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Downtown festival starts Friday

Diez y seis de Septiembre celebration planned for Heart of the City Park here

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Downtown Big Spring Heart of the City Park will turn into a fiesta Friday night and Saturday.

ALSA, a local community club, is bringing live music,

food and other vendors together for a community celebration of diez y seis de Septiembre (Sept. 16) — Mexican independence day.

"This is just one more way we can serve the community and provide a community and

family oriented event," said Jaime De los Santos, ALSA vice president.

Friday festivities are scheduled to start with live music around 7 p.m. with Los Hermanos Ramos, a group from Snyder and continue

until midnight. There will also be food vendors and arts and crafts vendors on hand for those attending to enjoy. In addition to vendors and live music, there will be kid-oriented activities such as a jumping castle.

"This isn't just for the adults. This is something the whole family can enjoy," De los Santos said.

De los Santos said there are still vendor spaces available.

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For sale: Books and more books

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Book lovers who want to satisfy their cravings and help the local library at the same time can do both this weekend.

The annual Friends of the Library book sale, which benefits the Howard County Library, will run from Friday through Sunday.

Organizers said there are hundreds of books — most priced be-



Staulcup

low \$3 — for sale at the event.

The sale will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday in the basement area of the library, located at 500 S. Main.

Books for the sale came from public donations.

The book sale is the FOL's major fundraiser of the year. All funds to to help the library in areas where the county can't provide funds, organizers said.

The group annually supports

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Courtesy photo

Forsan High School Homecoming Queen nominees are, from left, Tiffani Box, Sydney Holdampf, Megan Crane and Megan Wilson. The queen will be named at halftime of FHS' game with Plains Friday evening.

Forsan gears up for annual homecoming

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Calling all Buffaloes.

Current and former Forsan High School students are expected to gather this weekend when the school holds its annual homecoming activities.

Several activities will mark homecoming, culminating in the crowning of the homecoming queen at halftime of Forsan's football game against Plains Friday night. This year's queen nominees are Tiffani Box, the daughter of Nolan and Jeanene Box; Sydney Holdampf, daughter of James and Paula Holdampf; Megan Crane, daughter of Keith and Becky Crane; and Megan Wilson, daughter of Andy and Margaret Epley.

The nominees will be escorted by queen's court members Kayla Tilley, Amanda Schafer and Jennie Steel.

FHS officials said there are several other activities planned for Friday, including:

- Homecoming activity time at 1 p.m. This will be followed by the annual "hall march" at 2:15 p.m. and the homecoming pep rally at 2:30 in the high school gymnasium.
- The Forsan Athletic Booster Club will hold a tailgating party from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. next to the football stadium. "Burger bags," consisting of a hamburger, chips, candy and drink, will be on sale

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Traffic signal installation to begin at FM 700 and Wasson

Special to the Herald

The Texas Department of Transportation will begin installing a traffic signal at FM 700 and Wasson Road near Big Spring State Park the week of Sept. 19, which is Monday.

A standard traffic signal will replace the stop signs that are currently posted at the intersection. Flashing yellow beacons will also be installed on FM 700 to alert traffic approaching the signal from both directions. All work should be completed by early November, weather permitting.

During the installation, TxDOT asks the traveling public to drive with caution in the work zone and watch for workers and equipment in the area.

Third moonlit rave run set Friday

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Follow the moonlit path ... to the third and final Scenic Mountain Rave Run, scheduled Friday at Big Spring State Park.

The race begins at 11:55 p.m. with registration taking place between 10:15 p.m. and 11:50 p.m. at the top of the mountain.

"Even though the event says its a run, it's really just going



Alton

to be a chance to come out, experience the mountain trail at night and just have fun," Ron Alton, park manager, said.

Registration can be conducted at the event and will be \$20. Those who have participated in the previous runs will need to register again. Part of the proceeds will benefit Friends of the Park.

"It's amazing how much light comes from the moon. The outdoor setting and twinkling lights make for a relaxing experience," Alton said.

Even with the amount of light provided by the full moon, there will be a bicycle with a safety light leading the group. The entire course is measured at 3.1 miles. The run will provide a cooler time and different atmosphere for

area residents to experience a run or walk around the Scenic Mountain. A total of 45 people took place in the August run.

"The August run had another good turnout, just like the first run, despite the cloudy weather," Alton said. "We even had participants drive from Midland."

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Obituaries

James Thomas Childers



James Thomas Childers passed away Aug. 30, 2011, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, Texas. James was born Aug. 26, 1992, in San Angelo, Texas, to Timothy Thomas Childers and Cynthia Wester. He was a 2010 graduate of Anna High School in Anna, Texas.

James was a roughneck by trade and enjoyed his work. James is described by friends and family as "always smiling" and is remembered "as a person that was loved by many." In his spare time James enjoyed fishing and hunting and spending time with family and friends and especially enjoyed music and video games.

James is survived by his mother, Cynthia Wester; his father, Timothy Childers; sisters, Amber Nicole Harris and Trina Lynn Jennings, both of Andrews, Texas; brother, Joshua Adam Childers of McKinney, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

A public viewing will be held Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church in Coahoma, Texas. Church services will be held at 2 p.m. with interment following at Coahoma Cemetery.

Services are entrusted to American Heritage Funeral Home of the Permian Basin.

Paid obituary

Richard M. Haro



Richard M. Haro, 51, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 29, 2011. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Ken McMeans officiating. Private services and burial will be held at a later date.

He was born Dec. 2, 1959, in Big Spring, Texas, to Eustolia (Emma) Haro and Juan R. Haro. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and

a veteran of the United States Army. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by two daughters, Michelle Fierro of Big Spring and Naomi O'Hara of Norfolk, Va.; one sister, Margarita Robles; seven brothers, Johnny M. Haro, Henry M. Haro, David M. Haro and Joe M. Haro, all of Big Spring, Robert M. Haro of Flower Mound, Tony M. Haro of Odessa and Jesse M. Haro of San Antonio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Richard Haro Jr.

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

Police blotter

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

- JOSE ANTONIO NIETO, 31, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TAVARRES CORNEAL CASTON, 30, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- DERRICK DAMOND WILBERT, 30, of 1207 Lamar, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ASSAULT was reported: In the 300 block of S. Aylesford. In the 800 block of W. FM 700. In the 1500 block of E. 11th Place.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.
- ROBERT DONALD GILBERT, 43, was arrested

Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.

- TAVARRES CORNEAL CASTON, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- DERRICK DAMOND WILBERT, 30, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- RONNIE RENE RIVERA, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and possession of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.

Take Note

• American Cancer Society will have their board meetings starting noon, Sept. 13 on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• A meeting with U.S. Postal Service representatives will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday for Forsan Baptist Church. This will be an opportunity for Forsan residents to express their concerns about the possible closure of the post office in that community.

• Are you a 1971 BSHS graduate? Come to our 40th reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact bshs71@yahoo.com or Susan Green McLellan at 432-267-5759.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are need for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

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

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

• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

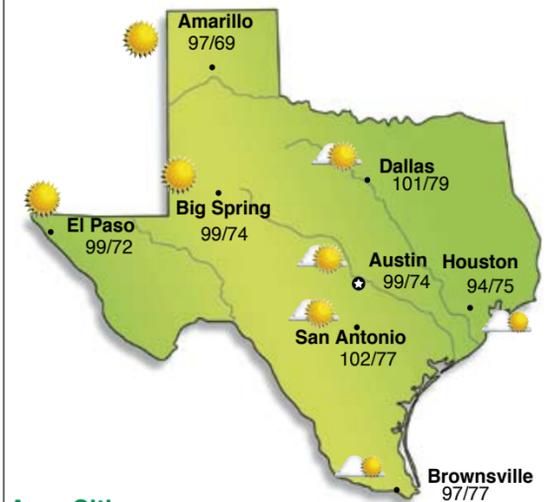
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/2	Sat 9/3	Sun 9/4	Mon 9/5	Tue 9/6
99/74 A mainly sunny sky. Hot. High 99F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	100/75 Abundant sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	96/72 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	91/68 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	94/69 Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	75	mst sunny	Kingsville	101	75	mst sunny
Amarillo	97	69	sunny	Livingston	96	72	pt sunny
Austin	99	74	mst sunny	Longview	99	74	pt sunny
Beaumont	92	73	t-storm	Lubbock	95	70	mst sunny
Brownsville	97	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	99	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	101	74	mst sunny	Midland	98	74	sunny
Corpus Christi	98	76	mst sunny	Raymondville	100	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	101	76	mst sunny	Rosenberg	95	74	mst sunny
Dallas	101	79	mst sunny	San Antonio	102	77	mst sunny
Del Rio	102	79	sunny	San Marcos	99	74	mst sunny
El Paso	99	72	sunny	Sulphur Springs	99	75	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	96	73	sunny	Sweetwater	98	74	mst sunny
Gainesville	100	76	mst sunny	Tyler	99	73	pt sunny
Greenville	100	75	mst sunny	Weatherford	100	76	mst sunny
Houston	94	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	102	77	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	68	mst sunny	Minneapolis	76	59	t-storm
Boston	72	58	sunny	New York	78	67	sunny
Chicago	94	71	mst sunny	Phoenix	107	83	pt sunny
Dallas	101	79	mst sunny	San Francisco	76	60	sunny
Denver	82	59	pt sunny	Seattle	71	53	pt sunny
Houston	94	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	101	78	sunny
Los Angeles	82	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	71	rain
Miami	87	76	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Fri 9/2	Sat 9/3	Sun 9/4	Mon 9/5	Tue 9/6
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LAWS

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Reps. Vicki Truitt, R-Keller, and Bill Zedler, R-Arlington. (HB1075)

Toll fees

Administrative fees charged by a tollway operator such as the North Texas Tollway Authority will be reduced from \$100 to \$25 for the first notice. Other fees will also be capped or reduced as of Sept. 1, under the measure that Sens. Davis, Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and Chris Harris, R-Arlington, worked on with Patrick. (SB469)

'Romeo and Juliet'

The "Romeo and Juliet" law aims to prevent teens and young adults who have consensual sex from becoming criminals. The measure by Smith and Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, prevents a young defendant from having to register as a sex offender if he or she had consensual sex with someone 15 or older. It takes effect

Sept. 1. (SB198)

Dating safety

To cut down on dating violence, the state will create a 12-week dating-violence court program for teens after Sept. 1. First-time offenders could receive deferred adjudication by participating in this program, which will provide counseling and explain the juvenile justice system to youths. (HB2496)

Rape kits

Authorities will have to move more quickly to test biological evidence collected from sexual assaults. As of Sept. 1, Davis' measure requires police to give any evidence to a crime lab within 30 days of collection, and it must be tested within three months. (SB1636)

Bad bars

Permits to sell alcohol will not be issued to or renewed for bar owners whose permits have been pulled or canceled because of violent acts on their premises. Several lawmakers, including Davis and Rep. Lon

Burnam, D-Fort Worth, worked on this measure, known as Erik's Law, which takes effect Sept. 1. (HB2707)

Protesting funerals

People picketing a Texas funeral can't do so from three hours before the service starts until three hours after it is finished, as of Sept. 1. (HB718)

Clean water

For years, Texans have been warned not to mess with Texas roadways. Now that warning is being extended to waterways. As of Sept. 1, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will administer the "Don't Mess With Texas Water" program, and signs at major highway water crossings will give a toll-free hotline to report illegal dumping. (HB451)

Hog hunting

Texas hunters may start shooting feral hogs from helicopters as of Sept. 1. Until now, Texans could do so only on their own land. Now, landowners may sell seats to others. (HB716)

GRANT

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could do to help the community," Poffinbarger said. "In return, it helps me pursue my college career."

She has spent three days cleaning up the concrete cactus planter boxes, but said the project is nowhere near complete. Wood chips are going to be brought in and placed around the stone cacti located in the area. The northern section of the property, where other stone cacti stand, will also be spruced up.

"The process isn't easy, but it's helping the entrance to Big Spring look better and is going

to be even more presentable for visitors coming through," Poffinbarger said. "It's going to be prettier and more inviting."

Of course, this effort isn't being tackled alone, Poffinbarger has the support of her parents — Todd and Teresa Darden, members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, the city of Big Spring and numerous other community members. The grant provides the funding for the process, but donations and volunteers are appreciated, according to Teresa Darden.

"This isn't a project that can be finished and forgotten. It will be an ongoing project and require upkeep," said

Janice Bishop, KBSB president. "We want this area to look nice, especially since it is one of the first things people see as they enter Big Spring from the east."

Conley is a 1952 Big Spring High School graduate who still has ties to the community. He has moved to Arizona, but feels the need to help local students pursue their college goals. The Conley Grant was created in order to get youth involved in the beautification of Big Spring.

In order to be eligible for the grant, students from Big Spring High School submitted a detailed application of a beautification project and then proceed to fol-

low through with it.

"I love Big Spring and this is just one more way I could help make it look better," Conley said. "I remember what it was like back when I was here; it was beautiful."

"We truly appreciate Mr. Conley being so creative and offering this opportunity to our youth," said Bishop. "It's always a great thing when we can get our youth involved."

Once the project is complete, TexaStone Quarries — located in Garden City — will provide a limestone sign welcoming people to Big Spring, to be placed at the site in support of Poffinbarger and her efforts.

"We have been involved in a few projects with KBSB and we are happy to be involved in helping Kristen and being a part of beautifying Big Spring," said Quade Weaver, head of sales and estimating for TexaStone.

Kristen said she wanted to thank Conley, Keep Big Spring Beautiful, the city, TexaStone Quarries, Sharp Images Energy and volunteers Abby Portocarrero, John Medina and her mother and father for all their donations and hard work.

To find out more on the progress, visit the KBSB Facebook page.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Richard M. Haro, 51, died Monday. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private services and burial will be held at a later date.

Thomas Fay, 71, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruth Jamison, 61, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

BOOKS

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a lot more," said Jo Ann Staulcup, Friends of the Library member. "We will take just about anything that is in clean, good condition and is reasonably current."

Fiction books — particularly westerns —

will be especially welcome, Staulcup added. Hardcover, softcover, paperback, books on CD ... all donations of those types will be accepted, also.

The book sale is the FOL's major fundraiser of the year. All funds go to help the library in areas where the county can't provide funds, or-

ganizers said.

The group annually supports the library's summer reading program and has purchased items ranging from computer equipment to furniture, as well as a photocopier for public use.

"Over the last 10 to 12 years, we've bought all kinds of stuff for the li-

brary," Staulcup said. "In years when the county budget was especially tight, we've even given the library money to buy books."

Prices for books at the sale will range from 50 cents for most paperbacks to \$3 for current hard cover editions. "Coffee table" books will be individually

priced, Staulcup said.

For more information, contact the library at 264-2260.

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RUN

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There will also be a cruise which goes to nursing homes, the VA Medical Center, Scenic Mountain and Comanche Trail Park. All entrants will be entered into a drawing for door prizes. Hogg said on average, 30 to 40 cars take part in the show.

"We are the oldest, consecutive rod run in Texas," Hogg said.

This year, trophies will be awarded to the top five cars, which will be determined by entrant votes. All participants will have an equal opportunity for door prizes. The entrant who travels the farthest distance will also be recognized.

The cruise will take place at 1 p.m. and will conclude with the trip to Scenic Mountain. Following the cruise will be the award ceremony.

"This is a great way for car lovers to come out and see different

cars. It doesn't matter if you enjoy original cars, restored or modified cars, there is a little bit of it all," Hogg said.

Even with membership and club involvement dwindling, Hogg said he wants to see the rod run continue. Anyone interested in being a member can contact Hogg at 263-0693.

In order to be a mem-

ber, you must own a car with at least three modifications and older than a 1972 model. Hogg can provide more information regarding membership for Early Cars of Big Spring.

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6	3	4	1	7	2	9	8	5
2	7	8	4	1	6	5	3	9
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OUR VIEWS

A community coming together

When it comes to banding together to help someone in need, the Big Spring community always seems to come together.

This time around it was an effort to help those who have done so much for us this year — Howard County Volunteer Firefighters and surrounding county departments.

Saturday night, with a little bit of a late start due to a volunteer fire crew doing what they do best and fighting a fire, community members and county and city officials gathered at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in order to pay tribute and recognize all the efforts put forth by these volunteers during the numerous fires and tough drought situation.

The evening began with a dinner, compiled of pulled pork, beans, cole slaw, hamburgers, potatoes and pizza. All the food was donated by different organizations and businesses throughout the community and prepared by local churches and other volunteers.

The main part of the evening included award presentations to the Howard County Volunteer fire chief and Big Spring Fire Department fire chief. As County Judge Mark Barr presented HCVFD Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, he teared up and expressed a sentiment felt by many, if not all, community members. There really is no way to say just how appreciative we are for all the firefighters have done; through their efforts the community has been protected.

The atmosphere intensified after the award presentations as the live auction and dessert auction kicked off and silent auction wrapped up. The night concluded with live music from Noel Olivas and band.

One thing is certain, the volunteer firefighters — whether it be in Howard County or elsewhere — are a special breed. They are a group who does not recognize boundaries and don't stop until the threat is gone. No matter the hours or the distance, they are there to help.

Make sure when you come across a firefighter you stop and say thank you. Continue to show them just how much we appreciate them.

Our hats are off to you all — Thank you to all the firefighters!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we follow Your dream, Lord, for our life.
Amen

Sometimes we hear what we need to, not what we want

When it comes down to it, it's all about the details and specifics.

It's not about what you meant to say, what you were trying to convey or even what the intentions were. No matter what was trying to be said or expressed, in the end, the only thing that matters is what the other person gathers from it.

It's really easy to make assumptions and ignore the bigger picture. It seems too often we are quick to jump to the negative. We tend to take the smallest things and turn them into a personal matter, in all areas of life — work, school, relationships.

Life is not all lollypops and rainbows, but it's not all negative either. However, it is really easy — especially if our day has already taken a turn for the worse — to take a simple word, thought or action and turn it into a negative stab at ourselves. Most often this is not the case, but it doesn't stop us from taking it that way.

I can think of numerous examples of this throughout my day, but one recently just happened to take place at home.

By no means am I an outstanding, world renowned chef or even anywhere near close to one. In all honesty, I probably don't even belong in the kitchen,

but I had the urge cook dinner and try something a little different.

Okay, it wasn't anything fancy, but I wanted to put a twist on mashed potatoes. No I'm not saying I'm the first person to make them this way, I am not taking credit for creating the recipe or anything along those lines. I am simply stating, I decided to try making mashed potatoes in a way I had never made them or had them before. I decided to add a little bit of sour cream, bacon bits, shredded mixed cheese, butter, garlic, parsley and black pepper. It was kind of a baked potato type mashed potato.

I admit, I was a little iffy about how it all might turn out, but I was curious and I figured why not. After all, my cooking isn't all that great to begin with so if it turned out bad, nothing new. (Don't we have to laugh at ourselves every now and then?)

Anyways, I mixed it all together, tasted it and served it on a plate. I just so happened to think it was rather tasty. It wasn't quite the flavor I was looking for, but overall it was pretty good.

Well I served it and proceeded to ask the question, "Well, what do you think?" I know, don't ask the question if you aren't ready to hear the answer. At the same time, let me explain myself and my thinking a little bit before I tell you the answer I received.

I am one of those who needs to be reassured. I like to know my efforts weren't wasted and that in the end, I did a good job.

Of course, I was expecting an

answer that put down my efforts and as we all know, usually what we go looking for is usually what we are going to get. In this case, exactly right.

The answer I received was not mean, not intended to be cruel or put down my potato creation, but with the mentality I went into the question with, it came across that way. The answer was a simple 'It lacks that zing that is usually left on your tongue when you eat potatoes.'

Of course, that's exactly what I thought (possibly because I ran out of garlic), but I took that as my potatoes are not any good.

It just goes to show, once our minds are set on receiving a certain answer or perceiving a situation a certain way there really is no need for the question ... we won't hear the answer anyway.

I guess the lesson here is we need to stop expecting the worse and ignoring the positive. We may not always here what we want, but that's not the important thing. What's important is we are hearing what we need to hear — the truth.

The potatoes came out okay, but now, even though it's not what I wanted to hear, I will know how to make them better next time.

After all, with a little more spice life just might leave us with that zing we have been missing.

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It's time to have a little bit of hope for here and for China

God and the weather willing, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial soon will be dedicated amid moving speeches, joyous hoopla and inevitable controversy.

The controversy is inevitable because there is little in America that is grandiose (and much that is not) that is not controversial.

In the case of the King memorial, the controversy is whether the enormous statue of one of the greatest figures in American history should be stamped "Made in China."

The "Stone of Hope" statue of Dr. King was sculpted in China by a Chinese sculptor out of Chinese granite and shipped to the United States, where it was assembled by Chinese workers.

The Chinese workers were paid nothing — which would seem to me to violate not only Dr. King's principles but also U.S. anti-slavery laws — though they were hoping to get paid something when they returned to China.

The Statue of Liberty, I should point out, was sculpted by a Frenchman in France. But it was a gift to the United States and celebrated a concept, not an actual human being who lived and died in America and for America.

Chinese sculptor Lei Yixin was selected by the King memorial people, and Lei worked from scores of photographs of King. Lei is famous in China for his work, especially his statue of Mao Zedong.

But some critics have asked a pretty basic question: Was there no American sculptor, especially an African-American sculptor,

who was capable of sculpting a statue of Dr. King?

Apparently not, at least according to the people who did the selection. What's more, even though hundreds of thousands of experienced — and unionized — American construction workers are currently unemployed, did we really need to bring in workers from China to put the sculpture together?

Yes, Edward Jackson Jr., the executive architect of the project, recently told Courtland Milloy of The Washington Post. "Not only did we need an artist, we needed someone with the means and methods of putting those large stones together," Jackson said. "We don't do this in America. We don't handle stones of this size."

Jackson has worked long and hard to get the King memorial built, and he is deserving of recognition for his efforts and dedication.

But his statement is pure baloney. The sculptures at the site are made up of 159 blocks of granite, and I think the United States of America — somehow — could have scoured its citizenry and found people who knew how to put together 159 blocks of granite.

Even though the King "Stone of Hope" sculpture is huge — 30 feet high, compared with 19 feet 6 inches for the seated figure of Abraham Lincoln and 19 feet for the standing figure of Thomas Jefferson at their memorials — I really feel there is a union hall somewhere in this country right now with people sitting around who can handle a 30-foot project.

They would expect to get paid, of course. The prevailing wage for an American stonemason in the Washington area is \$32 an hour, plus \$12 an hour in benefits.

The Post, which has done some very good reporting on the project over the years, had

a reporter go out with a representative of a local union that represents stonemasons to see how the Chinese workers were being treated. It turns out they were being housed in a very nice high-rise in Crystal City, Va., and were being given free room and board, but no pay.

The union rep took a Chinese-speaking translator along, and he asked one of the laborers why the men would work without pay.

"Because they are working for 'national honor,'" the worker said. "To bring glory to the Chinese people."

We have a sense of national honor and glory, too, of course. Dr. King told a union crowd of striking sanitation workers in Memphis on the evening of April 3, 1968: "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life — longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. ... I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land."

The following night, on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, he was assassinated.

With the dedication of his national memorial coming up in the weeks ahead, it would be nice to concentrate only on that which is pleasant and uncontroversial.

But Dr. King died for something, and it wasn't for Americanism or national pride. It was for the universal principles of justice, peace and freedom. For here and for China, too.

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HEALTH TALK

Q: A friend laughed at me recently when I said that I was trying to save calories by ordering a cupcake for dessert instead of cake or pie. Are there more calories there than it seems?

A: Yes, indeed, the popularity of cupcakes does not reflect any help for weight control. The bakeries in major cities that specialize in cupcakes generally choose not to provide calorie and nutrient analysis. Figures from bakeries and chefs that do share the information range from 360 to over 800 calories per cupcake. That comes from both heavy loads of fat equal to five or more pats of butter and five or six teaspoons of sugar apiece. The wide range is due to differences in portion size of the cake itself, the amount of frosting piled on top and the richness of ingredients in each. That puts cupcakes in the same neighborhood as a piece of cake or pie, where the same factors influence calorie content.



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The bottom line is that all these are indulgences that you might consider splitting with a companion, or at least trying not to feel compelled to finish on your own. Enjoy any of these as an occasional treat, not a staple. Order cupcakes one per person (or per two people), not by the dozen!

Q: The only time I see available to become more active is time I now spend socializing. How could I combine the two so I don't need to become a hermit in order to be fit?

A: Some people value exercise as a time to be alone, but for others, making it social is the key to making the exercise habit stick. Instead of meeting for coffee, a long lunch or a movie, you might plan to meet for a walk outdoors or at an indoor walking track in your area. You could bring lunch from home and share it together afterward or return to work and eat at your desk if that's an option. Get a few people who commit to walking certain days each week at a particular time; then even if one friend is unable to attend, there will still be others with whom you can walk.

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This easy to prepare bean dish pairs well with everything from chicken to cold sandwiches. Cannellini beans – especially popular in Tuscany and southern Italy – are also called haricots, white kidney beans and fazolia beans. They resemble white navy beans and are often mistaken for great northern beans.

Popular internationally, cannellini have a smooth texture and somewhat nutty flavor. In the United States, vegetarians often use them as a fish or chicken substitute. They are also a favorite in French and Greek cuisines, used in minestrone, dips and a variety of bean salads.

In this recipe the tomatoes, garlic, basil and olive oil make for a quintessential Mediterranean dish. You may prefer to use a dried Italian spice mixture in lieu of only sage to produce an even more pronounced flavor.

The vinegar at the end serves to balance out the flavors. The result is a robust, warm and convenient side that can complement almost any dish no matter if that dish is hot or cold. You can refrigerate any leftovers and heat them up

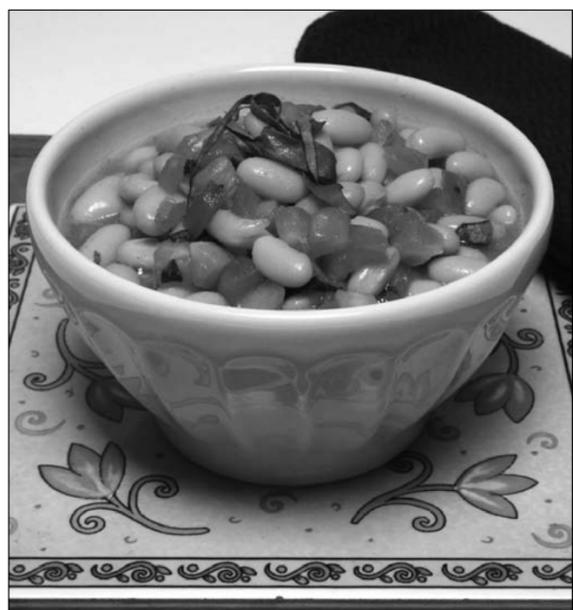
for additional meals.

Herbed Italian White Beans

- 4 tsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. garlic, crushed, or to taste
- 1/4 tsp. dried sage
- 1 (14-oz.) can cannellini beans (Italian white beans), drained
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped (2 cups chopped canned plum tomatoes may be substituted)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 Tbsp. fresh basil, shredded
- 2 tsp. red wine vinegar or to taste

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and sage. Sauté about 2 minutes.

Add drained beans and tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Stir gently to combine. Cover, reduce heat, and



simmer about 10 minutes.

Uncover pan and remove from heat. Immediately add basil and vinegar and serve.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Scintillating Defense

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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WEST			
♠K J 10 9 7 2			
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♥8 7 2			
♦K 8 7 2			
♣7 6 4 2			
SOUTH			
♠Q 8 6 4			
♥A K J 6 5			
♦Q J 10			
♣A			

The bidding:
South 1♥ West 1♠ North 2♣ East 3NT

Opening lead — jack of spades.
A defender should look for every clue he can find to try to overcome the natural disadvantage suffered by his side. He usually does not know the combined assets he and his partner hold, while declarer can see exactly where his strengths and weaknesses lie.

To overcome this handicap, a defender should try to avail himself of every possible source of information. He always has the bidding to go on, as well as the plays already made by his partner and declarer. Often, he can draw crucial inferences from the clues that emerge.

Consider this deal where declarer won the jack-of-spades lead in dummy and finessed the jack of hearts. West took the queen and then found the only return to defeat the contract.

Gauging the situation perfectly, West led the five of clubs! South won with the ace and, after cashing four heart tricks, finessed the queen of diamonds. East took the king and returned a spade, and West cashed two spades and a club to nip the contract by a trick.

Had West led any other card at trick three, South would have gotten home safe and sound. The club lead looks suicidal, yet it was a very sound play.

West had several good clues at his disposal. He could not be absolutely certain of the location of the ace of clubs, but he calculated that the club return was safe regardless of who had it.

If East had the ace, the club play was surely right, since it would induce a spade return, while if South had the ace, it was bound to be singleton! West drew this inference from the fact that South surely would not have tackled hearts rather than clubs had he held the A-x of clubs. Declarer's failure to try to establish dummy's clubs strongly indicated that the suit was not of much use to him, and West took full advantage of that knowledge.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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News in brief

Infrastructure bank on Obama's list as he prepares jobs package

WASHINGTON (AP) — A national infrastructure bank that would entice private investors into road and rail projects could be a major part of the jobs package that President Barack Obama hopes will finally bring relief to the unemployed.

The White House hasn't divulged the contents of the package that Obama is to unveil in an address to a joint session of Congress next week. But the president has pushed the idea of an infrastructure bank in recent speeches and has praised Senate and House bills that create such a government-sponsored lending institution.

Whether the bank, which would need time to organize, could have any real impact on the jobs situation in the coming year — and particularly before the November 2012 elections — is in dispute.

Obama seems to think it would.

"We've got the potential to create an infrastructure bank that could put construction workers to work right now, rebuilding our roads and our bridges and our vital infrastructure all across the country," he said at a news conference in July.

Rivers swollen by Irene begin falling

WALLINGTON, N.J. (AP) — As the flood waters receded, weary residents across the Northeast began pulling soggy furniture and ruined possessions onto their front lawns as they surveyed the damage wrought by Hurricane Irene.

The mess of destroyed furniture on Paul Postma's front lawn looked like a yard sale gone wrong. Over the weekend, Postma had watched as more than

two feet of rain filled the bottom level of his home in Lincoln Park, N.J. On Wednesday, he was using bleach to wipe down the house's mud-soaked walls.

"None of this has value," he said. "At least not anymore."

On Sunday, President Barack Obama will visit Paterson, N.J., where currents of the Passaic River swept through the city of 150,000, flooding part of downtown and forcing the emergency evacuations of hundreds of people who likely underestimated the storm's ferocity.

National Guard helicopters continued to ferry supplies on Wednesday to mountain communities in Vermont that had no electricity, no telephone service and limited transportation in or out. Elsewhere, the massive cleanup effort was already well underway at homes, farms and businesses across the flood-scarred landscape.

Libyan rebels claim they have captured Gadhafi's foreign minister

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libyan rebels have captured Moammar Gadhafi's foreign minister, a rebel official said Thursday.

Ahmed Said, an adviser to the interior minister in the rebels' interim government, confirmed that the foreign minister had been captured but he did not identify him by name.

"We cannot give you details, but I can confirm that he is in custody," Said said.

A week ago, Gadhafi's Foreign Minister Abdul Ati al-Obeidi told British broadcaster Channel 4 that Gadhafi's 42-year rule was over.

After six months of civil war, rebels have seized control of most of Libya, including the capital Trip-

oli, effectively ending Gadhafi's rule. The longtime leader and his family, however had not been captured and rebels are hunting senior figures in the ousted regime. Rebels say they are hot on Gadhafi's trail.

White House counterterror chief says killing of al-Qaida No. 2 was huge blow to terror group

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a steady slide. On the ropes. Taking shots to the body and head.

That's how White House counterterrorism chief John Brennan described al-Qaida on Wednesday as he offered the first on-record confirmation that al-Qaida's latest second-in-command was killed last week in Pakistan — roughly four months after Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden there.

In an Associated Press interview, Brennan said the death of Atiyah Abd al-Rahman in Pakistan's tribal areas last week was a "huge blow" to the group, damaging the network and keeping al-Qaida's leadership too busy trying to hide to plot new attacks. Al-Rahman reportedly was hit by a CIA drone strike.

In a wide-ranging interview, Brennan credited aggressive U.S. action against militants across the region as the main reason U.S. intelligence has detected no active terror plots before the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

The former CIA officer described that as proof that the White House has found the right formula to fight al-Qaida, by pairing U.S. intelligence and counterterrorist forces with host nations from Pakistan to Iraq to Yemen, fighting beside them or sometimes through them. The goal is to keep al-Qaida off balance, unable to replace the seasoned terrorists the U.S. campaign is taking out.

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Big Spring hopes to cage the Tigers

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers get a shot at redemption this week in front of the hometown faithful, as they get ready to defend the field at Memorial stadium against a tough Frenship Tiger squad.

Last week, the Steers faced a Fort Stockton team which was surprisingly better than expected by most, but there will be no surprises this week.

Coming off of a 41-7 annihilation of Coronado, Frenship has already proven themselves to be a tough contender in 4A and drought or low water, they will be in Big Spring Friday night to square off against the Steers.

"They are a tough team with a powerful running game," Steers' Head Coach Phillip Ritchey said. "This will be a more physical test for us than last week."

The highlight of the Big Spring squad last week was the defense. Time after time, they were asked to make a

stand and they delivered. Against the Tigers, Coach Ritchey will be asking them to do it again.

"I need them to step up another notch for this game," Coach Ritchey said. "We played a great defensive game last week, but this is a bigger, better team. We have to tackle even better."

Big Spring quarterback Garrett Stuteville, who was injured late in the game last week, is expected to play Friday night, though he was unable to practice most of this week.

On Wednesday, Coach Ritchey said Stuteville was day-to-day, but it looked like he would be able to go by game time.

Stuteville and the Steers' offense will be matching wits with a very aggressive defense which completely stifled Coronado's offense. The squad plays a lot of man-to-man, looking to capitalize on any mistakes. Big Spring will have to keep miscues to a minimum Friday night.

The game is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.



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Max Pappajohn (#33) makes a stop in the Steers' game last week against Fort Stockton.

Buffaloes look to continue winning

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes head into the second week of this young season, hoping to add another notch in the win column. Forsan defeated McCamey last week by a comfortable 20-point margin and are looking to keep the momentum going forward.

"We saw a lot of things we liked last week," Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "We are hoping to build off of that this week at home."

The Buffaloes will be facing a good, tough team in the Sonora Broncos, a team also coming off a of a big opening-night win after defeating Brady 31-14.

"They have some tall receivers and will try to utilize that as an advantage," Coach Phillips said, speaking of the Broncos (9-2 last season). "It is going to be a pretty good challenge for us, but it is a challenge we are looking forward to."

The challenge, or more precisely, two challenges, come in the

form of two receivers averaging six feet, four inches in height. Sonora seniors Braxton Snyder (#18) and Cadesman Pope (#88) accounted for the majority of the Broncos' receiving yards against Brady.

Coach Phillips' squad will try to get their passing attack more involved in the game this week. Last week in McCamey, Forsan had a lot of success running the ball and Coach Phillips feels a good mix of pass and run may give the team an edge in the game in Forsan Friday.

"We ran the ball really well," Coach Phillips said. "We want to be able to pass just as effectively against Sonora."

The Friday night game will be a clash of styles featuring two teams which are mirror opposites, according to last week's stats. While Forsan rushed for 321 yards and only threw for 35, Sonora passed for 159 yards and only ran the ball for 58.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

Coahoma hopes to bounce back in 2A

Coker expected to have another big game

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

Last week, trailing late in the game, Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner refused to change the approach of his offense. When the game was over, even though a check mark went into the loss column, the Bulldogs had done something no one expected them to do.

For the entirety of the second half, Coahoma took it to Greenwood and outplayed them, outscored them and out-coached them.

The 384 rushing yards compiled by Justin Coker, Sheigh Craven, Aaron Arevado — not to mention the rest of the 'Dogs — came against a big, tough 3A team.

Coach Gardner's theory that the offense would fare better against the rest of the teams on the Bulldogs' schedule if they kept working at it will be tested Friday night when Coahoma travels to Comanche to take on the Indians.

Like Coahoma, Comanche is 0-1 and looking for their first

win of the young season. They are hungry for it.

"Comanche are an I crew," Coach Gardner said. "They will line up and try to smash you. They have a big offensive line which is going to be hard for us to match up our defense with."

One advantage Coach Gardner said his team does have over the Indians is speed, though he mentioned that Comanche had a tailback that was quick.

"Everyone has to be in their place," Coach Ritchey warned. "If one guy is out of place, he's gone."

The Bulldogs made a few adjustments this week, in anticipation of Friday's game.

Coach Gardner's coaching staff is moving key people around on special teams, hoping to make a better fit and give them a better opportunity to make some big plays.

Gardner said he also added what he called "a few wrinkles" on defense and hopes to put the Indians in a position they are not prepared for.

The game is set to begin in Comanche at 7:30 p.m.

This week's area 6-man football games

Garden City vs Sterling City

The Garden City Bearkats, coming off of their first loss — a 50-44 overtime stunner — in 30 games, will play host to the Sterling City Eagles Friday night. The Eagles are flying high after defeating Santa Anna to the tune of 56-8 last week.

Grady @ Meadow

The Grady Wildcats look to continue their winning ways Friday night as they travel to Meadow in an attempt to tame the Broncos.

The Wildcats defeated Sander son last week in a mercy-rule 48-0 blowout, while the Broncos are coming off of a season-opening win themselves, having defeated Spur 42-28.

Sands @ Guthrie

The Sands Mustangs proved last week they can rack up the points in a hurry, scoring 63 of them in only half a game against Lorenzo. This week, the 'Stangs will travel to Guthrie to face the Jaguars. Guthrie is coming off of a close win last week, defeating Northside (Vernon) 30-27.

Stanton @ Reagan County

The Stanton Buffaloes will be out of town this week, hoping to get their season record off to a 2-0 start after last week's 48-0 shutout win over Grape Creek.

The Buffaloes will travel to Reagan County to face another undefeated team, one which won their first game 27-6 over Miles.

Aggies to say goodbye

HOUSTON (AP) — The official Texas A&M fight song includes a line that bids farewell to Texas, "so long to the orange and white." By this time next year, Texas A&M may have said goodbye to a lot more than its storied, century-old rivalry with Texas.

Texas A&M announced Wednesday that it will leave the Big 12 Conference by July 2012 if it can find another home, preferably in the Southeastern Conference.

The decision could set off another round of conference realignment in college sports and it raises questions about the future of the Big 12, which is starting the football season with 10 teams after losing Nebraska and Colorado. The Big 12 said it would move quickly to find at least one replacement for the Aggies but offered no timeline.

"The presidents and chancellors of the nine remaining member institutions are steadfast in their commitment to the Big 12," Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe said in a statement. "As previously stated, the conference will move forward aggressively exploring its membership options."

The Southeastern Conference said it hadn't received an application from Texas A&M to join the league and that it would have no

further comment. The SEC has reaffirmed its 12-school membership, but remains open to expansion talks.

Leaving the Big 12 "is in the best interest of Texas A&M," said university President R. Bowen Loftin, who formally notified the league with a letter after earlier securing details on the withdrawal process. He said he hopes the move can be amicable and presumably hopes to negotiate a reasonable exit fee.

"We are seeking to generate greater visibility nationwide for Texas A&M and our championship-caliber student-athletes, as well as secure the necessary and stable financial resources to support our athletic and academic programs," Loftin said. "This is a 100-year decision that we have addressed carefully and methodically."

Texas A&M, which has been in the Big 12 since its founding in 1996, said it will submit an application to join another, unspecified conference. If accepted, Texas A&M will leave the Big 12, effective June 30, 2012.

Texas said it remains committed to the Big 12 even with its historic rivalry with Texas A&M in jeopardy. But Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds didn't address the game or even A&M by name.

"As we stated last summer, we are strong supporters and members of the Big 12 conference," Dodds said. "Recent events have not altered our confidence in the league. A Big 12 committee is in place to look at all options, shaping the future of the conference so it will continue to be one of the top leagues in the country."

Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne addressed his school's decision to leave in a blog posted Wednesday.

"There have also been other developments during the past several months that have caused a great deal of uncertainty within the Big 12," Byrne said in the blog. "You all know the landscape of the Big 12 Conference was altered by the creation of the Longhorn Network."

He mentions the network's attempts to televise high school games and the "attempt to coerce Big 12 schools to move their football games in Austin" to the network. Byrne also said that Texas A&M was not offered the chance to join the Longhorns in the venture.

Texas and Texas A&M first met in football in 1894 and the annual Thanksgiving game is a highlight of the season for many fans. Loftin said that a "primary

Sound off Big Spring

After being a part of the Big Spring community and its school district for 27 years, I must say I have now seen it all. With all personal feelings set aside, as principal of Big Spring High School, I feel the need to stand up for the student athletes and coaches at Big Spring High and question the motives of the *Herald's* sportswriter, Robert Griffin.

As if sarcastically discussing our 2011 football team and players in the Fall Football Preview was not enough, he now feels the need to allow armchair quarterbacks to question decisions made Friday night in a column called "Sound Off Big Spring."

I've pondered and dissected the idea of having a column that basically allows readers to "take shots" at our teams and staff and I simply don't see how it's productive or necessary. Don't get me wrong, I will always support the fact people are entitled to their opinions. However, I will also support the fact our coaches and athletes strive to make the best decisions and do the very best they can in every situation on the field, court or track. Allowing Mr. Weldon Jones to publicly attack and label our team as "stinking losers" because of a decision made by coaches Friday night is deplorable to me. You (Mr. Robert Griffin) supported the decision made by our coaches. (A decision the majority of knowledgeable, experienced football coaches would have chosen being that there was still 2:00 minutes left in the game that the other team had only made six first downs

against our defense.) But in doing so, you allowed yet again unnecessary negative script in our sports section.

Mr. Griffin, my advice to you is, "If you can't say anything nice, then don't say anything at all."

I'm not asking you to "sugar coat" the news. Your job is to report the facts, both good and bad. Your goal should never be to purposely stir up pessimistic feeling toward our athletes and coaches. Has it occurred to you maybe you could be a positive attribute for our programs instead of the unfavorable one you have provoked? It's a shame our players are using your negative articles as "bulletin board material" in their locker room as opposed to the customary articles from other towns. Why not invest your time in a "Senior Spotlight" once a week honoring a senior who has dedicated his/her school career to representing Big Spring in sporting activities instead of "Sounding Off" each week? What a concept. A local sportswriter with hometown pride. We've had them in the past and I hope you will choose to be one in the future.

Finally, with all due respect, anyone wanting to support and/or have a voice in our athletic programs already has an avenue. The Lady Steer and Quarterback Booster Clubs meet every Monday night at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the ATC as advertised in the *Big Spring Herald*. Go Steers!

Respectfully
Mike Ritchey
BSHS Principal

Mr. Ritchey, fortunately, I have not been in Big Spring long enough to know any of them. So, I would welcome any ideas from you, your coaches, teachers or the public in general along those lines. But we can not have an exchange of ideas without allowing all to have a voice. General Patton once said: "If everyone is thinking alike, then someone isn't thinking."

We can not brush everything we do not like or agree with under the rug and pretend it does not exist.

As far as negative articles, I can not express enough how much I am looking forward to writing the articles which state the Steers have surpassed expectations, have risen above their circumstances and overcome adversity. If hating me right now helps them pull together and get to that point, I can live with it.

Respectfully,
Robert Griffin
Sports Editor

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m.

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grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Feldman nice addition to the Rangers' bullpen

ARLINGTON (AP) — Scott Feldman was spotted when he finally got a chance to start again for the AL West-leading Texas Rangers.

Feldman threw six scoreless innings in his first start this season, combining with four relievers on a three-hitter in a 2-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night.

After winning 17 games

in 2009 and being the Rangers' opening day starter last year with a new contract, Feldman was in the bullpen after missing the first half of this season recovering from offseason knee surgery. After seven relief appearances since July 22, he got a spot start when Texas decided to skip 10-game winner Matt Harrison's spot in the rotation so the left-hander

could get some extended rest.

"The worst part of it was probably in the offseason when I was on crutches for a couple of months," Feldman said. "Maybe they'll run me out there when a guy needs a rest again or something like that. I don't even know what the plan is. More than anything, it's just good to contribute."

The only balls Tampa

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criterion" when negotiating with another conference would be the ability to continue the rivalry, but there's no guarantee the new conference or the Longhorns would agree to such a deal.

Like Texas, Baylor has been in the same league with Texas A&M since the beginning of the Southwest Conference in 1914. With no push by Texas A&M to continue playing the Bears, they were disappointed that their football rivalry, which began in 1899, will end.

Baylor President Ken Starr still believes the Big 12 has a "bright future," even without the Aggies.

"We know that the Big 12 is an exciting and attractive conference for many reasons, including the quality of our academic programs, the strength of our athletic teams, the support of our loyal fans and the depth of our vibrant traditions," Starr said.

Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) left the league in July a year after a wild round of realignment that also affected the Mountain West, Big East and WAC.

So far, the only school to publicly express interest in joining the Big 12 is SMU, the former Southwest Conference team that now plays in Conference USA and has climbed back to respectability after receiving the NCAA's only "death penalty" punishment after a pay-for-play scandal in the 1980s.

Another Conference USA team, Houston, could also be an option for the Big 12. Athletic director Mack Rhoades would not say Wednesday if he has been in touch with the Big 12 or any other conference.

"We're always going to look to get better, and look for opportunity," Rhoades said. "Whether that comes, whether that doesn't, I certainly can't answer that. But we're in a great conference right now, and we're going to continue to be a great member."

But we're also going to do everything we can to get better."

Rhoades said he be-

lieves A&M's decision could be the first domino in changes across the landscape of college football.

"Right now, let's face it, that's the world of college athletics," he said. "Whatever happens here in the next week, two weeks, three months, who knows what the timeline is? I don't think it ends there. I think it's going to continue to evolve over the next few years."

BYU, currently a football independent, could also be an attractive option to the Big 12. The school wouldn't say if it is interested in the conference.

"There is much speculation right now regarding conference affiliation that seems to change by the hour," the BYU statement said. "Commenting on such conjecture is not productive and creates a distraction for our program. As we enter the 2011-12 athletic season, BYU is focused on the opportunities ahead. We are excited about our relationship with ESPN as a football independent and our affiliation with the West Coast Conference."

BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said on a conference call on Tuesday before the Aggies announced their intention to leave that he thinks the school is "aligned and positioned where we belong," but that not being affiliated with the BCS is one drawback.

"Right now bluntly we have to go undefeated twice in a very short amount of time to have a shot at the national title," he said. "So there's kind of a Catch 22, but for now and maybe for the relative long term I'm really, really comfortable with this independent role and if I can help our team play at the highest level and maybe that inclusion will come just through the number of games we win in terms of access to the national championship."

Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick was asked about the Big 12 on Wednesday.

"Notre Dame is firmly committed to its motto of football independence and Big East affiliation in those sports sponsored by the Big East," Swarbrick said.

The Big 12 has formed a committee to look for replacements.

"The chancellors and presidents of the Big 12 are committed to keeping our conference competitively and academically strong," said Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton, who serves as the chairman of the Big 12 board of directors.

"We have a process in place that enables us to move aggressively regarding the possible expansion of the conference and to assure our members and student-athletes that we will take advantage of the most productive opportunities in the best interests of all."

The SEC said earlier this month it was happy with its current membership but left the door open to expansion, and the Aggies certainly wouldn't have made this move if they didn't believe they could eventually join the conference.

The Aggies would need the votes of nine of the 12 presidents from the member schools for the SEC to allow them into the league.

The Big 12 agreed to a 13-year television deal with Fox Sports in April worth more than \$1 billion, a contract that technically could be voided with Texas A&M's departure and lead to legal issues for the Aggies.

A person familiar with that TV deal told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the league has indications from the network that if a suitable replacement can be found that "they will be fine and keep the contract as is." The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the details are not supposed to be public, also said that the contract could remain in force at a discounted rate even if the Big 12 had only its remaining nine teams.

The Aggies will also likely face an exit fee for leaving the Big 12, although it's unclear how much that could be. Nebraska paid \$9.25 million and Colorado paid \$6.9 million.

Texas state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee, said she had no plans to call for a public hearing on the Aggies' decision to leave.

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Astros get Happ-y in shutout of Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's offense didn't give J.A. Happ much to work with. Good thing he didn't need much help.

Happ allowed three hits and struck out six over seven innings and the Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-0 on Wednesday night for a sweep of the three-game series.

"You can do a lot with good pitching," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "What a great job throughout his seven innings. He threw the ball with confidence. His rhythm was good. He got the ball. He threw the ball. It was sure nice to see."

Despite having the worst record in baseball (.47-90), the Astros have won five of their last seven overall and seven of

their last eight at home. Houston's other sweep this season was against the Chicago Cubs May 30-June 1.

Happ (5-15) had his second strong outing since returning from Triple-A Oklahoma City. He didn't allow a runner past first base and walked one. It was Happ's first major league victory since July 19.

"Obviously, getting ahead of the hitters helped me tonight," Happ said. "It gave me the confidence to kind of attack a little bit. Putting them on the defensive is what I need to do more of and I think I did that tonight."

"Having success is helping and having a little mentality change and being positive out there."

James McDonald (8-

7), who had won five of his previous seven decisions, pitched six innings, allowed seven hits, two walks and struck out six.

In the fourth inning the Astros pieced together two runs on a groundout and an infield hit.

Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his 17th save in 21 opportunities.

Jimmy Paredes walked to start the fourth and Angel Sanchez singled, sending Paredes to third.

Humberto Quintero hit a dribbler in front of home plate and was thrown out at first with Paredes scoring. Jordan Schafer's infield hit toward first base scored Sanchez for a 2-0 lead.

Pirates first baseman Garrett Jones made the throw back to McDon-

ald at the plate trying to get Paredes, but it was too late.

"The catcher threw the ball and he didn't go back," Paredes said. "I say, I'm safe, go home. The catcher threw the ball and he didn't come back. I said, 'He's crazy.'"

McDonald tried to make the play.

"He was going to slide, and he could have hit my leg," McDonald said. "It was a big play. It wasn't that bad of a throw. If I was a catcher and had gear on, I would have had no problem stepping across and getting that throw."

Jones tried to make a quick throw.

"I tried to throw and get rid of it quick, and I think James couldn't get his feet set and the throw was up the line a

bit," Jones said. "It's a bang-bang play. If there was a throw right on the money, we would have had a better chance to get him. It's tough also for a pitcher to get back there and make that play."

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle added that catcher Ryan Doumit made the right choice in going to first base.

"Ryan made the right play. We have to be able to execute throwing the ball 90 feet," Hurdle said. "I do think that James might have been caught a little bit off guard. I'm not sure if the positioning of the plate is where it needed to be and the throw was off line."

Pittsburgh's Carlos Lee extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a single in the third and a double off the wall in

left in the eighth for a 2-for-4 performance. Lee is hitting .477 (21 for 44) during the streak.

Notes: The Pirates traded OF Matt Diaz to Atlanta for a player to be named or cash and sent Triple-A OF John Bowker to Philadelphia for a player to be named or cash. Pittsburgh's J.D. Martinez has 28 RBIs in August, one short of tying the NL rookie record for August. David Justice (1990) and Todd Helton (1998) currently share the record. The Astros will recall RHP Lucas Harrell to pitch Friday night against Milwaukee. Harrell is pitching in place of Brett Myers, whose wife Kim, is expecting their fourth child. Pirates SS Randy Cedeno had his five-game hitting streak snapped.

NBA headed for lockout, barring miracle

NEW YORK (AP) — There's still time for a deal to keep the entire NBA season intact, though it's running out.

And with that in mind, owners and players realize it's time to stop talking about each other, and start talking to each other.

They returned to the bargaining table Wednesday, meeting for about six hours in just their second bargaining session since the league's lockout began on July 1.

"Everyone loses if we don't reach an agreement, that's something that I think has always been understood," union

president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said. "But as we approach Sept. 1 and obviously the training camp schedule to start on Oct. 1, the urgency is just continuing to build and increase on both sides, and we're going to remain focused on finding a way to get this done."

Neither side offered any specifics or would say if progress was made, but said they plan many more meetings in hopes of having basketball begin without interruption.

"I don't see any benefit to characterizing our positions," Deputy Commissioner Adam

Silver said, a thought repeated frequently by both sides.

"I will say we are not apart in terms of an agreed urgency on getting a deal done and we're not apart on the need to avoid missing games and we're not apart on the agreed impact that will have, not just on our teams and our players, but the communities in which they operate in as well."

Commissioner David Stern and San Antonio owner Peter Holt, head of the labor relations committee, also represented the owners at a Manhattan hotel. Executive director Billy

Hunter and attorney Ron Klempner attended from the union.

The sides hadn't met since Aug. 1, despite saying they hoped to follow that with multiple sessions before the end of the month.

They are far apart on major issues, but Stern said there is "clearly enough time" to make a deal that would allow the regular season to open as scheduled on Nov. 1.

He added he has no timetable for when cancellations might be necessary. The NBA quickly shot down a report this week they would happen at an owners

meeting on Sept. 15.

"We don't have any deadlines in mind," Stern said. "We just have meetings in mind and discussions in mind."

Neither side would say when or where the next meetings would take place, indicating a desire for a level of privacy that has been largely absent in the process.

Stern was critical of the players while meeting with the media af-

ter the Aug. 1 session, and Fisher said "things seem to get spun out of control, either by us or by them" whenever they talk specifics in the press.

"So we're just going to focus on the deal. That's all we can do," Fisher said.

"We feel it's the best way to respect the process, to just try to do a better job of staying clear of that type of situation."

NHL enforcer found dead at 35

NASHVILLE (AP) — Former Predator Wade Belak, an enforcer who had played with five NHL teams before retiring in March, was found dead Wednesday in Toronto. He was 35.

Belak is the third NHL enforcer found dead since May.

The Predators learned of Belak's death from NHL security and the team issued a statement saying the organization was shocked and saddened by his sudden and untimely death.

"Wade was a beloved member of the organization, a terrific teammate and wonderful father and husband who will be greatly missed," according to the Predators' statement. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Jennifer and children Andie and Alex. We offer our full support to them at this very difficult time."

Toronto police spokesman Tony Vella said officers found a man dead when called at 1:40 p.m. EDT Wednesday at a hotel and condo complex. Vella said "foul play is not suspected in the ongoing investigation" into Belak's death.

Belak was scheduled to work as a sideline reporter on Nashville television broadcasts this season. The 6-foot-5, 233-pound forward played for Colorado, Calgary, Toronto, Florida and finished his career with Nashville, playing in 549 career NHL games with eight goals, 25 assists and 1,263 pen-

alty minutes.

He fought 136 times during his 14-year NHL career, according to hockeyfacts.com.

Belak is the third NHL tough guy who has died this offseason.

Winnipeg's Rick Rypien was found dead at the age of 27 earlier this month at his home in Alberta after a police official said a call was answered for a "sudden and non-suspicious" death. Former Rangers enforcer Derek Boogaard died in May at 28 due to an accidental mix of alcohol and the painkiller oxycodone.

After Rypien's death, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said he expected the NHL to review its substance abuse and behavioral health program.

"We're talking about such a short period of time," said Craig Button, who was the general manager of the Calgary Flames when Belak played there early in his career, told The Canadian Press. "It's not only about the deaths, it's the deaths that surround similar type players. ... It's not just getting hit in the head, it's every-

thing that goes with that (enforcer) role. I think that people are paying very, very serious attention to concussions and blows to the head and the role of the enforcer."

"I don't think anybody can stop until we really understand the impact it has not only physically, but emotionally as well."

Predators forward Blake Geoffrion sent his prayers to Belak's family on Twitter.

"Wade Belak was one of funniest dudes I had ever met. Just was with him earlier this summer. Can't believe it," Geoffrion tweeted.

Bettman released a statement calling Belak a player who competed every minute of his career.

"Our hearts go out to Wade's loved ones, his friends, his former teammates and to all who feel the horrible void left by this tragedy," Bettman said.

Executive director Don Fehr issued a statement sending condolences to Belak's family from the NHL Players' Association.

"His affable personality made him popular

with teammates, fans and media, and he was a hardworking, respected member of the Association."

"He will undoubtedly be greatly missed throughout the entire hockey community," Fehr said.

Belak recently travelled to Toronto to be a contestant on the CBC show "Battle of the Blades."

"He was very excited that he was having an opportunity to maybe change his career and get into some commentating work," former Toronto coach Pat Quinn told The Canadian Press.

"I was excited for him, too. It was kind of one of those nice meetings where you walk away happy. He seemed delighted this was going on."

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INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 22, 2011 for the construction of a Water Supply Line from the Big Spring/ Odessa Intake to the Snyder Intake at Lake J.B. Thomas.

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

This project consists of supply and installation of approximately 4.5 miles of 18-inch diameter DR 13.5 High Density Polyethylene Pipe. Specifications are available and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721 during normal business hours.

Inquires may be directed to **Kyle Krueger, Staff Engineer,** telephone (432)267-6341. #7087 August 25 and September 1, & 8, 2011

Legals

Sealed Proposals addressed to Mr. John W. Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 (P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869), until Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. for:

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COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT John W. Grant, General Manager #7088 August 25 and September 1 & 8, 2011

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE In accordance with Local Government Code, Section 152.013, the following expenses of elected officials are proposed to be increased in the 2011-12 budget for Howard County, Tx:

Amount of Increase:	
District Judge:	
Machine maintenance	\$ 275
Telecommunications	50
JP 2:	
Printing	300
Machine maintenance	25
Building maintenance	200
District Clerk:	
Office supplies	400
County Clerk:	
Part-time employee	10,000
Telecommunications	100
Commissioners Court:	
Travel, per commissioner	250
Misc.	50
Treasurer:	
Misc.	50
Tax Assessor:	
Travel	1,250
Sheriff:	
Pay schedule increase	9,050
Sheriff for the Jail:	
Pay schedule increase	10,193
Full-time employee, includes benefits	48,930
Supplies	4,000
Copy machine	1,000
Building maintenance	5,000
Yard maintenance	1,000
Payroll benefits percentages, all depts:	
Retirement	3.30%
Unemployment	9.38%
Health Insurance, avg.	3.50%
Longevity: \$10 per month for each year of service	

A copy of the proposed budget is available by contacting Jackie Olson, Auditor, 432-264-2210, Courthouse 2nd Floor, or at www.co.howard.tx.us
#7093 September 1, 2011

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Beauty captures your attention, especially when it's unexpected. You will be drawn in by a person's elegance. The sparkling laugh and dancing eyes make their way straight to your heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your interest may be impractical, and that is part of the appeal. Claim your right to your own wonderful nonsense. You don't love a hobby because it is useful. It is useful because you love it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your unique spirit shines through today. You won't show your feelings in the way everyone else does. You'll give a special kind of love, and it will take a special kind of heart to receive it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Dietary changes are on the horizon for you. Preparing your own meals puts you in touch with what is in them. You'll take a break from fast food and frozen food in order to be hands on with the raw ingredients in your food.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Getting too used to having someone to look out for you could cause you to become lax about looking out for yourself. Take a solo journey to fortify your self-reliance. You don't want to go soft!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is said that the squeaky wheel always gets the grease. What goes without mention is that it also gets cursed and kicked. If it's necessary to annoy people, be very

careful in your methods.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can furnish a lot of your own personal self-care without help. You've even been known to cut your own hair. But if you can treat yourself to a little help, it will be an excellent treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not exactly schooled in the ways of magic, and yet your knowledge makes you a magician in someone else's eyes. Instead of deflecting the praise and amazement you receive, soak it up!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes you wonder whether you will make a difference in the world. You already have. And these days, your influence is even greater than you realize. Keep the faith.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). "Live and let live" is your policy. Because you are able to tolerate the idea that people have beliefs that are different from yours, you will make friends and do business on a larger scale.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will feel guided to act. The guidance may come from a teacher or a book, or even a person with whom you do not have a personal relationship but who nonetheless inspires you from afar.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 1). Love fulfills you in delightful, unplanned ways. You'll demonstrate your knowledge and will be chosen for a special position. The next 10 weeks bring successful efforts in higher education and advanced training. In November, new fans will appreciate your sense of humor and entertaining qualities. Cancer and

Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 7, 25, 41 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Leo, and I just enrolled in a new school year. The counselor in my department told me which classes I needed to take. They all sounded lame to me. I want to be an actor, so I decided to fill up my schedule with acting and dancing classes and one voice class. Now I feel like I'm getting away with something. My mom keeps asking me which math or science class I'm in. I'm 19 years old, I don't live at home, and I'm working my way through school. My parents aren't paying for it, so do they really have a right to comment on my choice of classes?"

If they're not paying for your schooling, I see no reason why you have to report to them about your class load, except that they are still your parents and might have an opinion you would value. As you follow your Leo affinity for the spotlight, consider that a broad base of knowledge and experience may enhance your ability to act and not detract from it. Actors such as Natalie Portman, who majored in psychology, and Ashton Kutcher, who was a biochemical engineering student, might concur!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Seven-time Grammy award-winning Virgo Gloria Estefan was recently inducted into the Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame. Estefan has a well-balanced and broadly influenced natal chart. She was born with her sun and Mercury in lovely, wholesome Virgo, Venus and Jupiter in loyal Libra, and the moon and Saturn in spicy Sagittarius. Fans await her new dance album Little Miss Havana.

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Annie's Mailbox



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struggle for me to take care of the new baby and the house, and he compounds my problems. He doesn't seem to be putting any effort into keeping up our home — or marriage.

I've told Bill how important these little things are to me, but he can't see what the big deal is.

I have tried many approaches to helping him get organized. I've reminded him with humor, with gentleness, with repetition and finally nagging until it gets done.

He offers excuses and apologizes, but makes no effort to change.

I fear what will happen when I go back to work soon. It is putting a strain on our relationship, and arguing is exhausting.

What can I do so that I am not living in a constant state of annoyance? — *Frustrated Wife*

Dear Wife: New mothers often become exhausted and depressed. Try to separate yourself from the mess.

If Bill tosses clothes or other things on the floor, kick them into an out-of-the-way corner and say nothing.

He knows he's a slob, and he's rebelling. When you go back to work, see if you can set aside some money to pay for occasional cleaning assistance.

If Bill doesn't like the expense, tell him sweetly that it is obviously his choice, since he isn't capable of pitching in.

Dear Annie: My mother died recently. Over the years, she had managed to alienate everyone, including her children.

Nonetheless, I tried to be there for her in the end. She said she loved me, yet despite my

efforts to reconcile, she never apologized for some of the truly terrible things she said and did that created the rift.

I'm a grown woman feeling like a lost and unloved child.

But some hurts go deep and need to be addressed, not ignored. Why didn't my mother try to fix things? Wasn't I worth it? Did she really love me? As children grow into adults, we learn to accept our parents' shortcomings.

I am writing to beg your readers to show their love to their children, through words as well as actions, and to heal relationships before it's too late.

Apologize for any wrongdoing. Don't expect your child to be someone he or she isn't. Make every effort to love your child's partner, and never force your child to choose between you.

Please don't leave your

children with the painful legacy of doubting they were truly loved. You may think it doesn't matter, but in the end, love is all that truly matters.

I am planning to get counseling, but I hope this letter can help someone else avoid my pain. — *Grieving in Georgia*

Dear Georgia: Thank you. We are certain it will. Please know that this is not about your worthiness to be loved. It is about your mother's inability to show it.

Dear Annie: A lot of seniors write to you complaining that their children are not attentive enough.

My father was fond of saying that two parents could take care of 10 children, but 10 children could not take care of two parents.

Now that I am 87 years old, I have the same

complaint. I make a point not to get upset. I understand that my daughters and their children are busy with their own lives and child-rearing, and they contact me when they find the time.

I'd love to hear from them more often, but know that "what goes around comes around." Someday, they will experience the same longing and will have to learn to live with it. — *Glendora, Calif.*

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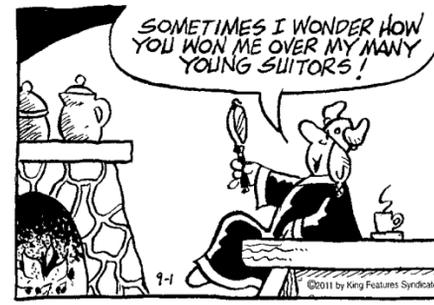
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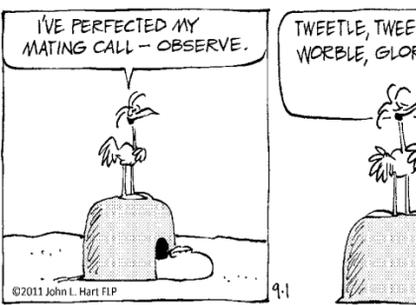
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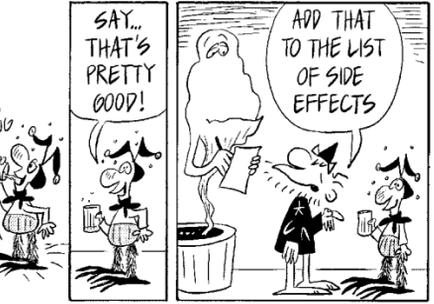
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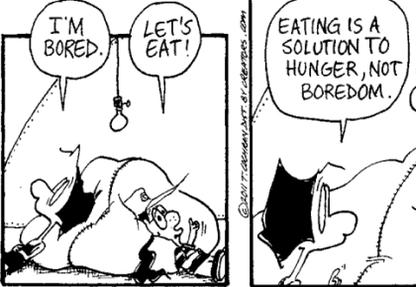
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2011. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

In 1715, following a reign of 72 years, King Louis XIV of France died four days before his 77th birthday.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1941, the first municipally owned parking building in the United States opened in Welch, W. Va.

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1961, the Soviet Union ended a moratorium on atomic testing with an above-ground nuclear explosion in central Asia. A TWA Lockheed Constellation crashed shortly after takeoff from Chicago's Midway Airport, killing all 78 people on board.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik (RAY'kyuh-vik), Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of game 21.

In 1981, Albert Speer, a close associate of Adolf Hitler who ran the Nazi war machine, died at a London hospital at age 76.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. (The hall opened to the public the next day.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird is 89. Actor George Maharis is 83. Conductor Seiji

Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Dam it!"
 - 5 Out of order
 - 10 Too hasty
 - 14 Lotion ingredient
 - 15 Figure skater Cohen
 - 16 Aural comeback
 - 17 Make, as a deadline
 - 18 Pizza topping
 - 19 Ballet bend
 - 20 Out of danger
 - 23 Dickensian clerk
 - 26 Essay subject
 - 27 Some investment stats
 - 29 Little laugh singer
 - 33 "Suddenly" singer
 - 38 Toon explorer
 - 39 Fully
 - 40 Seating request
 - 41 Title choice on a form
 - 42 Zippo
 - 44 Holds off
 - 47 Lagoon surrounder
 - 49 Atlanta suburb
 - 50 Twitches
 - 55 Opinion pieces
 - 56 Iconic '40s actress
 - 60 Telltale sign
 - 61 Mass language
 - 62 Highly valued
 - 66 Simpsons kid
- DOWN**
- 67 Vote in
 - 68 Egg on
 - 69 Numerical suffix
 - 70 Work sites
 - 71 Gym event
 - 10 Took a rest
 - 11 Rights org.
 - 12 Kicker's target, perhaps
 - 13 Did some weeding
 - 21 Sailor's shout
 - 22 Form a lap
 - 23 University of Illinois site
 - 24 Criticize harshly
 - 25 Unenthusiastic endorsement
 - 28 Take to the cleaners
 - 30 Durango dude
 - 31 Small task
 - 32 Snap courses
 - 34 Inc., in France
 - 35 Jargon suffix
 - 36 Swiss peak
 - 37 Capone nemesis
 - 43 Nonwinner
 - 45 In a frenzy
 - 46 Prepared, as a memo
 - 48 Hosp. worker
 - 51 Felt off
 - 52 Map feature
 - 53 Ship's crew
 - 54 Fast-talking
 - 56 Electrical unit
 - 57 Falco of Nurse Jackie
 - 58 Stood up
 - 59 Hill dwellers
 - 63 Mess up
 - 64 Before now
 - 65 Sleep acronym

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