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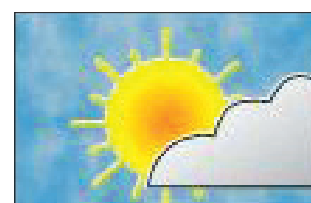
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Forsan voters decide distribution today

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

FORSAN — School district voters here head to the polls today to decide how the district will distribute its excess wealth.

The law requires that Forsan ISD, a "property-wealthy" district under state financial guidelines, must disburse slightly more than \$1 million to poorer districts. Today's "wealth

equalization election" gives voters the chance to have some say as to where the money will go.

Superintendent Randy Johnson said a recent upsurge in property valuations, fueled by the recent addition of millions of dollars worth of wind turbines in the district, has moved FISD into the "property-wealthy" category.

"This election has nothing to do

with the tax rate. It has to do with our appraisal valuations," Johnson said. "If we cut our tax rate, we'd still have to give up a portion of our wealth."

FISD Business Manager Dianna Walker said the district will have to surrender approximately \$1.2 million for equity purposes.

Voters will have two ballot options before them today — they can authorize the district to send the money to

the state for later reimbursement or instruct the district to distribute the money directly to another district. In addition, they can approve — or reject — both options, Johnson said.

If voters reject both ballot options, the district will then have to decide between three comparatively unattractive alternatives — consolidation

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Hutchison slams cap-and-trade

Says proposed legislation would hurt Texas economy

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison made a stop in Big Spring Monday afternoon at Western Container to talk about ongoing legislation in the nation's capitol, including healthcare reform and the cap-and-trade bill.

First on the senior Texas Senator's list of concerns is President Barack Obama's healthcare reform plan, an agenda she described as nothing short of scary.

"The things that are happening in Congress right now are pretty scary to a lot of people," said Hutchison. "Not only do we see massive spending going on, but it's creating debt so far out we can't even see. Healthcare reform, and then cap-and-trade following that. Two areas I think the administration and the Democratic leadership in Congress just don't understand. They don't understand the real world because I think they've been in academia. So they think, 'Oh, healthcare reform, let's just have this government alter-

native, and that will be good for everyone.' Government alternative is going to take away all of the private health insurance in this country.

"You can't compete as a private insurer with the government. So, more and more people are going to be bled off to the government system, and it's very costly. What they are doing is cutting hospital reimbursements in order to pay for this plan, or they are going to tax our employers to give plans if they don't pay enough of the premiums, or they are going to tax people if they don't have insurance. It's counter-intuitive, and I'm going to do everything I can to stop that government takeover of healthcare."

Despite concern for healthcare reform, Hutchison spent the majority of her time Monday afternoon discussing the cap-and-trade bill that recently passed the House of Representatives.

"Now they have a cap-and-trade bill, and they have barely passed the House

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison discusses the proposed cap-and-trade bill making it's way through the capitol at a press conference held Monday afternoon at Western Container. According to Hutchison, the bill, if approved, could almost double residential electric rates and send utility costs for businesses spiraling out of control.

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HC trustees likely to issue revenue bonds

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will likely issue a construction bond in the coming months, but the taxpayers won't mind a bit.

Trustees gave the go-ahead for college officials to lay the groundwork for issuance of more than \$3 million in revenue

bonds during their Monday afternoon meeting.

The bonds will be used to finance renovations in the men's and women's dormitories.

Unlike general obligation bonds, revenue bonds are not financed by taxpayer money. Instead, they will be financed through student fees.

Terry Hansen, executive vice presi-

dent of the college, said administrators are recommending that trustees issue \$3.5 million in revenue bonds later this year.

The dormitories were built in the late 1950s and extensions were added in 1989, but the buildings have never had significant renovations, Hansen said.

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County commissioners approve tax rate

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners' hopes to pass a 2009-2010 tax rate 5-cents below the effective rate were dashed Monday morning, as the court was forced to settle for a 3-cent deficit thanks to recent legal maneuvers from the county's biggest taxpayer, Alon USA.

Commissioners approved a tax rate of 57.8656 cents per \$100 valuation on a 4-1 vote Monday, with Commissioner Jim-

mie Long voting against the measure. This year's tax rate represents the second year in a row the county has been forced to raise the rate to allow for tax revenues being tied up in litigation between Alon USA and the Howard County Appraisal District.

The appraisal district's original valuation of the Big Spring Refinery was \$249 million, according to Chief Appraiser Bret McKibben, a number that was drastically cut by the district's review board to \$169 million. However, Alon officials

have indicated they feel the valuation should be \$80 million.

The appraisal district and Alon ended a similar lawsuit covering valuations from 2006, 2007 and 2008 late last year. The court claimed the tax revenues tied up in litigation made it necessary to raise the 2008-2009 tax rate by 5 cents.

The court struggled over the matter for some time, with County Judge Mark Barr calling for a motion from the

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Obituaries

Ola Mae Campbell

Ola Mae Campbell, 87, of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

Howard County and Forsan 4-H Club members will clean the pocket park off Main Street in Big Spring Oct. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. The effort, planned as a way for 4-H to "give back" to the community that has supported its efforts for more than 100 years, will be led by AgriLife Extension agents and 4-H adult leaders with guidance from Master Gardeners and Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

Home Hospice would like to welcome anyone who would like to give a few hours of their time a month volunteering with patients or doing office work. There are many areas you can volunteer in. We train you at your convenience. Please call Sherry Hodnett, volunteer coordinator, at (432) 264-7599.

Robert Diaz is a lifelong Big Spring citizen and longtime city of Big Spring employee. Robert and Yvonne have four children and are raising four of their grandchildren. Robert has been on dialysis for about two years and is in need of a kidney transplant. Robert's wife, Yvonne is a match and they have been able to start the process due to the kindness and generosity of friends, family and Big Spring citizens. They are still in need due to all the fees that they will incur from the transplant. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do that at Citizens Credit Union, account 932728. All donations are appreciated.

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

Support Groups

TODAY
• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- RUBEN LEE TREVINO JR., 31, of 1310 Lincoln, was arrested Monday on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – more than 4 grams, less than 200 grams, and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – 1 gram or less in a drug free zone.
- GILBERT GONZALES, 28, of 602 Abrams, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- JUSTIN BLAYNE PUENTE, 18, of 4118 Muir, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- DANIEL RIOS, 23, of 905 E. 16th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of theft.
- CASEY LYNN FRALEY, 19, of 1021 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- RICKY KINNAMON, 56, of 8113 N. Service Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEVEN KYLE JOHNSON, 25, of 624 McEwen, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- MARIO IRENEO YANEZ, 28, of 1408 Oriole, was arrested Tuesday on three local warrants and charges of no seatbelt, driving while license invalid and no insurance.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 4100 block of Muir.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 800 block of Owens.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 300 block of Third Street. According to police officials, the report is believed to be false with charges unlikely.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this report.
- JEFFREY FORSHEE, 50, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- CASEY LYNN FRALEY, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- GILBERT GONZALES, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a contempt charge for failure to maintain financial responsibility and a charge of failure to appear.
- STEVEN KYLE JOHNSON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- RICKY KINNAMON, 56, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JARVIS DARNELL PRESTON, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance – more than 200 grams, less than 400 grams.
- JUSTIN PUENTE, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- DANIEL RIOS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a contempt charge for theft.
- RUBEN LEE TREVINO, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – more than 4 grams, less than 200 grams, and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance – 1 gram or less in a drug free zone.
- JARRON VANDERBILT, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid.
- KATHERYN DIANE WILLIAMS, 51, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- MARIO YANEZ, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on contempt charges for assault causing bodily injury – family violence, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear (two counts), no insurance and driving while license invalid and a charge of passenger not secured by a safety belt.

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

Fire/EMS

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Hern. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Hern. Service refused.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Cardinal.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported near the intersection of 16th Street and Chickasaw.

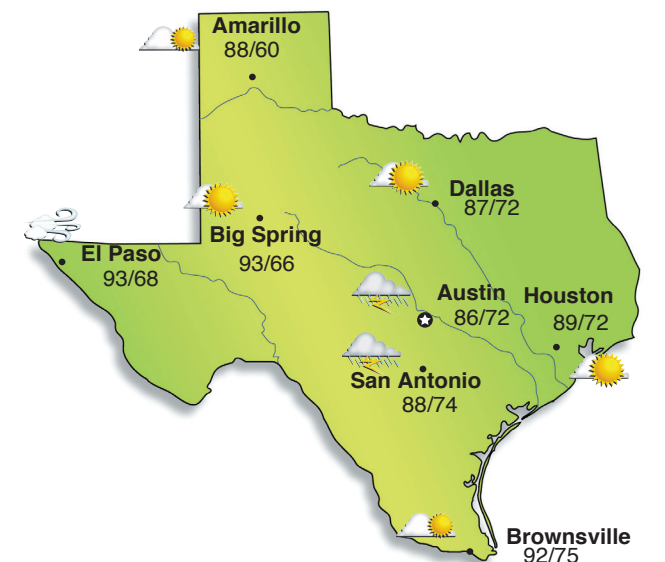
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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93/66 A few clouds from time to time. Hot. High 93F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	91/51 Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	84/52 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	81/55 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	75/59 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.
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Beaumont	86	68	mst sunny	Lubbock	92	64	mst sunny
Brownsville	92	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	89	67	mst sunny
Brownwood	90	71	mst sunny	Midland	94	69	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	90	77	t-storm	Raymondville	94	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	87	70	mst sunny	Rosenberg	87	71	mst sunny
Dallas	87	72	mst sunny	San Antonio	88	74	t-storm
Del Rio	91	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	87	72	t-storm
El Paso	93	68	windy	Sulphur Springs	85	70	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	94	69	windy	Sweetwater	91	69	windy
Gainesville	87	70	mst sunny	Tyler	87	67	mst sunny
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- The winning numbers in Monday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Two Step" game were:
04-12-22-34, Bonus: 14.
- The winning numbers in Monday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were:
- 1-9-2-6. Sum It Up: 18.
- The winning numbers in Monday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were:
8-1-8. Sum It Up: 17.
- The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday afternoon, in order:
1-0-5-4. Sum It Up: 10.
- The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon, in order:
9-0-4. Sum It Up: 13.

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because even many Democrats wouldn't vote for it," said Hutchison.

"Now it's coming over to the Senate and the word is the Senate Committee, the committee that's going to take it up, is going to mark up the cap-and-trade bill in the next two weeks," she added. "We don't think it will be on the floor until next year because the healthcare reform is taking the floor time, but here's what it does. It puts a cap on any emissions into the air that are carbon emissions. And it's going to tax businesses if they go over that emissions level.

"Well, you would say, 'That's a good thing, isn't it? We're going to help the environment by capping emissions?' Even the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) administrator says it will do nothing to stop the global emissions, and wouldn't even help the environment because no other country is doing this. So what is happening is you're putting

America at a disadvantage for no purpose because all of the other countries are emitting the carbons into the air, it's going to come into America. So it's not going to help us with the environment, but it's going to be very costly."

And while Hutchison describes the cap-and-trade bill as a step in the wrong direction for the U.S., she said it could have disastrous effects on the Texas economy.

"It's going to cost taxes on every country or company that puts out carbon emissions, which would be refineries," said Hutchison. "It happens Texas is one-fourth the refining capacity in America, and one-fourth of all the energy supply comes right out of Texas. However, when the taxes are put on those refineries, it's going to raise the price of everything. It's certainly going to raise the price of everything here (at Western Container), because this is a plastic product that's made from petroleum products.

"It's also going to put a tax on every company that uses energy because the price is going up for your exploration

and your refining capacity. Your refiners are going to get more taxes, and your drillers and people exploring for oil and natural gas are going to have their prices go up, so what's going to happen to the price of your raw products? It's going up. And that's something that's just going to make you anti-competitive, maybe with Japan, because if your energy prices go up so much, then it's going to start encroaching on so many other businesses."

Hutchison claims the bill also threatens to increase jobless rates throughout the state.

"I'm very concerned about this cap-and-trade bill. I hope we can fight this in the United States Senate so it doesn't get out in this way. It will be especially hard on Texas," she said. "The estimates the Comptroller has put out are Texas could lose as few as 170,000 jobs and as many as 470,000 jobs because this bill would do so much to raise the price of everything. This is a state that has lost 300,000 just this year. We have the highest unemployment rate in the region now. At a time when

our businesses are struggling, when we want to create jobs, not lose jobs, I think this is a very bad bill at this particular time."

And while Hutchison claims the bill will drive up costs for petroleum-related businesses — such as Western Container, which uses petroleum products to make plastic bottles — she claims it will also devastate the pocketbooks of everyday consumers.

"A non-petroleum business will be effected because the price of energy will go up. All energy, whether it's natural gas, electricity or gasoline at the pump," said Hutchison. "Energy prices are going up, so every business is going to be paying those higher prices and having to charge higher prices to consumers. It's estimated your home electricity bill will go up 90 percent because of this legislation. So every family is going to have higher costs, as well, for all of the energy they use. So it's going to effect any business, petroleum-based or not, every family and every consumer. Prices are going to go up on everything, and that's going to hurt our job situation."

While Hutchison said she'll staunchly stand against the bill, the Senator said the Republicans in the Senate are doing their part to help the environment by pushing for more nuclear power plants in the Lone Star State.

"We (Republicans in the Senate) are trying to put forward efforts to, for instance, increase nuclear power," said Hutchison.

"It's very efficient, it's environmentally friendly, and it's low cost once you've made the investment," she continued. "We need more nuclear power plants in Texas. We have some, and we could use even more. The Republicans promote this and we've tried to increase the number of nuclear power plants by lowering the amount of time it takes to get a permit, and also have loan guarantees.

"President Obama does not support nuclear power, but we believe that is a very positive addition to the energy resources we would have."

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commissioners several times with no immediate response.

"If they file suit like they did in previous years — this is what I'm going on here, the history in previous years — we're going to be \$1 million short next year," said Barr. "That's the situation we're looking at. That's a worst case scenario, I'm hoping."

Long said constituents that have contacted him since news of the lawsuit was released has been in favor of fighting Alon USA's efforts.

"Personally, after reviewing our budget prior to the Alon USA situation... it was a budget that planned for the future," said Long. "Now Alon has come in and disputed their valuation and filed suit. Due

to this case, which is beyond our control, we need to compensate.

"I've had numerous phone calls from constituents saying they are in favor of the county, and other entities, protecting ourselves in this lawsuit and fighting this lawsuit, and they don't want to back down. They fell everyone that gets a tax appraisal value should have to pay that, and they don't expect Alon to be any different. They have a right to file suit as they've done, but we also have a right to fight that. That's what I've been hearing from my constituents."

Commissioners seemed to agree across the board the county's legal fees in the lawsuit would be covered by a 1-cent hike in the previously proposed rate of 55.8656 cents per \$100 valuation.

"What we were trying

to do is give the nickel we took last year back, and this is the only way we have of giving the taxpayers the money back," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "I believe if we give the nickel back, we need to take a part of that back to fight the lawsuit, which would be about 1 cent (on the tax rate)."

Commissioner Gary Simer said simply covering attorney fees would be a mistake, with tax revenue shortfalls expected to reach \$1.6 million this time next year, creating the need for the court to go above the rollback rate in 2010.

"I think we should try to get a little bit this year," said Simer. "Next year, if we go above the rollback rate (because of this), they can get a (rollback) petition, and if it passes that will cause all kinds of trouble. That's how I feel about it."

Long, who said he felt

budget cuts could cover the majority of losses for this year and the coming year, then made a motion to approve a tax rate of 56.8656 cents, 1 cent above the proposed rate, but the motion died for lack of a second.

"I feel like we should challenge the department heads to work on staying under budget this year, because we're going to need that money next year," said Long. "I really feel like we should challenge them."

The 2-cent add-on is expected to generate approximately \$380,000 in additional revenue, according to county officials.

Last year's litigation ended in October, following several months of legal proceedings and more than a week of testimony before 118th District Judge Robert H. Moore III. Alon ended up with tax bills of

\$1.869 million for 2006, \$2.569 million for 2007 and slightly more than \$3 million for 2008.

According to McKibben, Alon USA target valuation of \$80 million makes little sense considering how much the company has spent on repairs since an explosion ripped through the facility in 2008.

"They spent more than \$300 million just in repairs," said McKibben. "That's more than three times what they are claiming the facility should be appraised at, so it doesn't necessarily make sense. According to their representation at the ARB, they say they are aware of the huge deficit and are simply hoping to make their money back. I'm really not sure what they are thinking at this point."

The lawsuit was filed in 118th District Court last week.

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with another school district, consolidation of FISD's tax base with another district or de-annexing a portion of its district — in order to meet state requirements.

Johnson said instruct-

ing voters on the issues involved in the election has been a difficult but necessary job.

"There was a citizens' committee that helped us get the word out and they did a wonderful job," Johnson said. "They sent out letters, handed out flyers, rang doorbells ... I definitely appreciate their support."

Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom said today that 111 early ballots were cast in the election, a figure that represents 7.3 percent of registered voters in the district.

"I think that was a good (early) turnout," Bloom said. "Forsan voters have a tendency to turn out on election

day, so this could be an indicator of a good turnout today."

Polling places for today's election will be at Elbow Elementary and Forsan Junior High/High School. Voting hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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COLLEGE

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"We aren't going to necessarily turn the dorms into something fantastic ... but they will become viable again," Hansen said. "They are in need of electrical upgrades, there are significant problems with the plumbing ... and much of the furniture needs to be replaced ... The dorms are 50 years old and they have held up unbelievably well over the years, but they're just like any other house — you have to make occasional repairs."

Aside from upgrading the electrical and plumbing systems, Hansen said plans call for upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, as well as general spruce-up work such as installing new floor tiles.

"We'll try to freshen

up the facilities," he said.

If the trustees approve the revenue renovation plan during their October meeting, officials will issue the bonds shortly afterward. Hansen estimated payments at roughly \$300,000 a year for 20 years.

This would mark the second time the college has issued revenue

bonds to pay for dormitory work; the college did so in 1989 when workers added 48 beds to both the men's and women's dorms.

Hansen said the bonds from the 1989 expansion will be paid off in 2011.

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OTHER VIEWS

MADD might rethink ‘virgin drinks’ idea

Sometimes well-meaning initiatives send unintended messages. The country’s most recognizable advocacy group against underage drinking might want to rethink the message it’s sending in the decision to market a line of non-alcoholic beverages called MADD Virgin Drinks.

MADD’s national president, Laura Dean-Mooney, said the faux margaritas, mojitos, pina colodas, beer and wine will provide hosts the option to serve drinks with “the great taste needed to make guests feel like they are part of the party — but without alcohol.”

Nothing like perpetuating the notion that to be part of the party, you either need to drink or to be seen as drinking.

Because the beverages are nonalcoholic, they may be legally consumed by teens. Nothing like acquiring a taste for the unleaded stuff before switching to high-test.

The responsible use of alcohol shouldn’t be viewed as an evil, nor should it be glamorized. But there’s more than a whiff of mixed message when an organization that’s never been shy about criticizing the marketing strategies of beverage companies uses this kind of product to help fill its coffers.

MADD is the first on the block to chastise distilled-beverage companies for the slightest hint of marketing to underage drinkers. Remember the MADD flaps over Super Bowl ads featuring the nattily dressed bull terrier Spuds MacKenzie, or the Budweiser bullfrogs and their smack-talking nemeses, lizards Louie and Walter? MADD called the ads “unconscionable” because they appealed to American children, teens and young adults under the legal drinking age of 21.

MADD has urged states to ban the sale of alcohol in test tubes and gelatin shots because they entice underage people to drink. It was among the organizations that protested the short-lived notion of marketing Bud Light beer in cans bearing university school colors. It even made a splash by protesting virtual drunken driving in a mature-rated video game before it was available in stores.

Yet MADD is giddy about finding a way to fundraise — a “significant portion of the sales” of Virgin Drinks will go to MADD, according to Hill Street Marketing — by gussying up a line of nonalcoholic drinks to look like the real thing.

It’s a long way from Shirley Temples.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we aim for Your heavenly love, Lord.
Amen

Kiss those kiddie-flavors goodbye

It’s hard to argue with the FDA’s decision, announced this week, to ban the sale of flavored cigarettes. To be honest, I always thought cigarettes came in regular and menthol, not chocolate and strawberry. The legislation passed earlier this year giving the FDA authority over tobacco products specifically authorized it to ban flavored cigarettes, while protecting the kind that I got hooked on.

The justification for the ban is that the cigarette companies have been using kiddie flavors, like they’ve used cartoon characters, to appeal to teenagers. The tobacco industry faces unique challenges given that so many of its best customers die if they don’t quit, which makes replacing them with new smokers an economic necessity, whatever anyone says. And studies have found that 17-years-olds are at least three times more likely to be puffing on fun-flavored cigarettes than are those over 25.

“These flavored cigarettes are a gateway for many children and young adults to become regular smokers,” FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, M.D., explained Tuesday.

It sounds like a major step until you read the fine print: The biggest tobacco companies don’t even make these cigarettes; the folks who did, seeing the handwriting on the wall, had pretty much stopped after Congress

acted; and the ban doesn’t touch menthol, the most popular flavor.

So will banning flavored cigarettes that made up some 1 percent of the market stop teenagers from opening the door to addiction?

I wouldn’t bet on it.

Smoking is stupid. Nearly half a million people die every year from smoking-related illnesses. Almost 50,000 of those are people whose only exposure to smoke was second-hand. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in this country.

Which doesn’t seem to mean a lot to teenagers and young adults, especially girls, who start smoking to be cool or lose weight or find something to do with their hands when they’re nervous.

I started at 15 and quit at 33.

I tremble every time I have a chest X-ray. I lost my best friend to lung cancer, and she didn’t smoke. The woman I am closest to, who has helped me raise my children for the past 20 years, is being treated for lung cancer, and she didn’t smoke. Among the many things I would do differently in my life if I had to do it over again, one of the first would be not to cough my way through my first pack of Marlboros.

But that’s me the grownup talking. When I was 15, I didn’t worry about getting emphysema or cancer or heart disease. I worried about my father getting sick. I begged him to stop smoking; his cough terrified me. He half-tried a few times and stopped smoking in the house, but he never really quit. By the time I started, he’d given up try-

ing not to. He died at 53.

And that was not, I should add, enough to get me to quit for another 10 years.

Mortality isn’t much fun to contemplate. Luckily for them, most young people don’t. Even when you lose someone you love to cigarettes, as I did with my father, you can completely convince yourself that it has nothing to do with you. From the perspective of a 20-year-old, 53 looks very far away. Until it isn’t.

In a recent speech, President Obama sought to enlist young people in the fight for health care reform, relying on a University of Michigan study that, based on past experience, found that upward of 40 percent of all Americans would lose health insurance coverage in the next 10 years.

The Joe Wilson wannabe I was debating on television that day kept attacking the president for using a bad study as a scare tactic, although he never could say what was wrong with the study. As far as I could tell, the study was just fine.

The real problem was that it wasn’t a very good scare tactic because young people — who are among those most likely to lose health insurance when they age off their parents’ plan and those least likely to find the kind of jobs that provide coverage — don’t get scared about their health. If they did, you wouldn’t need to ban chocolate cigarettes, because no one would be buying them.

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Obama’s globalism: We are the world

Polite conservatives grow nervous when their less inhibited brethren suggest that President Barack Obama does not feel warm and fuzzy when contemplating pre-Obama-inauguration America. But considering the mounting evidence, the burden of proof has certainly shifted to the polite group to demonstrate otherwise.

Obama should not get off the hook in just one short news cycle for the shots he took at this nation in his shameful first speech to the United Nations General Assembly.

In his opening salvo, he said, “For those who question the character and cause of my nation, I ask you to look at the concrete actions we have taken in just nine months.” Then he proceeded to tick off those “concrete actions,” such as prohibiting torture — as if to suggest that prior to his ascension, it had been official U.S. policy.

Note that he didn’t say, “For those who question America’s character, I cite to your record of international philanthropy, benevolence, peacemaking and peacekeeping, liberating nations from brutal dictators, promoting democracy throughout the world, and leading the world in technological innovation and the very advancement of civilization.”

Instead, he made it clear that he shares the view of the world’s leftist critics that America has acted “unilaterally without regard for the interests of others,” “arrogant” and “sometimes dismissive.”

But if you nervous types still believe it is “over the top” to suggest Obama is not particularly fond of America’s founding principles and freedom tradition, could you at least concede that he disdains American

exceptionalism and prefers that this nation not be the world’s sole superpower? Or that he believes Americans possess an immoral amount of the world’s wealth and is not especially protective of America’s national sovereignty?

Obama isn’t content merely engaging in a scheme to radically redistribute the income and wealth of Americans internally (to the tune of some \$1 trillion from the top 30 percent of income earners to the lower 70 percent through his proposals on taxes, health care and the environment, according to the Tax Foundation). He also believes Americans should be compelled to redistribute their resources to the world’s poor, as well.

Is that over the top, too? Well, do you remember when Obama said the following in Chicago on Oct. 2, 2007? “In the 21st century, progress must mean more than a vote at the ballot box; it must mean freedom from fear and freedom from want.”

“We cannot stand for the freedom of anarchy. Nor can we support the globalization of the empty stomach. We need new approaches to help people to help themselves. The United Nations has embraced the Millennium Development Goals, which aim to cut extreme poverty in half by 2015. When I’m president, they will be America’s goals. The Bush administration tried to keep the U.N. from proclaiming these goals; the Obama administration will double foreign assistance to \$50 billion to lead the world to achieve them. In the 21st century, we cannot stand up before the world and say that there’s one set of rules for America and another for everyone else.”

True to his word, though barely reported, Obama made this statement in his U.N. speech: “We have fully embraced the Millennium Development Goals.” I’m not sure where he got the authority to make that unilateral declaration, but he nonetheless made it. I guess now

that he’s president, he can sometimes just issue fiat instead of having to deal with the cumbersome legislative process — such as when he had difficulty as senator getting his Global Poverty Act passed. That bill would have committed the U.S. to spending 0.7 percent of the U.S.’ gross domestic product on foreign aid, amounting to \$845 billion more than the U.S. already spends.

So why do you suppose the evil Bush administration opposed the innocuous-sounding “Millennium Development Goals”?

Well, how about its multi-pronged assault on America’s national sovereignty? It commits participating nations to be bound by the International Criminal Court treaty; support regional disarmament measures for small arms and light weapons; and press for the full implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which Wikipedia describes as “an international legally binding treaty” that includes among its goals a “fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources.” The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, described as “an international bill of rights for women,” and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which purports to be a “legally binding international instrument” that gives children the right to express their own opinions “freely in all matters affecting the child” and requires those opinions be given “due weight.”

The Millennium Declaration also affirms the U.N. as “the indispensable common house of the entire human family, through which we will seek to realize our universal aspirations for peace, cooperation and development.”

Indeed, under President Obama, “We Are the World.”

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Family Dinner Word Find

Just in time for Eat Better/Eat Together Month, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

CHILDREN	ENJOYMENT	MEAL
CONVERSATION	FAMILY	NUTRITION
DINING ROOM	FOOD	PARENTS
DINNER	HEALTHY	TOGETHER

N	N	P	C	L	W	W	N	D	D	C	R
D	O	L	A	L	A	E	T	I	F	O	E
G	H	I	Q	R	R	E	N	G	A	N	H
S	C	S	T	D	E	I	M	X	M	V	T
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B	O	X	N	L	O	G	U	N	H	T	W
M	T	N	E	M	Y	O	J	N	E	I	J
H	E	A	L	T	H	Y	R	D	O	O	F
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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1777: THE AMERICANS DEFEAT THE BRITISH IN THE SECOND BATTLE OF SARATOGA.
- 1849: EDGAR ALLAN POE DIED AT AGE 40.
- 2003: ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.



WHAT IS THE MAIN INGREDIENT OF THE NUTRIENT-RICH, MEATLESS TOFU?

ANSWER: SOYBEANS

Dinner Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

1. Family meals may prevent **V A R O I H E B** problems in children.
2. **H Y E H A T L** foods are important for keeping weight down.
3. **K L M I** is full of calcium and vitamin D.
4. Don't skip **T S A F K A B R E** to lose weight.

Answers: 1. behavior 2. healthy 3. milk 4. breakfast



DHA

Docosahexaenoic acid, a fatty acid essential to brain and eye development

BSHS Student Council directs school events

By HANNAH WEBER

Big Spring High School's Student Council's motto this year is LOL, Lead Out Loud. The officers of this year's student council, led by President Jackson Watkins, are trying to do just that.

Corresponding Secretary Kate Brumley is in charge of the Social committee. The Social committee plans dances. Kate and her committee have already planned the Howdy Dance held at the very beginning of the year.

Parliamentarian Daniel Moreno is the committee leader of Pride and Patriotism. On Sept. 11, he organized a special announcement. A couple of band students played taps and the officers read a memorial. There was also a moment of silence which gave students an opportunity to reflect on the horrific events of that day.

Vice Presidents Kyler McGee and Blake Brorman keep up with the point board. In order to participate in Student Council, representatives must earn a certain amount of points. They can make these points by attending

meetings, making posters, wearing black and gold on game days and any other student council related activity.

Kyler is the committee leader for Energy and Environment, which encourages students to do such things as car-pool to school or games. Blake is in charge of the Activity committee. One thing the Activity committee does is inform everyone of upcoming dress up days for Homecoming week or Red Ribbon week.

D.A.S.H. (Drug, Alcohol, Safety, and Health) officer Selena Gonzales checks license and inspection stickers on cars parked in the student parking lots each month.

Student Council does not just do things to help the school, though that is an integral part. They also help out the community.

Student Council participates in many service projects. Recording Secretary Hannah Weber is the committee leader for the Community Service Committee. They plan to participate in Trash Off, Trick or Treat for the Humane Society, canned food drives, and other activities.



Courtesy photo

In the above photo, Big Spring High School Student Council officers are, first row, left to right: Selena Gonzales, Hannah Weber and Blake Brorman; second row, left to right: Daniel Moreno, Tyler McGee and Jackson Watson. In the photo at bottom, Student Council members work on a hall sign.



Bird Poop:

Grebe avoids being eaten by inmates

During late evening and through the night, the scattered showers that had been forecast became reality. While illuminating darkened rooms, lightning was an introduction to the following thunder.

Walking outside the next morning, the man hoped the playing field would be dry enough for the promised afternoon game. Anticipation of the event was on everyone's mind. It would be a pleasant pause in the monotony of daily routines.

Having taken several men with him to check

the striping, goals and sidelines, the man was surprised by the sounds of a scuffle behind him. As he turned, he heard a heated argument as one helper shoved another.

The man called for assistance as he ran to stop a fight before it began. As they realized their anger would not be allowed to escalate, the twosome stood glaring at each other as the correctional officer confronted them.

Holding out his hand for whatever was under one of the men's shirt, the officer said, "OK, let's have it." Pulling his hastily tucked T-shirt from his waistline, the inmate handed him a small, plump bird.

"The game warden said he would deliver it," promised the officer as he alerted us to an incoming bird. Having

described the reddish-brown, or russet coloration of the neck, breast, and sides, the man said, "It's mostly white below and a drab kind of brown on top."

As he finished by saying it was not a duck, but had a short white, chicken-like bill, with a black stripe wrapped around it, he paused. Then he added, "And black on its throat." My reaction was to tell the man he had a pied-billed grebe.

Silence on his side of the conversation was brief. His adding that the bird had toes with webbing led to my telling him the grebe uses its feet not only to propel itself in a pond or lake. Since its legs are toward the rear of its body, the bird must use its feet to run on the surface of water before becoming airborne.

When the man wondered why this water bird had landed in the prison yard, I guessed it could have been related to the storm. Or as evening approached, it mistook asphalt for the sheen of water.

As we closed our con-



Courtesy photo

Floating, then diving, the pied-billed grebe often resurfaces with only its bill above the water. With its ability to disappear beneath the surface, the bird has often been called a "water witch" because of its vanishing act.

versation, the officer commented there was no way inmates were allowed to have pets. He couldn't understand why the two men were so intent upon having the bird. My reply was brief. "They wanted to eat it."

"Then you've had prison birds before?" he asked. "Yes. It depends upon nationality or the culture of an inmate. In our local facilities, prisoners, who think that somehow they can find the means to cook them, capture pigeons. If successful, and they haven't been, prisoners

would dine on squab."

Once in hand after the game warden left, we examined the pied-billed grebe. In a bathtub filled with water, the bird paddled the length, dived and surfaced repeatedly. It seemed to be delighted in reacquainting with water.

After placing it on an area lake, we watched as the grebe quickly sank without a ripple. Fifteen seconds, 30, then 45 seconds passed before the bird reappeared at what it considered a safe distance from danger.

Offering small fish and insects, the lake would suffice until the grebe decided to leave. At other bodies of water that offered lush vegetation along the shoreline, the bird would be provided with a place to hide. Finding tadpoles,

small frogs and crayfish, and known to eat its own feathers as part of its diet, the grebe would adapt to nature's bounty.

Sometime during the fall, the bird would no longer have the black on its bill and throat.

The marks of its breeding season would reappear in the new year.

As it chose its watery environment for the winter months, the grebe would only leave a pond or lake to preen.

Enjoying the sun as it spread its short wings, the little bird would never know how close it had come to being considered a roast duckling.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.



By Steve Becker

A Team Effort

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 10 8
♥ 3
♦ A 10 7 6 3
♣ A Q J 6
WEST
♠ K 7 5 3
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ Q 5
♣ 8 7 2
EAST
♠ Q 6 4 2
♥ Q J 9 8
♦ J 9 4
♣ 5 3
SOUTH
♠ A 9
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ K 8 2
♣ K 10 9 4
The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
1 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 NT

suit. Since he did not want to risk a heart shift by East through his king — which posed a real threat to the contract — he decided to lead the first diamond from dummy.

So at trick two, he crossed to the jack of clubs and returned the diamond three, planning to play the eight from his hand and thus lose the lead to West, who could not hurt him with a heart switch. But on the diamond lead from dummy, East alertly inserted the nine, forcing declarer to take the king in order to keep East off lead.

South would still have been in good shape had West followed low to this trick. But West did his part by dropping the queen under the king! Now there was no way to make the contract. Declarer struggled for a while but eventually finished down two.

Had West not gotten rid of the diamond queen, South would have allowed it to hold the next trick, after which the contract could not be defeated.

While it certainly requires presence of mind to drop the queen under the king, the play is clearly correct. If South has the missing jack, the queen is useless. If East has it, disposing of the queen might allow him to gain the lead in diamonds for the killing heart shift.

Tomorrow: Time marches on.

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sudoku

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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9	1	2				8
8	6			5		

Parents' Corner:

Workshop speaker says it is all right to quit some things

At one of the workshops I attended this summer I was guided to the words of the motivational speaker, Veranuda Jackson who very adamantly repeated, "It's okay to quit!" She very humorously opened her views to an enthusiastic audience. Allow me to share some of her pointed remarks:

Quit arguing with people about the same old foolishness! Respect their posi-

tion and keep moving! Quit telling people your secrets when you know they are not going to keep them and if you keep telling them, then quit getting mad when they tell your secrets to others! Quit trying to pull people on your journey who don't want to travel with you.

Either they believe in you and value you or they don't! Quit complaining about things you can't and won't change! Quit gossiping about other people.

Minding our own business is a full time job! Quit blaming each other for things that in the big picture aren't going to matter three weeks from now.

Talk solutions and then implement them! Quit eating things you know are not good for you.

If you can't quit then eat smaller portions! Quit buying things when you know you can't afford them.

If you don't have self-control, then quit going to the stores.

Quit changing things, especially when you don't need them! Quit staying in unhealthy relationships.

It is not okay for people to verbally or physically abuse you so quit lying to yourself.

It is not okay to stay in the marriage for the children! Ask them and they will tell you that



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Income gap widens: Poor taking a hit in recession

HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The recession has hit middle-income and poor families hardest, widening the economic gap between the richest and poorest Americans as rippling job layoffs ravaged household budgets.

The wealthiest 10 percent of Americans — those making more than \$138,000 each year — earned 11.4 times the roughly \$12,000 made by those living near or below the poverty line in 2008, according to newly released census figures. That ratio was an increase from 11.2 in 2007 and the previous high of 11.22 in 2003.

Household income declined across all groups, but at sharper percentage levels for middle-income and poor Americans. Median income fell last year from \$52,163 to \$50,303, wiping out a decade's worth of gains to hit the lowest level since 1997.

Poverty jumped sharply to 13.2 percent, an 11-year high.

"No one should be surprised at the

increased disparity," said Richard Freeman, an economist at Harvard. "Unemployment hurts normal workers who do not have the golden parachutes the folks at the top have."

Analysts attributed the widening gap to the wave of layoffs in the economic downturn that have devastated household budgets. They said while the richest Americans may be seeing reductions in executive pay, those at the bottom of the income ladder are often unemployed and struggling.

Large cities such as Atlanta, Washington, New York, San Francisco, Miami and Chicago had the most inequality, due largely to years of middle-class flight to the suburbs. Declining industrial cities with pockets of well-off neighborhoods, such as Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Buffalo, N.Y., also had sharp disparities.

Up-and-coming cities with growing middle-class populations, such as Mesa, Ariz., Riverside, Calif., Arlington, Texas, and Henderson, Nev., were among the areas showing the least income differences.

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they really would prefer to see you happy and that the misery you and your spouse are living with is affecting them! Quit letting family members rope you into the drama; start telling them you don't want to hear it.

Quit spreading the drama.

Quit calling other relatives and telling them about your cousin or aunt.

Go back to No. 5, minding your own business should be enough to keep you busy! Quit trying to change people! It doesn't work anyway.

Quit cussing people

out when you know that they are just being the miserable and jealous people that they are!

Quit the job you hate.

Start pursuing your passion but find the job that fuels your passion before you quit! Quit volunteering for things that you aren't getting any personal fulfillment from anymore.

Quit volunteering for things and then failing to follow through with your commitment! Quit listening to the naysayers.

Quit watching the depressing news if you are going to live in the doom and gloom of it all! Quit making excuses about why you are where you are or why you can't do what you want to do! Quit waiting on others to give you

the answers and start finding the answers for yourself! If what you are doing isn't working for you then quit it! Quit settling and start making your dreams a reality.

Quit being afraid and Start living your life! Create the life you want. If you want something different than what you have had in the past you must quit doing what you have done before and do something different! Just quit it and start doing something to create the experience you want!

Now, through the humor, all this does make sense doesn't it?

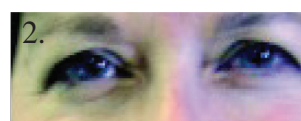
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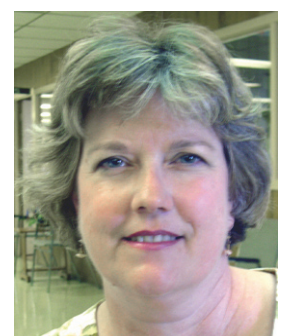
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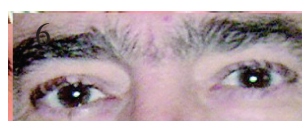
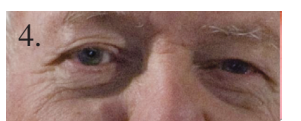
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Steers inching toward Top 10

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Big Spring's Steers are inching closer to breaking into the state's Class 4A football poll.

The Associated Press' Texas High School Football Poll was released Monday afternoon with very little change from last week's version.

The same 10 teams from last week populated Monday's edition with the

only movement coming from Denton Ryan (4-0) and Highland Park (4-1), which switched places in the poll. Ryan moved up to No. 8 from No. 9, while Highland Park took a step down to ninth.

Meanwhile, the Steers picked up two more points, leaving them with the most votes for any team outside the Top 10 with 25.

However, they also closed the gap between themselves and No. 10 Schertz

Steele to 5 points.

Schertz Steele (3-1) defeated San Marcos 44-20 Friday, while the Steers shutout longtime rival Sweetwater 48-0.

Big Spring (5-0) is on a bye this week as it prepares for District 4-4A play, starting Oct. 9 with a visit to Wolfforth to take on the Frenship Tigers.

Frenship (4-1) was ranked as high as No. 9 this season, until a loss to Class 3A's No. 4 squad, Abilene Wylie (4-0).

Class 4A

School	Rec	Pts	Prv
1. Lake Travis	5-0	248	1
2. Denton Guyer	4-0	222	2
3. Hewitt Midway	4-0	176	3
4. Sulphur Springs	5-0	166	4
5. Waxahachie	4-0	138	5
6. Longview	4-1	119	6
7. Angleton	4-0	114	7
8. Denton Ryan	4-0	73	9
9. Highland Park	4-1	47	8
10. Schertz Steele	3-1	30	10

Others receiving votes: Big Spring 25, Port Neches-Grove 4, Lumberton 3.

No more apologies

Cowboys get first win in new stadium 21-7 over Panthers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

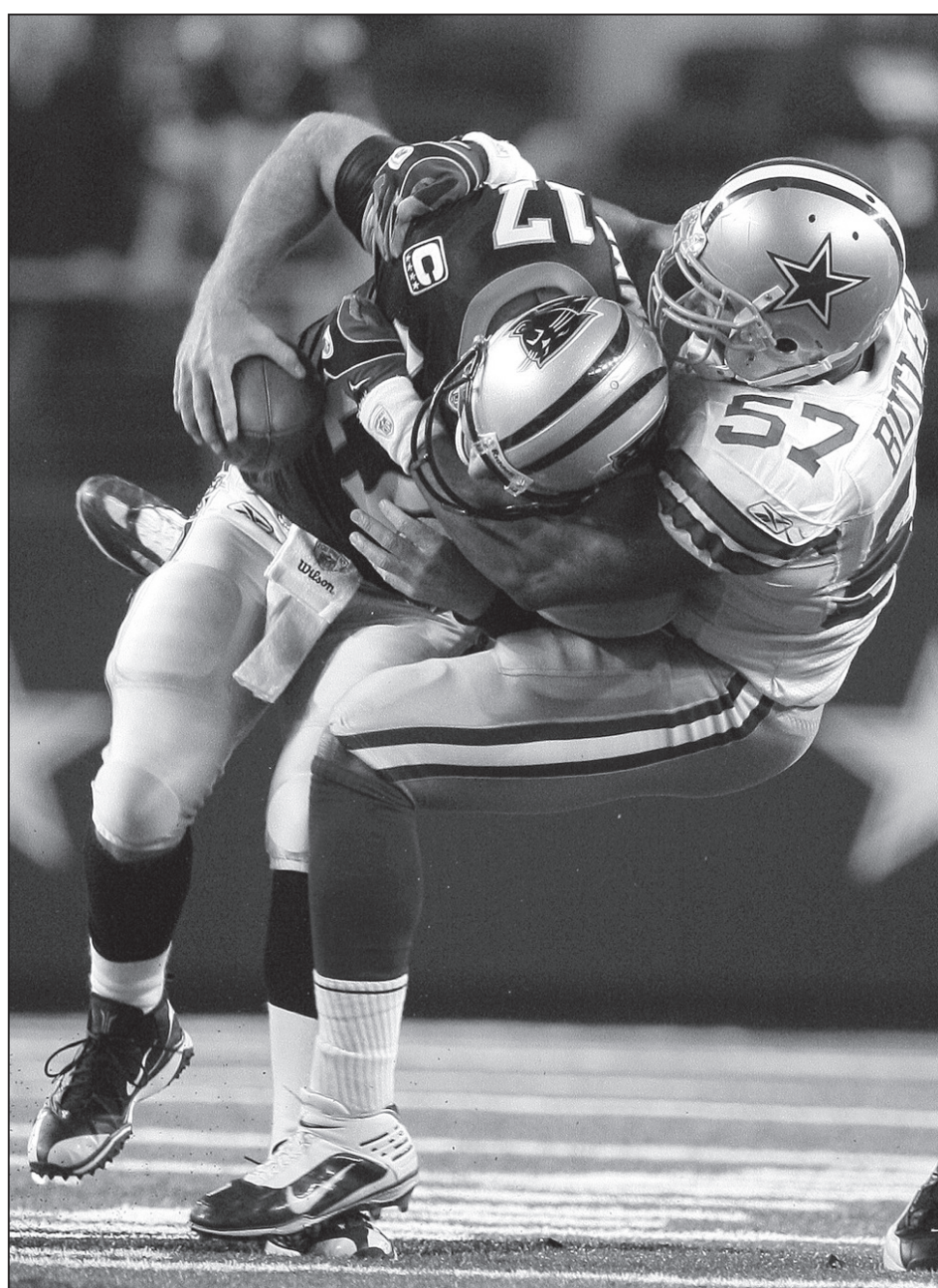
ARLINGTON — Tony Romo and Terence Newman have no apologies to make this time.

Like the rest of the Dallas Cowboys, especially a maligned defense, their second try at team owner Jerry Jones' new \$1.15 billion showcase stadium had much better results: the best being a 21-7 victory over the Carolina Panthers on Monday night.

"I get frustrated and disappointed when I don't play up to what I think my standard is. That's why I come back with a purpose to improve, to get better," Romo said. "That was my sole focus this week. ... Not make those mistakes again and improve as a quarterback."

Romo certainly succeeded. Eight nights after throwing three interceptions that the New York Giants turned into touchdowns on the way to a last-second-victory that spoiled the grand opening of Cowboys Stadium, Romo was 22 of 33 for 255 yards. More importantly, he had no turnovers.

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AP photo/Tony Gutierrez
Dallas Cowboys linebacker Victor Butler (57) sacks Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme in the fourth quarter of their NFL football game Monday in Arlington. The Cowboys won 21-7.

HC men's rodeo team finishes tied for third

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

In just their second outing of the fall season, the Howard College men's rodeo team managed to split a third-place finish as they competed in Alpine at the Sul Ross State University Rodeo over the weekend.

Bareback rider A.J. St. Goddard took the lead for the Hawk men as he won the first round with a 77-point ride and came back to split the second-place finish three ways in the average.

Josh Siggins, and his partner Seth Hall of Odessa College split first in the short-go with fellow Hawks teammate J.W. Townsend, who roped with former Hawk Clay Norell currently riding for Tarleton University in Stephenville.

The teams shared first place after the long-go with each posting a 6.3 run. At the end of the day, Siggins/Hall had a 12.9 time in the short go and finished the average with a fourth-place finish while Townsend/Norell came in at sixth.

Returning Hawks bull rider Lonnie Graham led the team with an 81-point ride in the first round, good enough for a seventh-place finish going into the short-go. Graham couldn't hold on in the short-go and ended up with a sixth-place finish in the average.

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Angels clinch AL West title with 11-0 shutout win over Rangers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With a departed teammate in their thoughts and celebrations, the Los Angeles Angels ended the AL West race with one emphatic win — followed by one cathartic party.

Ervin Santana pitched a seven-hitter for his fourth career shutout, and Kendry Morales' early two-run homer propelled the Angels to an 11-0 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night, clinching Los Angeles' fifth division title in six seasons.

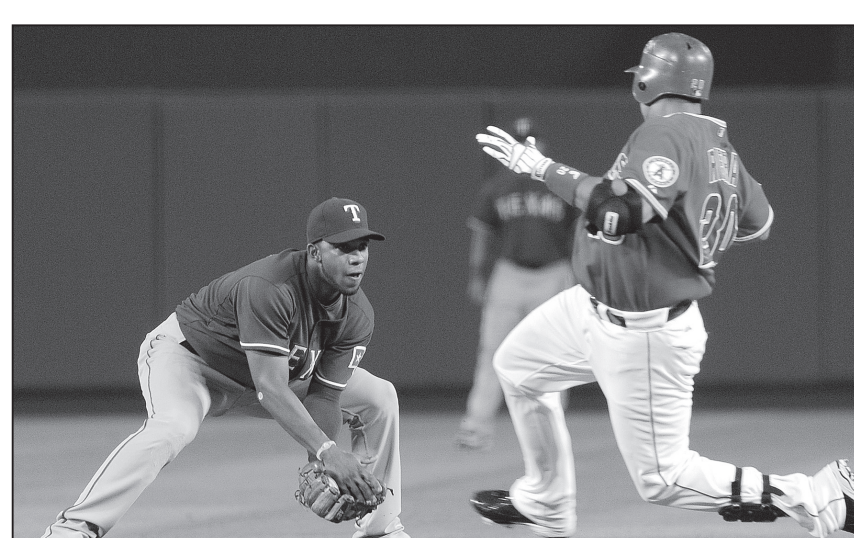
With fewer wins and more scars than last season's 100-victory club, the Angels are back in the playoffs for the sixth time in eight years. Outfielder Torii Hunter

believes everything the Angels have endured in the past year, particularly pitcher Nick Adenhardt's tragic death, only made them stronger for this October.

"We overcame a lot of obstacles, a lot more than anybody expected," Hunter said. "I definitely feel we haven't played our best yet, and this year is different. But if you want to put your money on Boston, go ahead, do it. We believe in ourselves."

Los Angeles (92-64) will open at home in the best-of-five first round next week — most likely against Boston, a familiar nemesis. The Red Sox, who have won all four

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AP Photo/Chris Pizzello
Texas Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus, left, prepares to tag Los Angeles Angels' Juan Rivera after he tried to take second base during the first inning of their baseball game in Anaheim Monday. The Angels clinched the AL West with an 11-0 win.

Sports in brief

Correction on location for Lady Steers volleyball game vs. Plainview tonight

In Monday's edition of the Herald, the cutline beneath the photo of the Lady Steers volleyball team had the squad playing at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Plainview.

It should have stated the Lady Steers are in action at 6:30 p.m. tonight against Plainview at Steer Gym.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly report

In the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's Playday Sept. 22, the team of JoAnn Hilger, Ramona Harris and Gus Leonardi won with a 1-under.

Coming in second was the group of Annie Ward, Daury Cockrell and Shirley Long with an even par.

In Thursday's couples play, first place went to Forrest and Gayle West and Ron Booth and Daury Cockrell, who shot a 5-under.

Three teams tied for second place at 3-under, forc-

ing a scorecard playoff. The team of Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth and Howard and Trish Gabbard came out on top.

Gayle West shot closest to the pin on Hole 6.

Comanche Trail Golf Course represented well at Permian Basin Ladies Playday

Comanche Trail Golf Course was well represented at the Permian Basin Ladies Association Playday held at Andrews Golf Course Sept. 22.

Joan Daniel finished second in gross score in the first flight, shooting an 86. Linda DeWaters had the lowest amount of putts (28) in that same flight.

JoAnn Hilger had the best net score (76) in the second flight, while Patsy Sharpnack posted the same net score, which was good enough for second in that category in the third flight.

Big Spring High School's senior class hosting powder puff football tourney

Big Spring High School's Class of 2010 is sponsoring a powder puff football tournament at 6 p.m. Fri-

day at Blankenship Field.

The freshmen will face the sophomores in the opener, followed by a matchup between the juniors and seniors. The winners of those two games will then compete for the championship.

Admission is \$2. For more info, contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Sands cross country results from Lubbock Invitational Saturday

Sands High School took two junior varsity squads to the Lubbock Invitational cross country meet held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Saturday.

Fourth of the six girls competing for Sands posted their best times of the season.

JV girls: 17. Morgan Yarbrough 13:51; Jennifer Gomez 15:48; Meagan Yarbrough 15:57; Lani Robles 16:47; Angelica Diaz 16:59; Callie McMorris 17:58.

JV boys: 107. Brian Moore 21:27; 159. Junior Rogers 24:12; 161. Sean Blagrove 24:20; 165. Joseph Garland 24:34; 168. A.J. Hernandez 25:17; 189. Jordan Cuellar 28:55.

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Also, Mercury stations to go direct, restoring the communication lines, as well as a certain ease in daily events. As long as you're in no rush, this should be a very productive and pleasant day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Step out of your



Holiday Mathis

Tomorrow's Horoscope

comfort zone to find out a little more about the people around you. You have an unusual thing in common with the person standing next to you in line, a friend of a friend or someone you see nearly every day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know yourself, and you know where you're going. You're not easily led off track, but even if you temporarily lose your way, you'll still be headed in the right direction. Trust yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your love life gets a special zing of cosmic energy. Couples: If your sweetie feels wonderful around you, the tie will be lasting. Singles: If you go out without your old friends, you'll make a new friend.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to know the answers before you start a project, so don't let your ignorance stop you. Go ahead and ask silly questions. That will lead to better questions and better information.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A woman will be instrumental in making your day go well. This delightful feminine force will help you execute your plan and with very little instruction from you — it's like she's reading your mind!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People will surprise you. The one you count on to be funny will be sad, and the cranky one will crack you up. You'll enjoy getting to know the different facets of their personalities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can appreciate the magical elements of a relationship, even if you know someone is working to keep up the illusion. It's the kind of work that creates fun and excitement, and what could be wrong about that?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will be selected for a privileged position, though the honor doesn't

come without a price. You'll only be willing to pay the cost if you truly admire the ones who chose you. Do you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The work you do on one project affects the outcome of another project. So you never have to feel that your time is wasted. You are productive even when you do nothing but sit and breathe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Go ahead and propose your ideas to a "safe" person, i.e., someone who will not criticize you. In doing so, you will see the holes in your logic and understand what issues you need to resolve in order to move forward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have the quiet confidence that makes people believe you have large accomplishments to your name, and this you do. Remind yourself of all you've done and are capable of doing, and resist reminding anyone else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your life is majestically timed. You're tempted to give the credit to everyone else, but the fact is, you are the composer of this symphony and have coordinated these many elements to ring out in beautiful harmony.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 29). Give yourself credit and others will give you twice as much. You'll be celebrated for your stellar intelligence, fine judgment and superior leadership abilities. People gravitate toward you because of your positive perspective. Romantic deals are sealed in November. Business booms in December and January. Taurus and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 15, 49, 11 and 32.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Dear Holiday, I'm a 48-year-old Cancer woman who has been divorced for 10

years. I don't have children and am very happy with my life as it is now, except sometimes I'm just not. I know I should be glad to have a job that I like, or at least don't dislike. I've done pretty much what I wanted to do, have been to a few choice destinations around the world and have a comfortable home. And still, sometimes I wonder if I'll ever find love. What do you think?"

Absolutely, you can find love. You will be drawn intuitively to those who match your emotional tone. So for you, attracting the right partner will be a matter of cultivating your naturally warm and compassionate presence. Ruled by the moon, Cancer women can be very changeable in their moods and goals. One moment all seems right with the world, and in the next beat, something triggers an unexpected longing, a loss of confidence or even a feeling of despair. It's important that you realize that downer moods are fleeting and not based in reality. You are responding to a thought you had that may or may not be true. You are at your best when you rely on a deeper intuition about yourself and your life.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pop punk poster-girl Avril Lavigne was a trendsetter even before she had her own clothing line, as evidenced by the millions of T-shirt-plus-tie-wearing teenage girls circa 2003. Now this fashion savvy Libra's collection, Abbey Dawn, has gone to market. Lavigne has lots of psychic Scorpio energy in her natal chart, too, with four key luminaries in that mysterious and intuitive sign.

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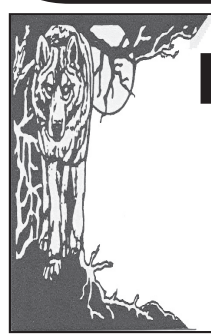
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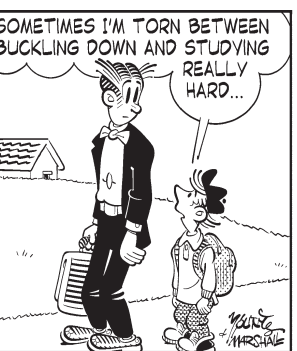
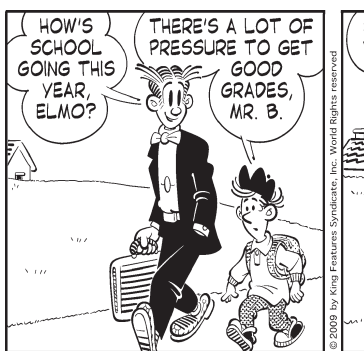
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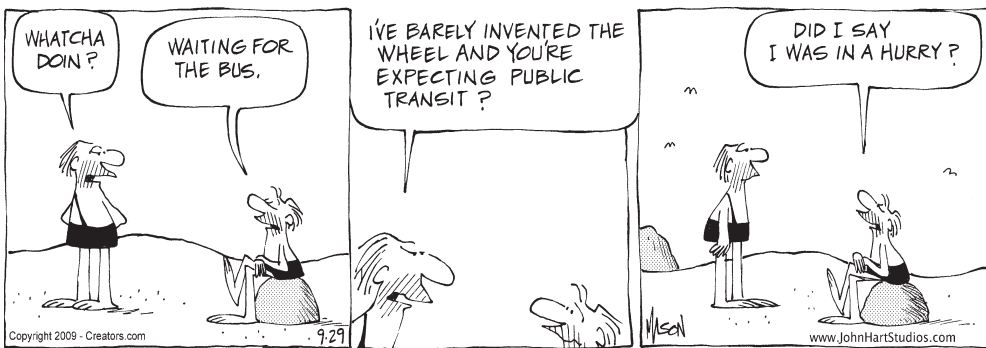
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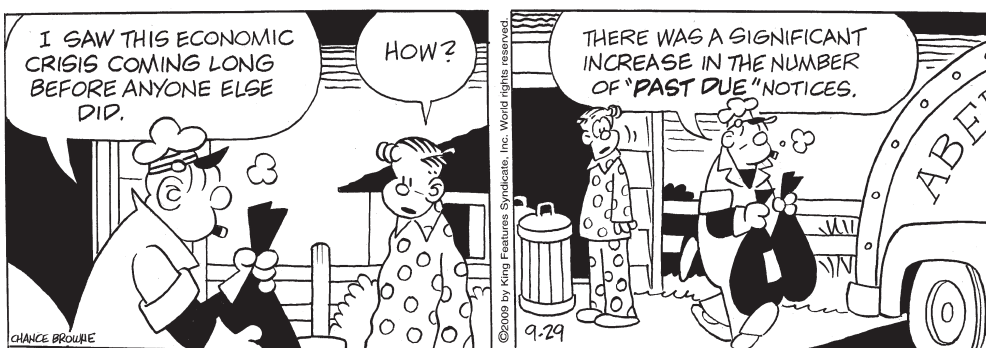
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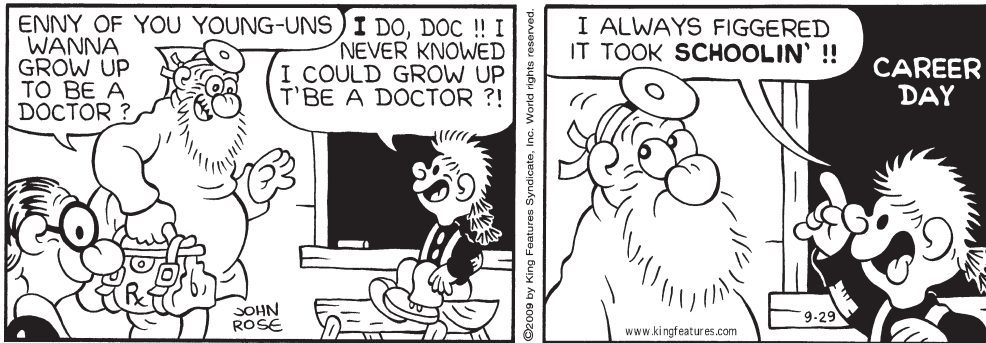
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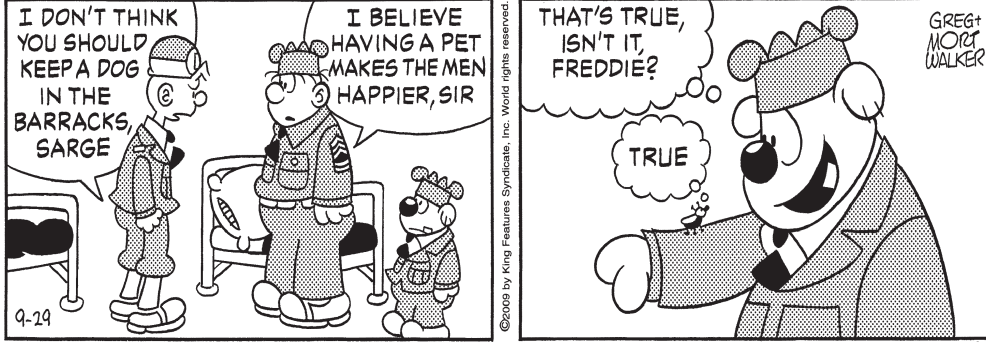
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 29, the 272nd day of 2009. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 29, 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1758, English Adm. Horatio Nelson was born in Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk.

In 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1902, Broadway impresario David Belasco reopened the Republic Theatre under his own name.

In 1918, Allied forces began their decisive breakthrough of the Hindenburg Line during World War I.

In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders concluded the Munich Agreement, which was aimed at appeasing Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1959, the 29th Sultan of Brunei, Hassanal Bolkiah, proclaimed his country's new constitution.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II began the first papal visit to Ireland as he arrived for a three-day tour.

In 1982, Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide claimed the first of seven victims in the Chicago area. (To date, the case remains unsolved.)

In 1988, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., marking America's return to manned space flight following the Challenger disaster.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Lizbeth Scott is 87. Actor Steve Forrest is 85. Musical conductor Richard Bonynge is 79. Actress Anita Ekberg is 78. Actor Eddie Barth is 78. Writer-director Robert Benton is 77. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 74. Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi is 73. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) is 67. Actor Ian McShane is 67. Jazz musician Jean-Luc Ponty is 67. Lech Walesa, the former president of Poland, is 66. Television-film composer Mike Post is 65. Actress Patricia Hodge is 63. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 61. Rock singer-musician Mark Farner is 61. Rock singer-musician Mike Pinera is 61. Country singer Alvin Crow is 59. Actor Drake Hogestyn is 56. Broadcast journalist Gwen Ifill is 54. Former child actor Ken Weatherwax (TV: "The Addams Family") is 54. Olympic gold medal runner Sebastian Coe is 53. Singer Suzzy Roche (The Roches) is 53. Comedian-actor Andrew "Dice" Clay is 52. Rock singer John Payne (Asia) is 51.

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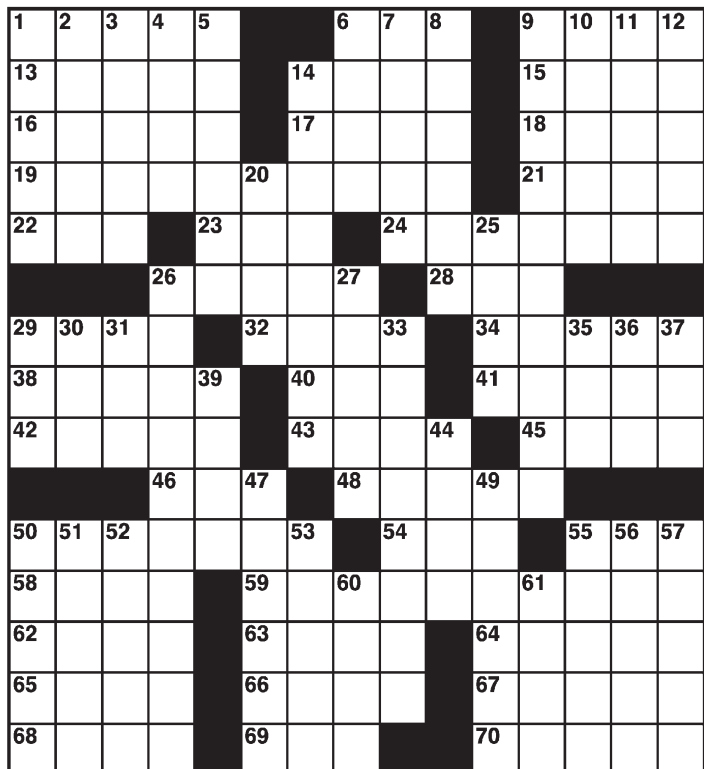
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COWBOYS

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And Newman, who like Romo apologized for his own poor performance against the Giants, returned an interception 27 yards for a lead-stretching touchdown with 5 minutes left — though that wasn't the last stellar defensive play for the Cowboys (2-1).
 "It was a lucky play on my part," Newman said.

Steve Smith, the intended receiver of Jake Delhomme's pass, insisted that he was to blame because he changed the route he was supposed to run.

However it happened, Newman's touchdown finally let the crowd of 90,588 and Jones exhale with a huge sigh of relief. And begin celebrating the first victory at the new stadium, where they won't play again until Oct. 25 with consecutive road games

and their bye week coming up.
 "It certainly does feel good," Jones said. "The way it went so early, it just felt like maybe we ought to check this thing out for Grim Reapers living in the back someplace."

Rookie linebacker Victor Butler sacked Jake Delhomme twice on the ensuing series, forcing a fumble with a minute left.

The Cowboys defense that led the NFL with 59 sacks last season entered Week 3 as the only team without a sack or a takeaway. They had three of each against Carolina, which after going 12-4 and winning the NFC South title last season is headed into its bye week 0-3.

"It's hard to take time off now because we are winless," said Dante Rosario, whose 25-yard TD catch came just before halftime.

This is Carolina's worst start since 0-7 in 1998. Delhomme has seven interceptions, seven sacks and two fumbles.

"Call me naive, call me whatever you want. I feel good about the rest of the season," Delhomme said. "We fought, we are not going to quit."

Delhomme was 22 of 33 for 220 yards, but Carolina's six second-half drives ended with four punts, an interception and a fumble.

The effort showed what Cowboys coach-defensive coordinator Wade Phillips thought his unit was capable of doing. They showed they could stop the pass in the opener, then showed they could stop the run in the second game. This time, they put it all together, with Mike Jenkins coming up with a first-half interception and Jay Ratliff getting the season's first sack in the third quarter.

"Before the game we talked about how our defensive line and linebackers did their job last week and how we didn't do our job," Newman said. "So I told them 'Hey it's on us. We've got to shut these guys down.' We let this team down last week and we

have to make up for it this week."

Dallas was without running back Marion Barber because of a bruised thigh but hardly missed him as fill-in starter Felix Jones broke off plays of 16, 18 and 20 yards on the first two drives.

Jones finished with 94 yards on only eight carries, and another 20 yards on a game-opening screen pass before leaving with a strained left knee in the third quarter. Tashard Choice had 82 yards on 18 carries, including a go-ahead 5-yard TD run in the third quarter, and caught four passes for 36 yards.

Romo didn't throw many deep balls, rarely threw into traffic and often looked for his security blanket, tight end Jason Witten (nine catches for 77 yards) as he regained his footing following the second-worst passer rating of his career.

"I would say this week will be better than last week in a lot of ways," Romo said. "That's a fair assessment."

RANGERS

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of the clubs' playoff series, need one win or a Texas loss to earn the AL wild card.

After spending the past two months desperately fending off challenges from second-place Texas, the Angels refused to let the Rangers hang around

the AL West race for even one more day. Texas arrived at Angel Stadium needing a four-game sweep to stay in contention for the division title, but that suspense lasted about as long as the first inning.

Kendry Morales hit a two-run homer, and Vladimir Guerrero started the rally with an RBI double off Rangers rookie Tommy Hunter (7-9), who stumbled to his shortest start of the season.

Maicer Izturis had three hits and two RBIs for the Angels, while Erick Aybar and Guerrero also drove in two runs — yet Santana (8-8) scarcely needed the help in his first victory in seven starts, allowing just one runner to reach third base. In the post-game mob on the field, Santana's teammates slapped his shoulders and rubbed his head.

About 10 minutes into their clubhouse celebration, the players

grabbed Adenhardt's No. 34 jersey and gave it a joyous group dousing in champagne and beer. The Angels have taken Adenhardt's jersey on every road trip and kept his locker intact in memory of the 22-year-old who died in a car accident hours after his promising season debut in April.

"We remembered Nick before we started," manager Mike Scioscia said. "We've played the whole year with heavy hearts."

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Baylor loses QB Robert Griffin for the year

DALLAS (AP) — While the loss of injured star quarterback Robert Griffin certainly will change the look of Baylor's team, coach Art Briles insists it will not affect the overall goals.

"What we'll do is move forward as a team," Briles said Monday during the Big 12 coaches teleconference. "Our image may change a little bit, but the determination won't."

An MRI on Sunday showed Griffin has an "isolated tear" in the ACL of his right knee. The dual-threat sophomore got hurt when he was stopped for no gain on a fourth-down play early in the Bears' 68-13 victory over Northwestern State on Saturday night.

Making things more unsettling for the Bears (2-1) is that backup quarterback Blake Szymanski suffered a bruised

right (throwing) shoulder after taking over for Griffin in the second half. He is listed as day-to-day.

"We really are not sure whether he's going to be able to play or not this weekend," Briles said. "What we've got to do is get that (swelling) out to where he can get some range of motion in his throwing arm."

If Szymanski can't play, freshman Nick Florence will start Saturday against Kent State, the Bears' final non-conference game. They play at eighth-ranked Oklahoma on Oct. 10.

Baylor's Mikail Baker, a senior defensive back and kick returner, also suffered a season-ending knee injury Saturday night.

Baylor came into this season hoping for their first bowl game since 1994, an expecta-

tion based largely on the return of Griffin, who as an 18-year-old freshman last season accounted for 28 TDs (15 passing, 13 rushing) and 934 total yards (2,091 passing, 843 rushing).

Now they will be without Griffin as they try to end the 15-year postseason drought, which matches Duke for the longest for a team playing in a Football Bowl Subdivision conference, and post their first winning season since 1995.

Griffin didn't miss a snap before halftime Saturday night.

He got his knee heavily wrapped while Northwestern State drove for its only touchdown and a 7-0 lead, then came back and led the Bears to four touchdowns in an eight-minute span — and six TDs overall. The Bears led

41-10 before Griffin watched the second half from the sideline.

Griffin finished 13-of-19 passing for 226 yards and three TDs, all the scores coming after he was hurt. He was 11-of-14 for 198 yards following the opening series when he got hurt.

Briles said Griffin would have surgery, but wasn't sure when.

That timing will determine whether the quarterback will be back in time for spring practice.

"What we're going to do is rehab a couple of weeks and check the stability of the knee," Briles said. "But there will be surgery at one time or another."

The coach said Griffin was handling the situation "very well."

"Robert is a very mature

young man. He's always had a plan, he's always had vision," Briles said. "He's got a plan in place, we've got a plan in place. He'll grow from it, and we'll grow from it, and a few months down the road, it will all be fine."

Florence, a freshman from Garland who went through spring drills after enrolling at Baylor in January, played the fourth quarter Saturday without throwing a pass. Szymanski started as a sophomore in 2007, the season before Briles and Griffin arrived, and set school records with 2,844 yards passing and 22 TDs.

"What he brings is a weathered veteran mentality," Briles said. "Blake's a guy that, he's been through some storms and he's survived. He brings a workmanlike, tough-guy mentality to the game."

Texas Tech bans players from using Twitter

LUBBOCK (AP) — Tweeting is out of bounds for football players at Texas Tech.

Coach Mike Leach said Monday he has banned his players from using Twitter after one of his linebackers noted the coach's tardiness to a team meeting in a tweet Sunday, one day after the Red Raiders lost 29-28 at No. 12 Houston.

According to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, linebacker Marlon Williams asked on his Twitter account why he was still in a meeting room when "the head coach can't even be on time." That tweet has been deleted and his page no longer exists.

Offensive lineman Brandon Carter,

a team captain, also had a Twitter page. After the loss to the Cougars, he tweeted: "This is not how I saw our season."

On Sunday, Carter was suspended indefinitely for violating team rules unrelated to his Twitter page, which was nowhere to be found later that day.

Leach said players don't need Twitter or Facebook. He called them "stupid" distractions.

"I think that a guy who plays college football gets enough attention," he said. It's "a bunch of narcissists that want to sit and type stuff about themselves all the time. We'll put mirrors in some of their lockers if

that's necessary but they don't have to Twitter."

Leach said players' Facebook pages will be monitored. He does not want his players sharing information about the football team on them.

He joked about who would be watching.

"That's a committee that's very secret and the names of those people are in a vault deep in the bowels of our training center, which even the entrance to that is highly classified," he said.

The Red Raiders (2-2) host New Mexico (0-4) on Saturday. Texas Tech is coming off back-to-back losses at No. 2 Texas (34-24) and to the

Cougars.

Texas coach Mack Brown said he thought it would be against the law to tell players they can't use social networking sites like Twitter, MySpace and Facebook.

"It would be a football rule and when they're students away from us, they really are under the guise of the university more than football," Brown said. "What we have done is encouraged them not to be on it. If they are on it, then they need to be classy and not put anything on there that they don't want their mom to read. These kids think that they're just in conversation with buddies, and that's public information."

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The Hawk women had a rough weekend just seconds out of the short-go in all events.

"The men's team did well this week and I was

glad to see some guys step out with a good showing," said Head Coach Greg Kernick. "Our women competed well. They just came up a little short in all events and couldn't find a way to get back to the short-go."

The Frank Phillips College rodeo is next up on the agenda for the Hawks rodeo teams as they travel to Perryton Thursday and compete through Saturday.

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