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PART 1 — Grammar and Usage: Underline the correct choice in each example.

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PART 3 — Complete the crossword puzzle.

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ACROSS

1. Programming language
3. Journalists' code of _____
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PART 4 – POLITICS Match the governor and presidential candidate with his state, write it below and insert the corresponding number on the map.

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| 1. Jeb Bush _____ | 4. Rick Perry _____ |
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PART 5 — Editing and Headline Writing: Edit the following story and *explain your edits below it*. Write a one-line headline with a maximum character count of 40 units. Also write an SEO headline and a tweet.

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TWEET _____

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“He had a wonderful sense of humor,” Horowitz said. “He used to joke that on his tombstone, one side would say ‘Race man’ and the other side would say, ‘Easily amused.’ ”

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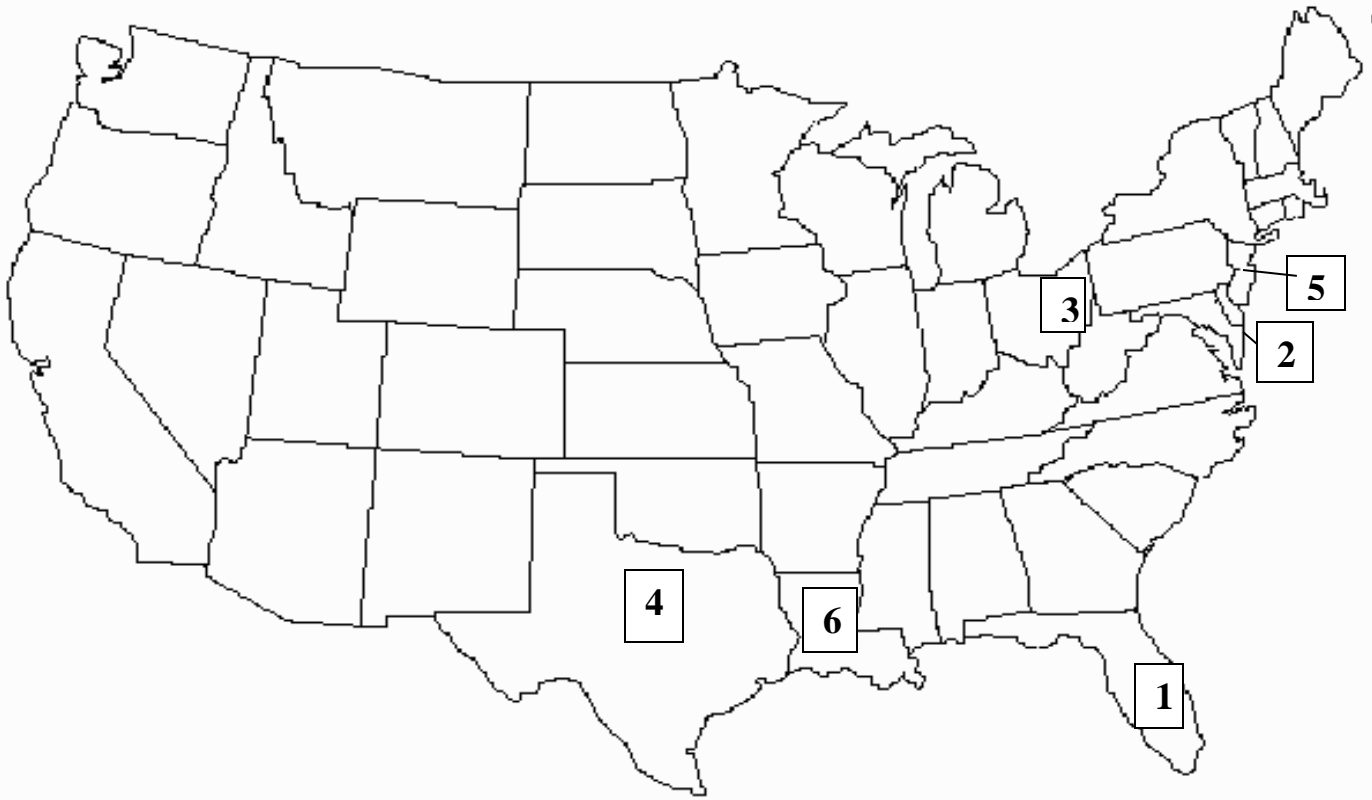
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SEO __ JUDGE RULES FOR PATRIOTS' BRADY IN DEFLATEGATE _____

TWEET _TOM BRADY WINS #DEFLATEGATE DECISION; NFL APPEALS IMMEDIATELY

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EXPLANATIONS - Full name on first reference to Brady; Judge's last name is Berman not Richard; Assures not assure (subject/verb agreement); Principle not principal; Kickoff is solid when a noun referring to football

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CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER BOND DIES

SEO JULIAN BOND, 75, FOUGHT FOR EQUAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS FOR DECADES; or JULIAN BOND, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, DIES

TWEET LONGTIME CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST JULIAN BOND DIES AT 75, FOUNDED SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER, EX-CHAIRMAN OF NAACP

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Lewis said those signs (**NEVER WILL BE SEEN AGAIN or WILL NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN**) except in books, museums and on film.

EXPLANATIONS - U.S. Supreme Court (AP STYLE); Relected (EXTRA CREDIT FOR LEAVING HYPHENATED); Delete unexpectedly; Prominence not eminence; Civil Rights Act of 1964 or question the year; will never be seen again or never will be seen again (NOTE POSITION OF NEVER.)

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