they want to make an improbable run towards a World Cup in 2014, they will have to survive a challenging group G with Portugal, Ghana and Germany. Germany is ranked 2nd in all of the World Cup while Portugal ranks 4th! I fully expect the eyes of the country to be on their televisions when they take the field against Ghana on Monday 6/16/14 at 6:00. They will need to defeat Ghana who is not as highly ranked as the others. But Ghana gives the United States a lot of trouble historically. It is definitely a must win. If injuries and unluckiness hit their opponents, the US can sneak out alive of the first round. I will be watching and rooting on the United States. The World Cup is every 4 years so we should appreciate it while it is here.





By Jillian

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Scratch lives in Cats Eye Mountain. She lives in a city of crystal and gold that can only be reached by creatures of the Air Element. It was here that Scratch grew up soaring in the clouds or exploring the crystal mines. An army of Pirate trolls arrived looking to steal ancient magic crystals buried deep in the mountain. Kos wanted the crystals to power his army. Scratch made armor to defeat the trolls and she led a battle against the pirates' trolls and used her skills to defend the crystals and the city of crystal and gold. Kos was furious with the trolls when they failed. Tales of her heroism soon made their way to Popthorn that traveled to Cats Eye Mountain and recruited Scratch to the Skylanders. Scratch is important to the Skylanders.

Her catchphrases are: The Luck of the Claw, Moving Right Along, Clawing My Way Through, A Purrfect Victory, Up and Away, Fight and flight, Alright, Success is Mine, Skyward More power, Good Kitty, Away we go, I'll take it, Just scratching the surface, Clawing my way to the top and I'll Wear This with Pride!

This is what she looks like.

