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Lt. Craig Ferguson instructed Big Spring firefighters on proper protocol during continuing education training at the aquatic center Wednesday afternoon. During the training, firefighters were able to refresh themselves on previous training as well as get familiar with water rescue devices.

Firefighters make use of aquatics center, too

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

A horse of many colors is what the Big Spring Family Aquatic Center has turned out to be. During the summer, families were able to enjoy swim time and now the pool has closed, the city is still putting it to use. Big Spring Fire Department recently held rapid water rescue training at the facility.

"We try to do these trainings as often as possible, but lately we haven't really had a suitable facility and now that we do, we are putting it to use," Lt. Craig Ferguson said. The hour-long course was part of the firefighters' continuing education courses, but not part of any state mandated course. However, the firefighters were able to refresh themselves on proper protocol during different scenarios as well as the equip-

ment they would be using. During the training, Ferguson walked the firefighters through different rescue scenarios as well as different options present in each incident. "The most important thing is safety," Ferguson said. "For ourselves and for the person we are trying to rescue." Contact Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Tidwell guilty on 6 counts

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Winkler County Attorney Scott Tidwell was found guilty of charges of two counts each of misuse of official information, official oppression and retaliation in 118th District Court Monday, with sentencing in the case expected to begin today.



Tidwell

It took the jury approximately three hours to return their verdict in the case, which was moved from Winkler County to Howard County earlier this year after Texas Assistant Attorney General David Glickler moved that Tidwell could not receive a fair and impartial trial in Winkler County due to the high profile nature of the case and defendant. Tidwell faces between two years and 10 years in prison on each of the four felony counts and one year in county jail for each of the misdemeanors. According to unconfirmed re-

ports, he could receive probation on all six counts. Tidwell, former Winkler County Sheriff Robert Roberts and Dr. Rolando Arafiles were charged in connection with the whistle-blowing scandal of two Winkler County Hospital nurses who reported "questionable practices" by Arafiles to the Texas Medical Board. Anne Mitchell and Vicki Galle were both charged with misuse of official information. Mitchell was acquitted in a trial prosecuted by Tidwell in Andrews County, where the proceedings were moved in an effort to avoid publicity. Shortly after Mitchell's acquittal, charges against Galle were dropped. Since Mitchell's acquittal, Arafiles has been accused of aggravated perjury for testimony he gave during the trial. An Andrews County grand jury indicted Arafiles on June 30 on a single count, alleging Arafiles lied while under

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No answers in refinery tax refund proposal

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Local officials are waiting to see if they will soon be required to cut some king-sized tax refund checks to Valero Energy Corp. The company may be in line for a multi-million dollar refund from Howard Coun-

ty, Howard College and Big Spring Independent School District — and many other taxing entities across the state — depending on a final decision from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The commission is considering granting Valero tax refunds for its installation of

pollution-controlling equipment at several Texas refineries. If approved, counties and school districts could have to pay back more than \$135 million statewide, according to an Associated Press report. In Howard County, the refunds have been estimated in excess of \$4 million — \$3.3 million from Howard County

and \$1.5 million from BSISD. Howard County Judge Mark Barr expressed optimism that the gigantic refunds would not be officially approved. "At this point in time, we don't know anything officially ... but it may just go away," Barr said. "This does not concern (the) Alon (refinery) and, at this time, it does not

concern us." Howard College also may be required to issue a refund, but officials there are waiting for further clarification from the state. "Right now, we don't know if or how that would apply to us," said Terry Hansen, See **REFUND**, Page 3

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Salute to agriculture Oct. 13

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Farmers and ranchers play a vital role in the Howard County community, and what better way to show some appreciation than dedicating a day to them? On Oct. 13, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will continue



ValVerde

Day. "Gibson Feagin started

a 20-year tradition started by Gibson Feagin — owner and operator of Feagin Implementation, now Porter Henderson — and host Ag Appreciation Day. this as a way to show appreciation to our area farmers and ranchers and was very active in putting it on," said Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde. "We want to see this continue." The day will begin at 8 a.m. with a crop tour at Vance Smith's irrigated field, Tommy Yeater,

county extension agent, said. During the visit, area farmers and ranchers will be able to compare different products as well as look over research regarding micro-nutrients. "This is a way to educate farmers and ranchers on what's out there and

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Obituaries

Jimmy Grant



Jimmy Grant, 66, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at Coahoma Cemetery with Chaplain Lynn Robertson of Compass Hospice officiating.

He was born Sept. 13, 1945, in Devine, Texas, to Gertrude and Albert Grant. He has been a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from October 1964 until September 1967. He was a Baptist.

He married Sharon Gregg on June 12, 1997. Jimmy was a truck driver, having worked 11 years for Western Container and six years for the City of Big Spring, retiring in March 2007. He then worked for Walker Construction from November 2007 until his illness. He had also worked for the *Big Spring Herald* and San Angelo Standard Times.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Grant of Big Spring; three sons, Joey Grant and wife Sally, David Grant and wife Tia of Sand Springs and Mike (Skeeter) Grant and wife Tiffany of Lubbock; seven grandchildren, MaKinsey Grant, Tanner Grant, Clay Grant, Andrea Amaro and husband Shane Burt, Adrian Grant, Elissa Thompson and Kelsey Grant; four great-grandchildren, Karleigh Paige Burt, Kyle Ray Grant, Logan Ryan Grant and Jackson Grant; two adopted granddaughters, Tawna Moore and Ashley Born; three brothers, Gary Grant, Jeters Grant and wife Beverly and Keith Grant and wife Sharon; one sister, Pam Grant; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Albert Lee Grant, Randy Grant and Tony Grant.

Pallbearers will be Shane Burt, Adrian Grant, Ronnie Grant, Jeremy Grant, Allan Grant, Rodney Grant, Russell Grant and Tony Jetton. Honorary pallbearers will be Brian Grant, Randy Roach, Edward Roach, Buddy Everette, Travis Dyer, Jessie Baker, Clay Grant, Paul Stuteville, Woody Taylor, Steve Watson and Raul Castillo.

Arrangements are Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Jerry Neil Easterling

Jerry Neil Easterling, 75, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with full military honors.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Phyllis Pettigrew Sparks



Phyllis Pettigrew Sparks, 88, of Cedar Park, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, in a Cedar Park nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at the funeral home.

She was born July 20, 1923, in Grady, N.M., and married Robert "Sparky" Sparks on Aug. 9, 1942, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death June 13, 1997. Sparky was a longtime employee of Cosden Oil and Chemical, now Alon USA.

Phyllis was one of nine children born to a New Mexico pioneer family who were very involved in ranching and rodeo. Her brother, Homer Pettigrew, was a National Rodeo Finals Champion. She was a nurse for Dr. Kurkendall and Dr. Porter and took pride in caring for others. She loved to travel and dance. Her personality lit up a room and her smile and laughter will be missed by all.

She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Larry Sparks and wife Leslie of Cedar Park; one daughter, Janis Sparks Burrow of Austin; one brother, Kit Pettigrew of Clovis, N.M.; seven grandchildren, Rob Sparks and wife Melinda of Cedar Park, Nathan Sparks and wife Renee of Caruth, Mo., Kate Burrow Rupp and husband Andy of Denver, Colo., Brandy Rhodes and husband Troy of Lubbock, Liz Farley and husband Lane of Dallas, Dr. Carolyn Burrow Barber and husband Paul of LaJolla, Calif., and Cindy Burrow Conger and husband Brad of Philadelphia, Pa.; 16 great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Doris Banks of Big Spring and Eleanor Cornett of Fort Stockton.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- JAMERE RAYSHAD COOPER, 23, of 500 S. Goliad, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to appear (two counts).
- KELLY PHILLIPS, 50, of 1904 E. 25th St. Apt. 208, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place.
- ASSAULT was reported: In the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. In the 2500 block of Cindy Lane.
- THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Culp Avenue.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANDY LEE CUELLAR, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ALFRED RAYMIEARS, 50, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Killen Police Department warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.
- CHARLES RAYMOND AARON, 36, was arrested Monday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a U.S. Marshals warrant for felony warrant — U.S. Marshals Service — possession of a weapon.
- WESLEY GWYN BRAGGS, 27, was arrested Monday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on Glasscock County warrants for theft — more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, possession of marijuana

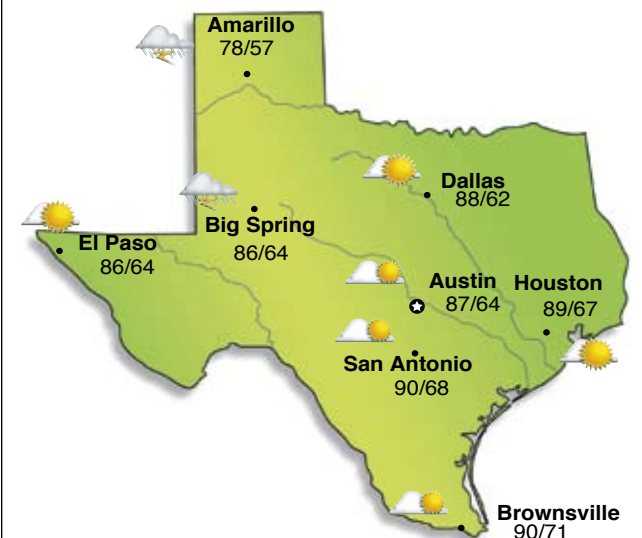
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 10/5	Thu 10/6	Fri 10/7	Sat 10/8	Sun 10/9
86/64	90/62	84/61	80/59	81/55
Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 7:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 7:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 7:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:21 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	84	64	pt sunny	Kingsville	91	69	pt sunny
Amarillo	78	57	t-storm	Livingston	90	59	mst sunny
Austin	87	64	pt sunny	Longview	89	56	sunny
Beaumont	88	61	sunny	Lubbock	78	58	t-storm
Brownsville	90	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	57	sunny
Brownwood	87	64	pt sunny	Midland	84	66	t-storm
Corpus Christi	88	72	pt sunny	Raymondville	93	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	87	60	mst sunny	Rosenberg	89	67	mst sunny
Dallas	88	62	mst sunny	San Antonio	90	68	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	68	windy	San Marcos	88	63	pt sunny
El Paso	86	64	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	57	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	89	65	t-storm	Sweetwater	83	64	t-storm
Gainesville	86	59	mst sunny	Tyler	88	55	mst sunny
Greenville	87	57	mst sunny	Weatherford	86	60	mst sunny
Houston	89	67	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	86	62	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	51	sunny	Minneapolis	86	57	pt sunny
Boston	64	42	windy	New York	72	48	mst sunny
Chicago	76	55	sunny	Phoenix	82	63	pt sunny
Dallas	88	62	mst sunny	San Francisco	63	54	rain
Denver	74	50	pt sunny	Seattle	56	47	rain
Houston	89	67	mst sunny	St. Louis	84	58	sunny
Los Angeles	63	53	rain	Washington, DC	73	47	sunny
Miami	87	75	rain				

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— two ounces or less, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, no insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia and cooperative agreement with state on fuel tax.

• KELLY MARIE PHILLIPS, 50, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near the 176 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

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Briefs

Apple expected to unveil new iPhone on Tuesday

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple Inc. is unveiling a new, more powerful version of its wildly popular smartphone — more than a year after it launched the iPhone 4.

Last week, Apple Inc. e-mailed invitations to a media event at its headquarters in Cupertino on Tuesday morning. The invite says “let’s talk iPhone,” implying the secretive company intends to show off the latest version of the device.

The first iPhone came out in 2007, and the phone’s signature slick looks, high-resolution screen and intuitive software has gained millions of fans over the years. There were 39 million iPhones sold just between January and the end of June.

Beyond the iPhone itself, the Tuesday event is anticipated as Apple’s first major product unveiling in years that won’t be led by Steve Jobs, who resigned from the CEO post in August after being out on indefinite medical leave since January.

The Apple co-founder is now its executive chairman.

Dems mum on pursuing money owed government

WASHINGTON (AP) — To the dismay of consumer groups and the discomfort of Democrats, President Barack Obama wants Congress to make it easier for private debt collectors to call the cellphones of consumers delinquent on student loans and other billions owed the federal government.

The change “is expected to provide substantial increases in collections, particularly as an increasing share of households no longer have landlines and rely instead on cellphones,” the administration wrote recently. The little-noticed recommendation would apply only to cases in which money is owed the government, and is tucked into the mammoth \$3 trillion deficit-reduction plan the president submitted to Congress. Despite the claim, the administration has not calculated how much the government would collect.

GUILTY

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oath when he denied knowing how Winkler County Sheriff Robert Roberts, a friend, obtained names and contact information of patients for questioning about who complained about the physician.

Roberts was the first of the trio to go to trial and was convicted of misuse of official information and retaliation, both third-degree felonies, and official oppression, a Class A misdemeanor. After waiving jury punishment — part of a deal between the prosecution and defense — Roberts was given four years probation for each of the felony charges and 100 days in county jail for the misdemeanor offenses, all of which will be served concurrently.

The sentencing plea deal for Roberts “was not contingent” on him testifying in the trials of Arafiles and Tidwell, according to defense attorney Woody Leverett, but he would not elaborate on whether the former sheriff will testify

in those trials.

Former hospital administrator Stan Wiley pleaded guilty in March to a misdemeanor charge of abuse of official capacity in exchange for his testimony.

Investigators allege Arafiles approached his close friend, Roberts, who was also a patient, after the Texas Medical Board contacted the doctor about the complaint. Arafiles asked his friend to help him find out who filed the complaint and Roberts used his authority to get a copy, investigators said.

Arafiles and other officials were then able to determine the identities of those who filed the complaint — names that would have been protected from disclosure if law enforcement officials had not misused their position to obtain confidential information, the Texas attorney general’s office said.

Among the nurses’ complaints in their unsigned April 2009 letter to the medical board were that Arafiles improperly encouraged patients to buy herbal medicines from

him and had wanted to use hospital supplies to perform a procedure at a patient’s home.

Arafiles, licensed in Texas since 1998, has said the nurses’ letter to the board was intended to harm him personally.

Mitchell and Galle — who were fired from the hospital, indicted and arrested in June 2009 — have since sued the county and accepted a \$750,000 settlement after they were cleared of wrong-doing.

Both testified during the course of the trial, describing the hardships they have endured.

The medical board technically suspended Arafiles in February but said he could continue to practice medicine while on probation for four years if he completed additional training. According to media reports, he is now practicing medicine at Cozby-Germany Hospital in the East Texas town of Grand Saline.

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REFUND

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executive vice president of the college. “We’ve been asking around, but right now, nobody knows anything definite.

“I would like to know myself,” Hansen said.

“Right now, we’re in a wait-and-see mode.”

BSISD officials were unavailable for comment. A text message from Superintendent Steven Saldivar said he had “no information” on the matter.

Other Texas entities affected by the requests and the amount they

would have to pay back include:

- Harris County: \$50.7 million
- Houston ISD: \$13.3 million
- Pasadena ISD: \$11.3 million
- El Paso County: \$17.7 million
- El Paso Schools: \$8.6 million

- Moore County: \$15.8 million
- Dumas School District: \$4.8 million
- Galveston County: \$13.8 million
- Texas City ISD: \$2.4 million
- Jefferson County: \$23.7 million
- Port Arthur ISD: \$14.9 million

- Nueces County: \$10.1 million
- Corpus Christi ISD: \$6.2 million
- Total: \$135.2 million
- Schools: \$62.8 million

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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SALUTE

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let them know about new products and soil fertility and other useful knowledge,” Yeater said.

Those interested in taking the tour should make reservations with the chamber no later than Monday. Those taking the tour are asked to meet at Dora Roberts Community Center around 7:30 a.m. Oct. 13.

“They can call up here and provide us with their contact information so we can know about how many will be taking the tour with us and at that time we will

provide them with any more information they are needing,” ValVerde said.

The morning tour will conclude and a luncheon — provided free to area producers at the Dora Roberts Community Center — will be served at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Texas Department of Agriculture Deputy Commissioner Drew DeBerry.

DeBerry, a native of Olton, has been involved in agriculture all his life. He was raised in a family of farming and custom harvest operations. He received degrees in agriculture and applied economics from Texas Tech University

and has served an internship in the office of State Sen. Robert Duncan. He has also worked in Washington, D.C. as the White House liaison at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and as Deputy Chief of Staff for USDA.

He will speak on the future outlook for agriculture and the cattle industry.

The Ag Producer and Ag Business of the Year will also be announced at the luncheon.

After lunch, producers can take part in a \$10 continuing education program conducted by Yeater. The leadership class will continue the day with tours of the USDA offices, Big

Spring Gin, Porter Henderson, Marion Newton antique tractors and CPS farm store.

“This is a great way to provide a different knowledge base on different agricultural producers and contributors in the community,” Yeater said.

Luncheon tickets for those who are not farmers or ranchers are \$15 each at the chamber office, 215 W. Third St. Local farmers and ranchers can pick up their free tickets at the chamber office or Porter Hen-

derson, the AgriLife extension office located in the courthouse, or Ronnie Wood Crop Productions office.

For more information, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

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Blue Ribbon- RaeNell Best	Division 8-Kilm Products	Blue Ribbon- Roy McNew	White Ribbon- Alexandra Park	Red Ribbons- Jesse Saenz	Class H — Groups
Best	Blue Ribbons- Cindy Kennedy, Dovie Shannon, Diana Best	Class 9-miscellaneous	Honorable Mention- Alexandra Park's	Squash	Blue Ribbon- Callie Riley
Division 5-Misc. Hand Crafts	Red Ribbons- Dovie Shannon	Blue Ribbons-Teresa Melendez	School-Elementary	Blue Ribbons-Darren Shock	Red Ribbons- Tammy Schrecongast
Blue Ribbons- John Craven, Sarah Caddell	Division 9-Wood Crafts	Red Ribbon- Marilyn Rogers	School-Grade 4 -Class 1	Spinach	White Ribbons-Sandra Bloom
Division 8-Kilm Products	Blue Ribbons- Jim Roe	White Ribbon- Ann Sanders, Janice Copeland	Blue Ribbon-Greenlea Deatherage	Grand Champion- Ann Sanders	Honorable Mention- Shelbi Cervantes
Blue Ribbons-Donna Menges	Division 11-Wreaths and Baskets	Art Department Results 2011	Red Ribbon-Greenlea Deatherage	Blue Ribbons- Ann Sanders	Class I — Birds
Division 5-Misc. Hand Crafts	Blue Ribbons-Beverly Sundry	Category 1	School-Grade 4 -Class 2	Photography Results 2011	Blue Ribbon- Jesse Saenz
Blue Ribbons- Linda Luna, Jesse Saenz, RaeNell Best	Handwork and Needlework-Adults	BEST OF SHOW-Adam Hernandez	Blue Ribbon-Greenlea Deatherage	Best of Show- Bruce Schooler	Red Ribbons- Jesse Saenz
Division 11-Wreaths & Baskets	Division 1-Afghans	GRAND CHAMPION- Adam Hernandez	Red Ribbon-Greenlea Deatherage	Grand Champion- Bruce Schooler	White Ribbons- V. Anne Tubb
Blue Ribbons-Beverly Sundry	Blue Ribbons- Margaret Darling	Category 2	School-Grade 4 -Class 2	Division 19 – Amateur/ Nonprofessional - Black and White	Class L — Patriotic
Handwork and Needlework-Golden Age	Division 3-Tea Towels	GRAND CHAMPION- Bruce Schooler	Blue Ribbon-Greenlea Deatherage	Class A — Landscape	Blue Ribbon- Bruce Schooler
Division 1-Afghans	Blue Ribbons-Robbie Crenshaw	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION-Bruce Schooler	School-Grade 6 -Class 1	Class C — Animals	Class F — Patriotic
Grand Champion- Donna Menges	Division 7-Quilts	Professional-01-Pencil Drawing — Animals	Blue Ribbon- Jordan Quall	Blue Ribbon- Johnny Bedell	Blue Ribbon- LaDonna Hudgins
Reserve Champion- Fran Emerson	Grand Champion- Fran Maples	Blue Ribbon-Adam Hernandez	Red Ribbon- Jordan Quall	Class A — Landscape	Division 22 — Children
Blue Ribbons-Donna Menges, Fran Emerson, Carmen Mendoza, Perl Armstrong, Virginia Lujan	Reserve Champion- Bethany Sleight	Professional-01B-Charcoal Drawing -- Animals	School-Grade 6 -Class 2	Blue Ribbon- Johnny Bedell	Class A — Landscape
Red Ribbons- Gloria Rodriguez	Blue Ribbons- Wanda Stephens, Bethany Sleight, Diana Best, Fran Maples	Blue Ribbon-Adam Hernandez	Blue Ribbon- Jordan Quall	Class C — Animals	Blue Ribbon- Kristina Skyles
White Ribbons-Beth Moren	Division 9-Misc. Handwork & Needlework	Red Ribbon- Adam Hernandez	Red Ribbon- Jordan Quall	Blue Ribbon- Donnie Tubb	Red Ribbons- Kristina Skyles
Division 2- Pillowcases	Blue Ribbons- Sandee Lockhart	White Ribbon- Adam Hernandez	School-Pre-K - Groups	Division 20 — Professional Color	Class B — Floral
Blue Ribbons- Virginia Lujan	Division 10-Baby Accessories	Professional-01C- Colored Pencil Drawing -- Western	Blue Ribbon-Children's Day Out , Maranatha, Marcy, Hillcrest	Class A — Landscape	Blue Ribbon-Haylena Davidson
Division 3-Tea Towels	Grand Champion-Debra Franklin	Blue Ribbon-Rhonda Campbell	School-Grade 1-Art-Class 1 - Groups	Blue Ribbon- Bruce Schooler	Class C — Animals
Blue Ribbons- Virginia Lujan	Reserve Champion- Debra Franklin	Red Ribbon- Adam Hernandez	Blue Ribbon- Kentwood-Mrs. Castles class	Red Ribbons- Bruce Schooler	Blue Ribbon- Greenlea Deatherage
Division 6-Potholders	Blue Ribbons- V. Anne Tubb	Professional-01D- Colored Pencil Drawing -- Landscape Western	Red Ribbon- Marantha Baptist Academy	White Ribbons- Bruce Schooler	Red Ribbons- Haylena Davidson
Blue ribbon- Reba Sartor, Fran Emerson, Virginia Lujan	Red Ribbons- Lisa Page	Professional-03A- Oil-Landscape	School-Grade 1-Art-Class 2 - Groups	Honorable Mention- Bruce Schooler	White Ribbons-Greenlea Deatherage
Red Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds	Division 12-Decorated Shirts	Blue Ribbon-Rhonda Campbell	Blue Ribbon- Mrs. Escebedo's class	Class F — Portraits	Class E — Collage
Division 7-Quilts	Blue Ribbon- Diana Best	Red Ribbon-Belle Schooler	School-Grade 2-Art-Groups	Blue Ribbon- Bruce Schooler	Blue Ribbon-Emily Kocak
Grand Champion-Barbara Cooley	Sewing	White Ribbon-Belle Schooler	Blue Ribbon- Kentwood-Mrs. Elliott's class	Red Ribbons- Bruce Schooler	Red Ribbons- Emily Kocak
Reserve Champion- Ernestine Day	Grand Champion-Karen Spears Waters	Honorable Mention- Belle Schooler	Red Ribbon- Marcy- Mrs. Tucker's class (tie)	White Ribbons- Gloria Rodriguez	Favorite Family Pet
Blue Ribbons- Lana Coots, Gloria Rodriguez, Barbara Cooley, Ernestine Day	Blue Ribbons-Karen Spears Waters	Professional-03D-Oil -- Portraits -- Individuals	Red Ribbon- Kentwood-Mrs. Phillips class (tie)	Class I — Birds	Blue Ribbon- Marilyn Rogers
Division 8-Throw Pillows	Juvenile	Blue Ribbon-Josh Nalley	School-Grade 3-Art-Class 1 - Groups	Blue Ribbon- Bruce Schooler	Red Ribbons- Julie Bacon
Blue Ribbon- JoBeth Corwin	Division 12-Juvenile Wood Crafts	Professional-03E-Oil -- Portraits -- Animals	Blue Ribbon- Kentwood-Mrs. Reagan's class	Class L — Patriotic	White Ribbons- Jerry Myrick
Division 9-Misc Handwork	Blue Ribbons- Emily Bacon, Mallory Bacon	Blue Ribbon-Adam Hernandez	Red Ribbon- Kentwood-Ms. Hunnicutt's class	Blue Ribbon- Bruce Schooler	Kids do the darndest things
Blue Ribbons- Virginia Lujan, Gloria Rodriguez, Donna Menges, Mamie Lee Dodds, Carol Huddleston	Division 13-Juvenile Pillows	Red Ribbon- Adam Hernandez	School-Grade 3-Art-Class 2 - Groups	Class F — Patriotic	Blue Ribbon- Marilyn Rogers
Red Ribbons-Mamie Lee Dodds	Blue Ribbons- Kassady Groebl, Stormy Baily, Chloe Guy, Celestiana Luna	Professional-05A-Watercolor —Landscape	Blue Ribbon- Mrs. Escebedo's class	Blue Ribbon-LaDonna Hudgins	Red Ribbons- Julie Bacon
Division 10-Baby Accessories	Division 13-Juvenile Quilts	Blue Ribbon-Rhonda Campbell	School-Grade 2-Art-Groups	Division 20 – Amateur/ Non-Professional -Color	Grandparents Corner
Grand Champion- Barbara Cooley	Blue Ribbon- Melissa Myers	Professional-05B-Watercolor – Still life	Blue Ribbon- Marcy-Mrs. Polson's class	Class A — Landscape	Blue Ribbon-Tammy Schrecongast
Blue Ribbons-Helen Crandall, Barbara Cooley, Perl Armstrong, Virginia Lujan, Jean Govea	Division 13-Juvenile Dresses	Blue Ribbon-Linda Rupard	Red Ribbon- Marcy-Mrs. Spencer's class	Blue Ribbon- Johnny Bedell	Red Ribbons- Tammy Schrecongast
Red Ribbons- Jean Govea	Blue Ribbon- Brynn Workman	Professional-05D-Watercolor –Animals	School-Grade 3-Art-Class 3 - Groups	Red Ribbons- Anne Tubb	Ranch Rodeo Results 2011
Division 11-Crocheted/ Knitted Wearing Apparel	Special Exhibit-Antique — Cookbooks	Blue Ribbon-Rhonda Campbell	Blue Ribbon- Marcy-Mrs. Meschulka's class	White Ribbons- Anne Tubb	Average Winners
Blue Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds, Donna Menges, Carol Huddleston, Kenneth Franks	Grand Champion- JoBeth Corwin	Professional-05F-Watercolor –Flowers	Red Ribbon- Marcy-Mrs. Kennedy's class	Honorable Mention-Jesse Bravo	1st: Schneeman Ranch.
Division 14-Wall Hangings	Reserve Champion- JoBeth Corwin	Blue Ribbon-Linda Rupard	White Ribbon- Marcy-Mrs. Burrow's class	Class B — Flowers	2nd: Chico Ranch.
Blue Ribbon- Gloria Roe	Blue Ribbons- JoBeth Corwin, Geraldine Posey, Mamie Leigh Dodds.	Non-Professional-03A-Oil-Landscape	School-Grade 4-Art-Groups	Blue Ribbon-Jesse Bravo	3rd: TP Livestock.
Sewing	Red JoBeth Corwin, Geraldine Posey, Beverly Sundry, Mamie Lee Dodds	Blue Ribbon- Evelyn Zellers	Blue Ribbon- Kentwood-Mrs. Lopez's class	Red Ribbons- Jana Slaughter	4th: EZJ Cattle Co
Blue Ribbons- Mamie Lee Dodds, Gloria Rodriguez	Canned Goods Results 2011	Red Ribbon- Jean Money	School-Grade 3-Art-Class 3 - Groups	White Ribbons- Shana Courtney	Event Winners
Red Ribbons-Mamie Lee Dodds	Grand Champion- RaeNell Best	White Ribbon- Belle Schooler	Blue Ribbon- Marcy-Mrs. Chesworth's class	Honorable Mention- Jana Slaughter	Stray Gathering
Hobbies and Crafts-Adults	Class 1-canned fruit	Non-Professional-04A-Acrylics-Landscape	Home School	Class C — Animals	1st: Schneeman Ranch.
Division 1-Holiday Crafts	Blue Ribbon- Teresa Melendez	Blue Ribbon- Andrea Medlin	Blue Ribbon-Emily and Mallory Bacon	Blue Ribbon-Jesse Bravo	2nd: TP Livestock
Blue Ribbons- Dovie Shannon, Diana Best, Kandy McWhorter	Red Ribbons- Janice Copeland	Non-Professional-06E-Watercolor-Animals-	Red Ribbon-Mallory Bacon	Red Ribbons- Donnie Tubb	3rd: JX Ranch
Division 2-Dolls	White Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds	Blue Ribbon- Andrea Medlin	Home School - Poetry	White Ribbons- Melissa Myers	Branding
Blue Ribbons- Karen Oliver	Class 2-canned vegetables	Non-Professional-06-Watercolor -Mixed Media-	Blue Ribbon- Mallory Bacon	Honorable Mention-Jesse Bravo	1st: Schneeman Ranch.
Division 3-Pictures	Blue Ribbons- Ann Sanders	Blue Ribbon-Jean Money	Group Home School	Class D — Computerized	2nd: Chico Ranch.
Grand Champion- Margaret Darling	Red Ribbon- Janice Copeland	Non-Professional-02- Ink-	Blue Ribbon-Comanche Flat	Blue Ribbon-Shelby Cervantes	3rd: S&W Cattle Co.
Reserve Champion- Aileen K Ausmus	White Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds	Blue Ribbon-Robert Barlow	Produce Results 2011	Class E — Collage	Mugging
Blue Ribbons- Karen Oliver, Dovie Shannon, Margaret Darling, Aileen K Ausmus	Class 3-pickles and relishes	School-High School- Still life	Pecans	Blue Ribbon- Johnny Bedell	1st: Lemmond Cattle Co.
	Blue Ribbons- Ann Sanders	Blue Ribbon- Diona Posey	Reserve Champion-Jesse Saenz	Red Ribbons- Jesse Saenz	2nd: Darla Vuelta.
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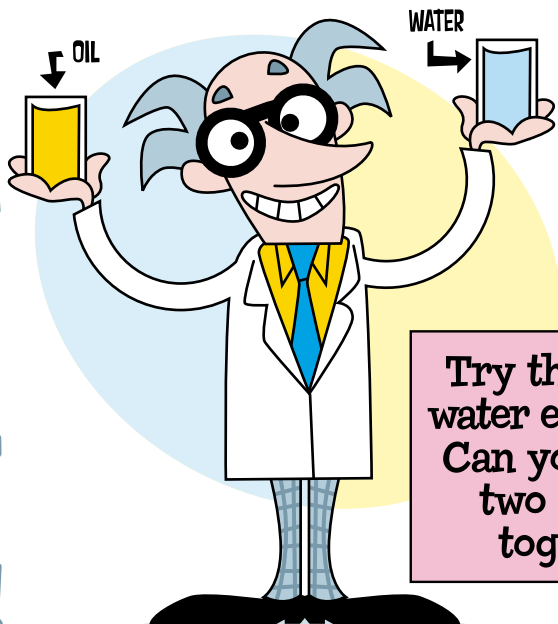
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Have you ever seen the sheen of oil on a puddle of water? When water lands on oil in the street, the oil floats to the surface. It just won't mix with the water.

Try this oil and water experiment. Can you get the two to stick together?



Molecule Notes

Everything is made of little building blocks called molecules. They are too small to see with the naked eye, but they give all things their special characteristics.

Molecules make hard things hard, soap slippery and rubber bands stretchy. Their size, shape and ability to attract other molecules determine these characteristics.

People are made of molecules, too!

Everything from our bones to our skin and hair are all various types of molecules.

SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

Perform this experiment and record your observations here!

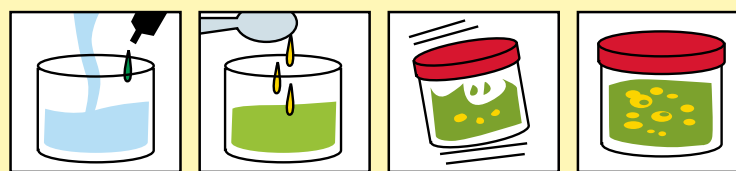
QUESTION: Will oil and water mix?

HYPOTHESIS: What will happen when I try to mix oil and water?

TOOLS FOR EXPERIMENT:

- Small clear jar or bottle with screw top
- Water
- Food coloring
- 2 tablespoons of cooking oil
- Measuring spoon

METHOD:



Fill the jar about half way with water. Add a couple of drops of food coloring.

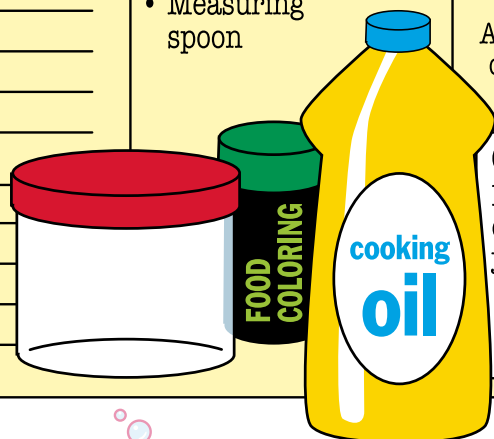
Add the 2 tablespoons of oil to the colored water.

Screw the lid on tight and shake the jar as hard as you can.

Set the jar down and see if the water and oil mixed together.

OBSERVATION / CONCLUSION:

Draw or describe what you see.



Why won't the water and oil mix?

Water usually _____ well with other liquids to _____ solutions. But, as this experiment shows, oil and water do not mix. Water molecules are strongly _____ to each other. So are oil molecules. Because each is more attracted to its own _____, they just don't mix together. They separate, and the oil _____ above the water because it has a lower density.

Replace the missing words.

ATTRACTED MIXES FORM FLOATS MOLECULES

SOAP MIXES THINGS UP!

If you add a few drops of dishwashing liquid to your jar of water and oil, what happens?

Cut out these sentences and put them in the correct order for an explanation.

_____ or two of dishwashing liquid. Both oil and water are _____

_____ There is one way to get oil and water to mix. Add a drop _____

_____ molecules to hook up, which is why adding dishwashing _____

_____ attracted to dishwashing liquid. It helps the oil and water _____

_____ plates and into the water!

_____ liquid to water helps remove oil and grime off the _____

Standards Links: Physical Science: Understand things can be done to materials to change some of their properties.

OBSERVATION / CONCLUSION:

Draw or describe what you see.

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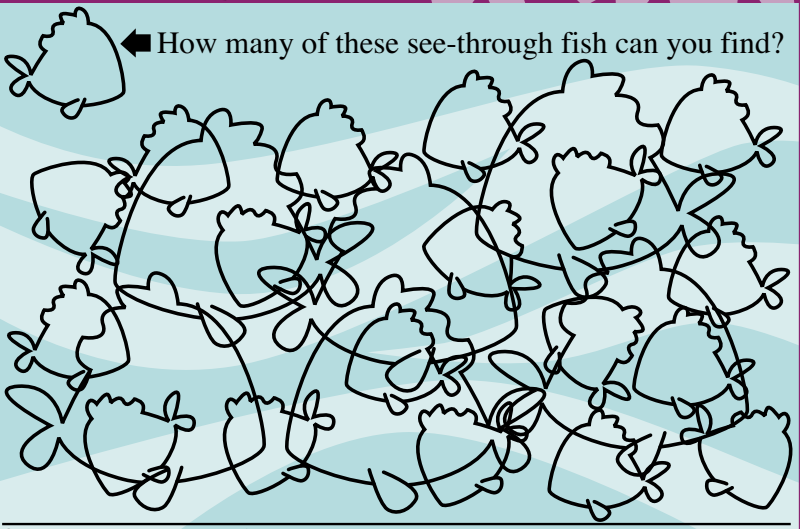
Molecule Dot-to-Dot

On one page of the newspaper, find and circle the letters that spell **molecule**. Connect the letters in order, and then create a design that you color.

Repeat with other science words:
matter investigation scientific hypothesis

Standards Links: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Help the plumber before a gushing stream of water stops progress. To play the game, go to: www.kidscoop.com/kids

Double Double Word Search

- EXPERIMENT
- SOLUTIONS
- SCIENTIST
- MOLECULE
- SURFACE
- DENSITY
- FLOATS
- LIQUID
- SHEEN
- WATER
- STICK
- TRACK
- FOOD
- OIL
- MIX

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

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

Standards Links: Writing: Use strategies to edit written work.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **FLOAT** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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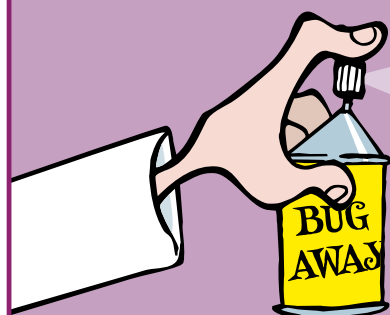
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Cause & Effect

1. Find a headline that shows a cause and effect.
2. Find a headline that describes an effect, and then read the article to determine the cause.

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Understand cause and effect.



How did the scientist invent bug spray?

ANSWER: From scratch.

Write On!

Mad Scientist

If you were a mad scientist, what kind of experiments would you do? What would be your question and hypothesis? How would you test your hypothesis?

A hawk with a taste for Cabrito

Leaving Amarillo, he reminisced about a time when the fields were varying shades of green. To his eye, the fields of cotton had been restful in comparison to the few drought-shriveled grasses gracing endless, barren sections of farmland.

Especially poignant in his memory was the day those verdant fields had given him a unique experience. Having sped by Tahoka and O'Donnell, he had stopped in Lamesa for coffee.

After parking in front of the café nestled in front of the motel, he had looked forward to the latest news regarding everything from peanuts to the price per bale of cotton.

As the coffee klatch neared an end, he and the other men had promised to meet again.

Still heading south on 87, he had spotted the microwave tower to the east of Ackerly. It was always a symbol that he was getting closer to Big Spring.

Suddenly, as he had admired the stands of cotton between his truck and the town, he noticed a large, brown bird at the end of a furrow. At first he thought it must have flown down to the ground to catch its prey. Then he wondered if it been hit by a vehicle. By the time he decided to go back and check on the bird, he had traveled much further down the highway.

After turning around,

he hoped he could find it. Fortunately, at the time he had seen it, he had also noticed just about where he had been in relationship to the tower. If the bird had moved, he felt he'd never find it.

Creeping down the shoulder of the road,



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his vehicle was buffeted by the turbulence from passing trucks. Looking not only at the end of the furrows, he had also taken the time to scan between the rows. Not finding the bird, he stopped. Since he had not seen it take flight in his rear view or outside mirrors, he decided to walk the area he remembered when first seeing the creature. As he approached another row he noticed a movement of plant leaves some 20 feet into the field.

On a West Texas day blessed with a calm October morning, he was able to find the bird. "Good gosh, that's a big hawk," was his first thought. Starting to walk toward the raptor, he had pulled his leather gloves from his back pocket.

Instead of taking flight, the bird had hurried to keep a distance between itself and him.

"Oh, boy, this isn't going to be as easy as I thought," kept running through his mind. De-



Courtesy photo

Hunting for grasshoppers, rabbits, ground squirrels, rats, lizards and snakes, the Swainson's hawk is often seen soaring on thermal updrafts or perched atop telephone poles and fence posts. Arriving sometime between March and May, it begins its migration southward in late August or early September.

termined, he was soon running, jumping over cotton and closing in on the hawk. If the bird were as tired as he was, surely it would slow its evasive movements. He stopped.

Keeping his eye on where the hawk was hidden, he tiptoed slowly down another row. Hoping he would guess its next direction, he slowly stepped across two rows of cotton.

Again he stopped. Pulling one glove from his hand in order to reach in his pocket, he was glad he had earlier asked the waitress for change.

Carefully, he tossed a quarter into the next row. Seemingly not frightened by the coin's landing, the hawk moved about a foot.

Once again, leaves suggested where the bird had gone. With the last of his energy, he dove toward the suspected area. As he landed on his knees, he had brought his gloved hands around a large clump of cotton. Included in his catch was a wiggling mass of feathers.

When his sales were completed, he drove back to Amarillo with a passenger in the back of his cab. His wife and son were excited when he announced they had company.

For two days, the hawk ate readily. From their freezer, the family shared with the bird one of their favorite meats. Realizing they could not keep it, he called one of his clients for help.

After telling me how he had located us, he said he would be coming back to Big Spring the following day.

As we talked, I had asked him what he had been feeding the hawk. "Cabrito!" he said proudly.

Having removed an adult Swainson's hawk from his carrier, I saw a bulge on the top of one wing.

Acting as a compress

atop an open wound, the bird's dampened feathers had matted, thereby helping to seal and protect the area.

Unable to hold its wings equally, the hawk had one wing drawn close to its side, while the affected one was held slightly out and upward. Unable to hunt, the raptor would have starved.

The dark brown bird of prey had the most noticeable identifying mark of its specie.

Its reddish brown bib was outstanding against the creamy white of its chest and belly. Dark bands accented its grayish tail. With its white wing linings contrasting against its dark flight feathers, the raptor was an outstanding specimen.

From the Erskines at the Eos Sanctuary in Midland we learned it had a clean break that was repairable. Chances for this bird to fly again were good.

Often we have heard years later of how a bird affected someone's life. While we felt the man had insured that the Swainson's would, in the future, be seen in summer skies or migrating in flocks to Argentina, he had enjoyed retelling how he had entertained a feathered client with his stash of tender goat meat.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop From Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Walk the talk: Practice what you preach

I am a history buff. I love to read about what has happened in the past and how leaders of the past generations handled the situations they faced.

The ones I feel are the greatest are the ones who led by example. They followed the old adage, practice what you preach or actions

spoken louder than words.

This is a timeless guiding principle and it



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has been passed down from generation to generation, seemingly forever. It is one of the most familiar and relevant guidelines

for living, but far too often overlooked and seemingly forgotten.

Simply stated, practicing what you preach means you actually do what you expect from others and it's none of this "do what I say, not what I do" stuff that so many expect from others and especially their children.

We should keep in mind all of our actions matter; everything we do counts.

Consider this: If it's wrong for our children to be irresponsible, is it OK for parents to be irresponsible? If it's wrong for children to lie, then when is it OK for a parent to not be truthful?

It's never OK! Our children look to us for guidance and direction. And just as we have expectations of them, they have expect-

tations of us.

They expect us to be trusting and trustworthy, careful and caring, respectful and respectable, competent and committed.

They expect us to abide by the same rules and values.

And they expect us to lead by example, to walk the talk.

They expect all of that and more; they deserve all of that and more.

If we will meet those expectations and responsibilities, our success potential is unlimited, but if we discount or ignore them, then everyone loses.

But I must also insert, our children need to hear our reason for desiring such expectations. If our expectations are not clear, the wrong message may be delivered.

For instance, if I am

trying to get my son to turn off the light when leaving the room, I should explain why this action is requested.

I should explain I am trying to save on the electrical bill and turning off the light when leaving the room will help save money, then I should always do what I am asking him to do and do it consistently.

Expectations for others are just words unless we also abide by them.

To be the trusted and respected parent whom our children will want to follow, we must lead by example and practice what we preach because our actions do speak louder than our words.

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Rangers grab 2-1 ALDS lead

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — From part-time starter earlier in his career to an important cog on a team trying to get back to the World Series, Texas catcher Mike Napoli is having quite a season.

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The Rangers have won four consecutive ALDS road games — all against the Rays. A fifth

will put them in the AL championship series for the second straight year.

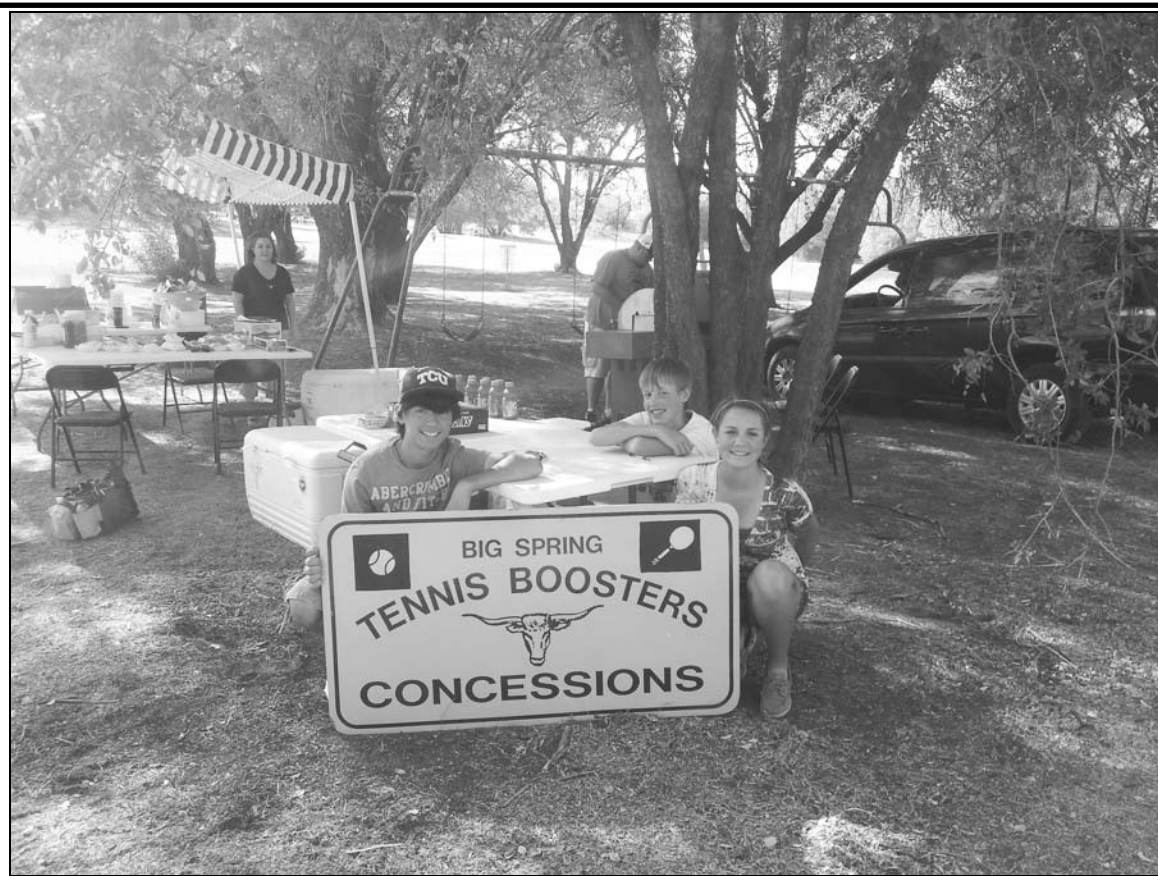
Napoli, who batted .320 with 30 homers and 75 RBIs in 113 games during the regular season, is one of the reasons they like their chances of reaching the World Series again.

“He’s gotten so many big hits for us this year, you just would shudder to think where we’d be without him,” Rangers CEO and president Nolan Ryan said.

“I feel good at the plate,” added Napoli, who’s done plenty of damage against the Rays since joining Texas after being traded twice within five days in January. “I’m glad I can contribute and help us win.”

Napoli singled and stole a

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Big Spring eighth graders (left to right) Josh Baker, Anthony Gipson and Sarah Marshall hold a sign supporting the tennis booster club. With hopes of an annual event, the booster club welcomed several students who volunteered to support the cause. Not pictured were eighth graders Hannah Jensen, Jennifer Campos, seventh graders Andy Armstrong, Ashley Armstrong and freshman Killian Kendrick.

Bucs outlast winless Colts

TAMPA (AP) — Call it ugly. Call it sloppy. Call it anything you want.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers don’t care. Close games, rallies, penalty-filled performances, as long as they end with celebrations, the Bucs will take them all.

Josh Freeman threw for 287 yards and a touchdown, LeGarrette Blount ran for 127 yards and a score, and the Buccaneers rallied to beat the winless Indianapolis Colts 24-17 on Monday night.

“It’s supposed to be pretty? It’s an orchestra?” cornerback Ronde Barber said.

This one was music to Tampa Bay’s ears.

Freeman picked up the tough yards, Blount had the highlight play and the defense ended the night with four sacks. Together, they helped the Buccaneers win their third consecutive game.

Freeman, who ran for a touchdown early in the game, scrambled for a huge first down on the winning drive. Two plays later, Blount found a gaping hole, bounced to the outside and scampered 35 yards for a touchdown. He carried defensive back David Caldwell the final few yards before diving for the pylon.

Freeman wasn’t done with

the dirty work, though. Needing a yard to move the chains, extend the drive and deny the Colts a chance to tie the game, Freeman picked up the first down on a fourth-and-1 play.

“It really wasn’t pretty the whole time, but that’s us,” Freeman said.

The Buccaneers (3-1) kept pace with New Orleans in the NFC South. The Colts fell to 0-4 for the first time since 1998. Peyton Manning has watched all four losses, unable to play because of a neck injury.

Curtis Painter started this one, filling in for injured backup Kerry Collins, who’s out because of a concussion, and played better than most expected.

“It’s always a little easier when you know you’re going to get some playing time,” Painter said. “We got off to a good start and put some points on the board. But obviously we have to find a way to put more points on the board and move the ball a little bit better.”

Painter completed 13 of 30 passes for 281 yards and two touchdowns, both long ones to Pierre Garcon. He wasn’t nearly as effective down the stretch, partly because the Colts lost starting offensive linemen Anthony Castonzo and Ben Ijalana

to injuries. Guard Ryan Diem was inactive.

“It’s one of those things where we have to move some things around and make some adjustments,” Colts coach Jim Caldwell said. “It’s not a good situation, but nevertheless one that you have to work through.”

The Colts were up 17-10 after Garcon’s second score, but it was all Tampa Bay in the final 20-plus minutes.

“It’s always good to win on a national stage,” Bucs coach Raheem Morris said. “Everybody wants to have a better performance, but it’s hard to apologize for wins, so we’re excited about them all. They’re hard enough to get, so you might as well enjoy every single one you do.”

Freeman was 25 of 39 passing, buying time in the pocket and picking apart Indy’s zone defense. He got the Bucs on the scoreboard with a 1-yard plunge in the second quarter and tied the game at 10 with a 13-yard pass to Preston Parker late in the third.

Blount put them ahead for good with his longest run of the season. Freeman kept them there with his fourth-down plunge into the line with 1:10

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Volleyball standings

	Conf.	Ov.
Big Spring	2-0	26-9
Wylie	2-0	37-6
Brownwood	1-2	10-13
Snyder	0-3	22-12
Sweetwater	0-2	16-16

Tuesday’s matches:

Snyder at Sweetwater

Big Spring at Wylie

Cross country team runs hard in Andrews

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring cross country team had five students reach the top 10 this weekend in Andrews. Jaycee Williams crossed the finish line in third place in the girls 3200 Meter Dash with a time of 14:42.78, while Karina Alvaredo took sixth place with a time of 14:48.03.

Three other Big Spring girls made the mark for the second place claiming Steers cross country team. Lili Alverado, with a time of 15:41.56, came in 16th place, while Vicky Sotelo crossed the line in 21st with a time of 16:24.44. Mika Mendez’s 17:47.69 was fast enough to make the list as well. Mendez

came in 33rd place.

Big Spring Middle School runner Faith Roberson came in with a time of 11:19.75 to claim eighth place for the middle school.

Among the Big Spring boys, three runners made the top 10 in Andrews, helping the team place second in the meet. Gustavo Lugo finished in third place with a time of 18:23.97 to set the mark for Big Spring runners. Mike Williams took eighth with a time of 19:14.66 and Thomas Randall finished in 10th place with a time of 19:21.75.

Nathan Jimenez crossed the line in 20th with a time of 21:02.12 and Mason Ford took 36th place, coming in at 21:49.68.

Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

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

BSLL meeting

Big Spring Little League will have an end of season meeting Oct. 8. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Life Church. There will be an election of officers for the 2012 season.

Forsan Booster Spook-tacular 4-man scramble

The Forsan Buffaloes Booster Club presents a Spook-tacular buffs and goblins 4-man scramble golf tournament at Big Spring Country Club Oct. 15.

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The tournament will kick off to a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days, with barbecue being served on the course Saturday. The field will be flighted according to first round scores, with the number of flights being determined by the number of entrants.

For more information, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

CTLGA reports weekly results

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

In individual play, The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association saw Jo Ann Hilger take the low gross, while the low net went to Patsy Sharpnack. Ramona Harris had the fewest putts in the round.

In the association’s couples tournament Thursday, four under par was good enough for first

place. Vaughn Martin, Howard Gabbard and Trish Gabbard took the honor. Second place went to the team of John and Gus Leonardi, Jerry Roach and Annie Ward. The team combined for a one under par score.

Bill Holden shot closest to the pin on hole three, while Trish Gabbard shot closest on hole six.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The United Nations declared October 4-10 World Space Week. Oct. 4, 1957, marks the launch of Sputnik, the first artificial satellite. Now there are hundreds of active satellites, as well as thousands of unused satellites and other fragmented space debris orbiting Earth. Also in orbit today, an industrious and encouraging Capricorn moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have questions about so many things, and you're eager to learn. In the right environment, you do so quickly, but the information is heavy and the distractions are numerous now, so it might take longer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The noise and activity around you may put you a bit on edge. Take measures to calm yourself. Also, there is financial luck in store for you — perhaps in the form of insurance money, refunds or royalties.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Before you make your move, consult the other people involved. Colleagues, friends and family members will have input. Everything will be easier for you if you take the time to get them on board first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may think you're

eating too much, too little or all wrong. Either way, all your thoughts about your diet are starting to annoy you. The food you eat seems to fill your thoughts more than it does your stomach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Believe in your own good luck. You don't need any talisman to make it so — it's your birthright. There are strains of good fortune in your DNA. You'll make the most of all your opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You think you could have done better, but you're wrong. Consider the forces that were weighing on you at the time. Next time, you'll do it differently, but for now, take peace in the knowledge that you did the best you could.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you are unaware, you are at the mercy of your behavioral patterns. But the moment you become aware, you gain control. Awareness makes change possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be empowered because you achieve a level of detachment you have not been able to reach until now. You'll monitor your own emotions. You'll become a student of your own mind, fascinated by all you learn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't waste a moment's thought punishing yourself for what you weren't able to do before. That was then. This is a

new day, and you have fresh powers to employ.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ask yourself constantly what you are thinking and feeling. It matters. You have been conditioned to tune out your own thoughts and emotions. You'll now benefit from tuning back in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll change a belief because you will realize for the first time its inaccuracy. Don't worry about replacing the belief just yet. Your open mind will lift your awareness, and the journey toward truth will be exciting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Without awareness, you are at the mercy of a situation. That's why you take the time to observe things and understand them. Tonight, you'll be moved to experiment, and you'll get interesting results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 4). Your stellar attitude and positive interpretation of events carry you into a new, exciting era. Business takes off in November. You go forward with great gusto, and you'll have the momentum to succeed. December and June bring travel. Friends help you stick to health and fitness goals in April. Leo and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 24, 15, 45 and 26.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a former professional football player. During my career as a punter, I enjoyed stints on the Oilers, Lions and Ravens and led the NFL in the yards-per-punt average three times. I was even selected to play in the 1994 Pro Bowl. Despite my success on the field, life off the field was more challenging. For years, I suffered in silence with a debilitating illness. Due to my

extremely high expectations, I was constantly consumed by an "unquiet mind" and the performance anxiety that came with it. Prior to the 1997 season, after nine years in the NFL, I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder

Bipolar disorder, or manic depression, is an illness in which people alternate between feeling very good ("highs" or mania) and very bad ("lows" or depression). The mood swings can be quick and severe, ranging from extreme energy to deep despair. These variations are different from ordinary mood changes. Bipolar mood episodes disrupt normal life activities.

As a man, and even more so as a professional football player, I was taught to work through the pain and tough it out. But after a decade of ignoring my symptoms, the disease began to take its toll. I was spiraling out of control, feeling supercharged

one week and exhausted the next. A year after my diagnosis, I left the NFL. Now, nearly 15 years later, I've learned to respect my illness and take it seriously. I've found the strength to navigate through the disorder's gauntlet and learned that it's not a death sentence, but actually a gift. But getting help is key.

While my story has a happy ending, I know the majority of those living with bipolar disorder and depression are not getting the help they need. October 6, 2011, is National Depression Screening Day. On this date, thousands of community organizations, colleges and military installations will host screening events for depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and posttraumatic stress disorder. At these screenings, one can take an anonymous assessment and receive information about local resources. I encourage anyone who thinks they or someone they know might need help to go to www.HelpYourselfHelpOthers.org to find a screening event or take an online screening.

It is imperative that people realize these mood disorders are not weaknesses or character flaws, but real illnesses that can be successfully treated. Sincerely — Greg Montgomery Jr.

Dear Greg: More than 20 million American adults suffer from depression or bipolar disorder, but many do not get the help they need because of the stigma and misinformation associated with mental illness. The screenings at HelpYourselfHelpOthers.org are completely confidential and can be enormously helpful. Thank you for letting us spread the word.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Unhappily Married to a Flirt," whose husband of 21 years has suddenly developed the habit of ogling attractive women. To make it worse, he then asks his wife to dye her hair and get a tattoo.

My husband of almost 47 wonderful years used to do the same thing. When it first started happening, I began pointing out younger and prettier women in short shorts, tight T-shirts and tight jeans. I'd say, "Honey, check that one out." Not long afterward, he stopped. I took the fun out of it for him.

This is what women should do to have a long and happy marriage like ours. — Used To Be Married to an Ogler, but No More

Dear Used To Be: This might work for some women, and playing along could certainly alleviate a great deal of annoyance. But we worry that more than a few men would take it as an invitation for a threesome.

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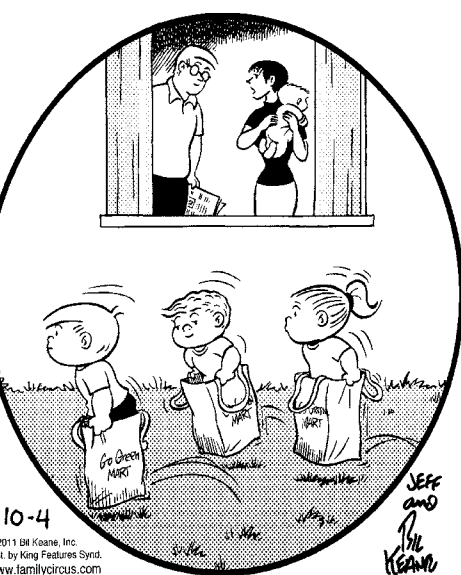
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"IS AN 'OWIE' THE SAME AS A 'BOO-BOO'?"

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"We didn't have any potato sacks, so they're having a reusable grocery bag race."

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HAGAR



"IT'S SO TOUGH THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE A 'HAPPY HOUR'!"

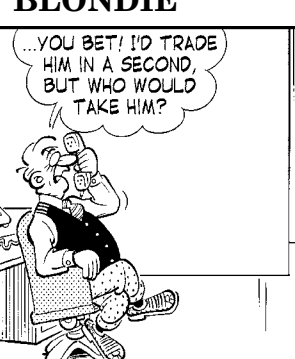
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WHAT DO THEY HAVE INSTEAD?

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BLONDIE



...YOU BET! I'D TRADE HIM IN A SECOND, BUT WHO WOULD TAKE HIM?

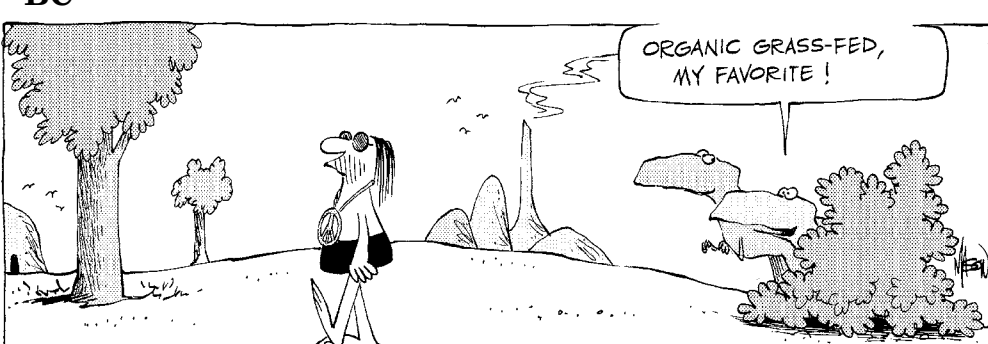


THAT'S TRUE! SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO PLAY WITH THE TEAM YOU'RE SADDLED WITH...



LOOK, I GOTTA GO... HE'S STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME

10-4



ORGANIC GRASS-FED, MY FAVORITE!

10-4

WIZARD OF ID



THE WEATHER IS JUST TOO NICE! WE'LL CONTINUE THE BATTLE TOMORROW

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AGNES



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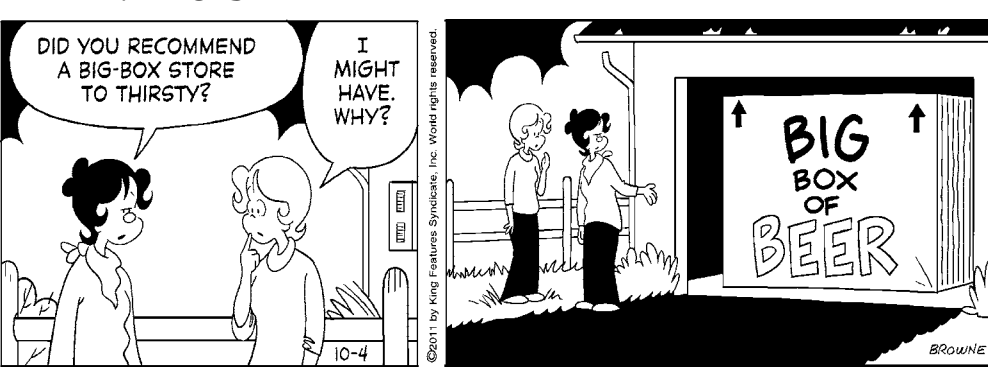
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"I LAUGHED UNTIL I DIDN'T."

THAT GOES IN THE DOCUMENTARY FILE.

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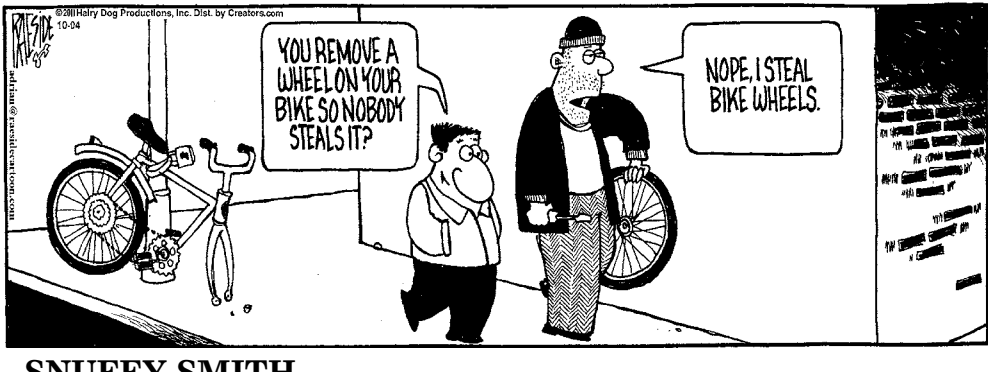
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I MIGHT HAVE. WHY?

↑ BIG BOX OF BEER ↑

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THE OTHER COAST



YOU REMOVE A WHEEL ON YOUR BIKE SO NOBODY STEALS IT?

NOPE, I STEAL BIKE WHEELS.

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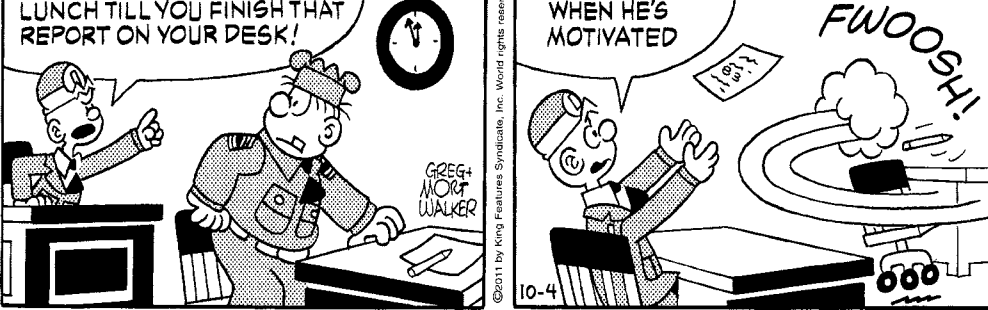
YOU SHORE SEW GOOD, ELVINEY !!

YEP, WHEN I WUZ A YOUNG-UN I WANTED T'BE A SEAMSTRESS, BUT THEN I MET LUKEY...

AN' BECAME A MENDER !!

10-4

BEEBLE BAILEY



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LUNCH TILL YOU FINISH THAT REPORT ON YOUR DESK!

HE MOVES FAST WHEN HE'S MOTIVATED

FWOOSH!

10-4

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2011. There are 88 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Oct. 4, 1861, during the Civil War, the United States Navy authorized construction of the first ironclad ship, the USS Monitor. Writer and illustrator Frederic Remington was born in Canton, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pa., resulting in heavy American casualties.

In 1822, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

In 1931, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

In 1951, the MGM movie musical "An American in Paris," starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, had its U.S. premiere in New York.

In 1957, the Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, into orbit.

In 1959, the Soviet Union launched Luna 3, a space probe which transmitted images of the far side of the moon.

In 1961, the animated TV series "The Alvin Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

In 1976, agriculture secretary Earl Butz resigned in the wake of a controversy over a joke he'd made about blacks.

In 1991, 26 nations, including the United States, signed the Madrid Protocol, which imposed a 50-year ban on oil exploration and mining in Antarctica.

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, is 65. Actress Susan Sarandon is 65. Blues musician Duke Robillard is 63. Playwright Lee Blessing is 62. Actor Armand Assante is 62. Actor Alan Rosenberg is 61. Actor Bill Fagerbakke (FAY-guhr-bah-kee) is 54. Producer Russell Simmons is 54. Musician Chris Lowe (The Pet Shop Boys) is 52. Country musician Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard (Sawyer Brown) is 51. Actor David W. Harper is 50. Singer Jon Secada is 50. TV personality John Melendez is 46. Actor Liev Schreiber is 44. Actor Abraham Benrubi is 42. Country singer-musician Heidi Newfield is 41. Actress Alicia (ah-LEE'-see-ah) Silverstone is 35.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 San Antonio tourist attraction
- 6 Risky business, for short
- 10 Atlas pages
- 14 Started one's meal
- 15 Farewell, in 55 Down
- 16 A Great Lake
- 17 Insurance broker
- 18 Not fooled by
- 19 Ceramic square
- 20 Bigwig in publishing
- 22 Biblical paradise
- 23 Get-up-and-go
- 24 Jury member
- 26 Western sheriffs, for example
- 30 Faraway
- 34 Woods of the woods
- 35 Let fall
- 39 Places to bowl
- 40 Quick glance
- 41 Flies high
- 43 Frosts, as a layer cake
- 44 All done
- 46 Horse's gait
- 47 Sand hill
- 48 Rodeo ropes
- 50 Evaluate
- 52 Beef or pork
- 54 Spy org.
- 55 Ready to harvest
- 58 Nonstop talker
- 64 Unpleasant smell
- 65 School-support orgs.
- 66 Southwestern donkey
- 67 Drop anchor
- 68 Most recent
- 69 Donkeys
- 70 Comrade in battle
- 71 Antlered animals
- 72 Tent post
- DOWN
- 1 22 Across dweller
- 2 Winter Olympics sled
- 3 Matured
- 4 Short skirt
- 5 Prerecorded implement
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- 7 Engine noise
- 8 Devour
- 9 Picnic-drinks holder
- 10 Parking-ticket writers
- 11 Dry as a desert
- 12 Stack
- 13 Gotten a look at
- 21 Repairs, as a shirt
- 25 Snakelike fish
- 26 Sport-coat flap
- 27 Sports venue
- 28 Unwanted plants
- 29 Celebrates noisily
- 31 Perfectly timed
- 32 Most high-schoolers
- 33 Double-curve letters
- 36 Go bad
- 37 Rowboat accessory
- 38 Money player
- 42 Elevator alternative
- 45 Female deer
- 49 Small taste
- 51 Does a Brazilian dance
- 53 Whole amount
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- 57 Hotel's swimming spot
- 59 Job to do
- 60 Unseat
- 61 Astronomical bear
- 62 Difficult trip
- 63 Hydrant attachment

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remaining.
Tampa Bay's biggest problem — aside from giving up the two long TD passes — was penalties. The Buccaneers were flagged 14 times for 106 yards.
"That was an ugly win," defensive tackle Gerald McCoy said. "Too many penalties, both sides of the ball. We've got to be better. We've got to be better, but we got the W."
The Bucs also botched a scoring chance at the end of the first half.
Robert Mathis sacked Freeman on third down

and the Bucs, without a timeout, had to scramble to get the field goal unit lined up.
They did, and Connor Barth's kick was good from 37 yards. But the Bucs had 12 men on the field, so they went to the locker room trailing.
It mattered little against the Colts.
"We just showed what this team is. It's a very resilient football team," Barber said. "We never feel like we're out of anything. ... When you've got Josh Freeman as your quarterback and you're calling defenses and guys are standing up and winning when they have to, that's pretty exciting to be part of."

NBA faces important day

NEW YORK (AP) — After a lockout that has lasted more than three months, whether the NBA season starts on time could come down to one "very huge day" in labor talks.
Owners and players will be back Tuesday for a full bargaining session, knowing if they fail to produce results, there may not be enough time left to avoid canceling regular-season games.
"A lot of signs point to tomorrow being a very huge day," players' association president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said. "There will be a lot of pressure on all of us in the room, and

we'll accept that responsibility and go in and see what we can get worked out."
The sides met in small groups Monday for about five hours, a session that Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said was mainly about "setting the table" for Tuesday. While careful not to put too much pressure on Tuesday's talks, he and Commissioner David Stern made clear there had to be signs of compromise.
"Each side understands exactly what's at stake and where potentially there is movement in order to try to get a deal done," Silver said.

"I mean, we can only say we're running out of time so many times."
"We both understand that if we don't make our best offers in the next few days, we're going to be at the point where we're going to be causing damage to the game, to ourselves, and they're going to be out paying checks," he added.
The regular season is scheduled to open Nov. 1. Players would have reported to training camps Monday.
Those were postponed and 43 preseason games scheduled for Oct. 9-15 were canceled last month.

RANGERS

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base in the second. He hit a two-run homer off All-Star David Price for a 2-1 lead in the seventh, then threw out B.J. Upton trying to steal second to help a shaky bullpen thwart Tampa Bay's bid to overcome a three-run hole over the final three innings.
Texas manager Ron Washington is tickled to have the former Los Angeles Angel, who spent less than a week on Toronto's roster before landing with the Rangers.
Rays manager Joe

Maddon, who's known Napoli since the 29-year-old was a minor leaguer in the Angels system, proclaimed this to be "the year of the Napoli."
"He is just hot," said Maddon, who watched Napoli go 9 for 20 with three homers and seven RBI's in five games at Tropicana Field this season. "And he got a pitch."
Washington said the catcher has been "very special for us."
"I think it has a lot to do with the atmosphere that he's in. It has a lot to do with the work ethic that he brings," Washington said. "He's

a dirt bag. He is a baseball player. He really is. We always knew he had power, we always knew he had on-base percentage, and this year he put it together as far as average-wise goes."
The Rangers went 42-15 in his 57 starts at catcher, and Napoli set career highs for homers, runs, RBIs, total bases, walks and doubles.
Told that Texas designated hitter Michael Young recently described him as one of the best players in baseball right now, Napoli said the comment meant a lot.
"I work hard every day. ... I'm trying to get better every day," he said. "So just hearing that from him is nice."
Playing in front of the first sellout at home since opening day and hoping to recapture the magic of clinching the AL wild card in the regular-season finale, Tampa Bay got a pair of solo home runs from rookie Desmond Jennings.
The Rays kept it interesting by scoring twice off Rangers relievers before Neftali Feliz got four outs for his second save of the series.
Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre, playing deep and guarding the line to prevent a double

in the ninth, started an around-the-horn double play on Kelly Shoppach's grounder to end it.
"It was three of the toughest innings that we experienced all year. ... I am just so happy we were able to get the 27th out," Washington said of the late-game drama.
Lately, opponents have found that difficult to do against Tampa Bay.
"Believe me, this thing is not over," Maddon said. "You have seen what we have done over the past month."
The Rays made up a nine-game deficit on Boston in the wild-card standings after Sept. 3 and claimed their third postseason berth in four years by overcoming a seven-run deficit to beat the Yankees and edge the Red Sox for the playoff spot on Evan Longoria's dramatic homer last Wednesday in the 12th inning.
And just as Tampa Bay rallied to stay in the game Monday night, Maddon expects his team to bounce back again in Game 4.
"We'll get back out there ... win that game, take it back to Texas," Maddon added.
"I talked in the beginning of the season of doing it in another way.

We're set up for it."
Price lost twice to Cliff Lee and the Rangers in the 2010 ALDS and welcomed the opportunity to try to redeem himself against the only AL opponent he's yet to beat in his career.
The left-hander shrugged off a poor outing in his last regular-season start to take a 1-0 lead into the seventh, thanks to Jennings' fourth-inning homer off Lewis.
Beltre singled leading off the seventh against Price and took second on a wild pitch. The crowd of 32,828 fell silent when Napoli lifted a 2-2 pitch into the seats in left-center for a 2-1 advantage. Josh Hamilton extended the lead with a two-run single off reliever J.P. Howell.
As good as Price was early, the Rangers' Colby Lewis was better in limiting the Rays to one hit over six innings to improve to 4-0 in five career postseason starts.
Jennings' first homer was the only hit off the right-hander, who had worked 16 consecutive scoreless innings against the Rays up to that point — a stretch that began with a five-inning stint in last year's ALDS. He followed that with an eight-inning performance to beat Price and the Rays on June 1.
But the Rangers' bullpen nearly let a three-run lead slip away.
Johnny Damon, Ben Zobrist and Casey

Kotchman singled to load the bases against reliever Darren Oliver in the seventh.
Damon scored when pinch-hitter Sean Rodriguez grounded out, and the Rangers escaped further damage when the second pitcher of the inning, Alexi Ogando, induced pinch-hitter Sam Fuld to hit a roller to second base.
The Rays weren't finished. Jennings led off the eighth with his second homer, trimming Texas' lead to 4-3. Mike Adams walked Upton, who was caught stealing, and then walked Longoria and Matt Joyce to get himself into trouble again.
The Rangers wiggled off the hook when Michael Gonzales struck out Damon, and Feliz came on to fan Zobrist with the tying and go-ahead runs in scoring position.
The Texas closer got Zobrist on a check-swing on an 82 mph curve, one pitch after the Rays hitter fouled off a 100 mph fastball.
"We never feel like we're out of a game, especially this close. We feel we always have a chance until the last out is made," Jennings said.
Indeed, the Rays had the Rangers riding an emotional roller coaster the last three innings.
"I was a nervous wreck," a relieved Ryan said. "That's probably as stressful a game as I've sat through."

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