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Lightning has been cited as the cause of two fires in Howard County this week. A tank battery was destroyed in an explosion Monday and about 75 acres of grassland was burned Sunday.

Lightning sets off two fires in county

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Even when it rains, area firefighters can't catch a break. Lightning strikes are being blamed as the causes for a pair of wildfires that kept Howard County volunteer firefighters busy Sunday and Monday.

The first incident occurred at around 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening, when lightning sparked a grass fire along Elbow Creek Road near Lomax. Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, said nine units — seven from his department and two from

Glasscock County — battled the blaze for about four hours before it was extinguished. About 75 acres were scorched in the fire, but no injuries or structure damage was reported. "Early on, there was some

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Eagles to host benefit for boy, five months old

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 The local Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188 will be holding a luncheon Saturday to benefit 5-month-old Kenneth Bruno Callender, who must undergo a number of costly surgeries to correct a cleft palate. According to Eagles member and benefit coordinator Paul Moran, the child has already undergone some corrective surgeries and faces several more.

"The medical bills and costs are really piling up for this family," Moran said. "The child is being treated at University Medical Center and has already had several surgeries to correct the cleft palate, however, it's going to take several more before it's over. "The Eagles wanted to step up and help this family and let them know they are not alone in this. Big Spring is a community that cares about

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Swim victim rescued but dies Monday

Police believe death was by accidental drowning

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 An Odessa woman died Monday at a Lubbock hospital from injuries sustained in a near-drowning accident at Moss Creek Lake Sunday afternoon. Wendy Barcomb, 50, of Odessa died Monday from her injuries, said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department.

"A family member began to swim out to her when a boat came along and got him and Barcomb out of the water. She was unresponsive."

— Tony Everett, BSPD information officer

According to Everett, emergency responders were dispatched to Moss Creek Lake at 3:06 p.m. Sunday after Barcomb became unresponsive in the water. "According to family members who were there at the

lake with her, she had swam out toward the middle of the lake to retrieve an item," Everett said. "However, at some point during her swim they noticed she stopped moving. At no point did they say they saw her go under the water.

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Transportation info purpose of meeting

Herald Staff Report
 State Rep. Drew Darby of San Angelo, chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, will address "Transportation Funding — Where Are We?" in a meeting set for 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The public is invited to this event, which is sponsored the Texas Good Roads. Dora Roberts Community Center is located at 100 Whipkey Drive



Darby

Howard College set to dedicate coliseum floor

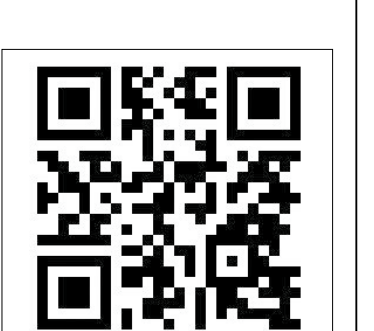
Herald Staff Report
 Howard College is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Sonic Floor in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event will take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the coliseum, located at the intersection of Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane on the college campus. The new floor, donated by Mike and Sheila Abussab of Abussab Companies, The Jirous Foundation and the Winters Family Foundation, has an estimated value of \$70,000 and will be identified as the "Sonic Floor" showcasing the iconic Sonic logo in the four corners of the coliseum floor level. Following Thursday's ceremony, the college will host its annual professional development day which will include faculty and staff from Howard County school districts.



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Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Recess in the 1800s

A game kids used to play is one enjoyed by kids today: Leapfrog!

You can play this game with two or more players.

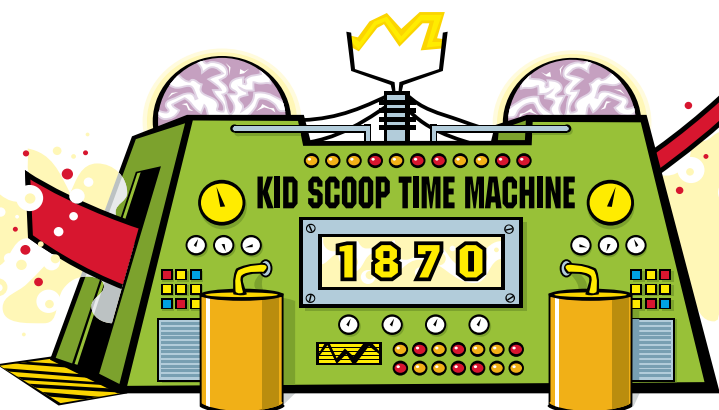
Find an open area to play.

Choose one person to start. All other players form a line, kneeling on the ground and resting their heads on the ground, covered by their hands.

Have the chosen starting player place his or her hands on the back of the person at the back of the line. He or she must press on the person's back and leap over the person, spreading his or her legs apart and hopping like a frog. The player continues hopping until reaching the front of the line, kneeling and covering his or her head.

There are no winners or losers in this game. The point is to have fun and be silly. And, the game can continue as long as you are having fun, or until the recess bell rings!

Let's Go WAAAAY Back to School!



Welcome to the 1870s!

School in the 1870s was different in many ways than school today. After reading today's Kid Scoop page, make a list of the ways school in the 1870s was different and the ways it was the same!

Schools long ago taught the three Rs: **R**eading, **w**riting and **a**rithmetic. What subjects do you study today?

In the 1870s, children usually walked to school. Often they walked many miles. The children arrived at school at 8 a.m. The day began with a reading lesson.

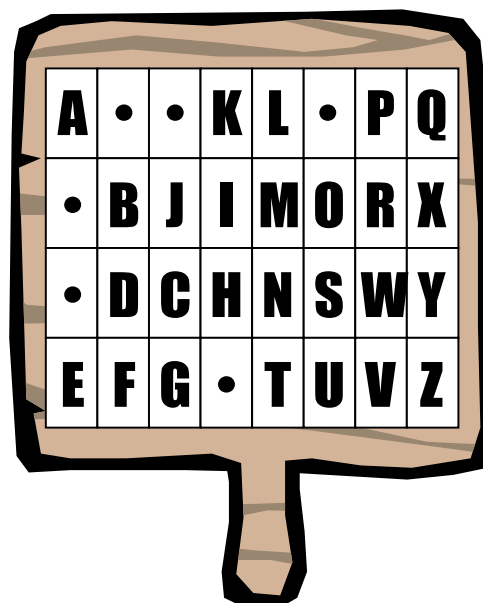
There was a flag in the classroom, but no one said the Pledge of

Allegiance. That started about 1890. The national anthem was not sung; none had been chosen.

Students in the 1870s played lots of fun games at recess. They played hopscotch, leapfrog, tag, horseshoes, Fox and Geese and more. Toys included marbles and spinning tops. Boys and girls did not play together.

If nature called, students used an outhouse.

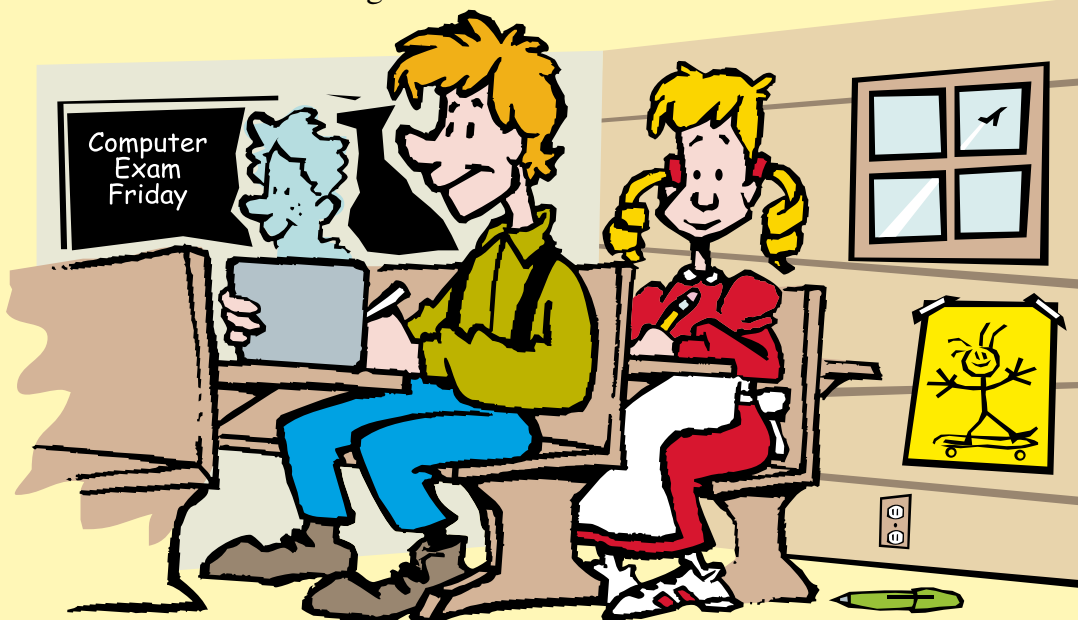
READING



Hornbooks

Books were scarce in the 1870s. Students often learned their alphabet and reading skills on something called a **hornbook**. The lesson was placed on a wooden paddle and then covered with a thin, transparent (see-through) sheet of horn for protection.

Use your finger and then a pencil to go from A to Z on the hornbook.



How many things don't belong in this 1870s classroom?

Standards Link: History: Students compare and contrast everyday life in different times and places and recognize that some aspects of people, places and things change over time while others stay the same.

Spelling Recess

Look through the newspaper for the letters that spell each of the words on the spelling list. Using the letters, spell one word in each cloud above the game of horseshoes.

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Standards Link: Spelling; spell grade-level appropriate sight words correctly.



Extra! Extra! Writing

Using headlines and ads, find words to make a crazy sentence.

Draw a picture to illustrate your crazy sentence. Can you write a story to go with your sentence?

Standards Link: Sentence Structure; use correct word order in written sentences.

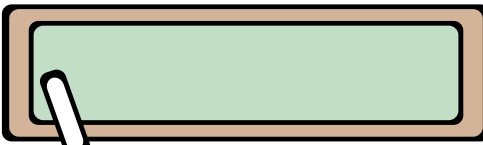
ARITHMETIC

Mental arithmetic was a popular way to teach math. Why? Remember, books were scarce!

Here is a mental math problem from a book used by teachers in the 1870s.

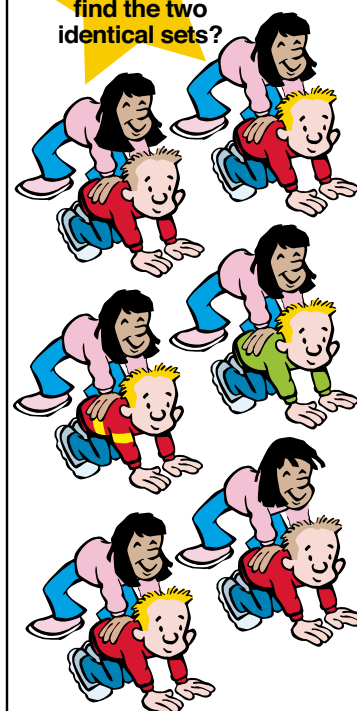
If I sell a goat for \$8, how many goats will bring me \$24?

Figure the answer in your head and then write it on the slate below.



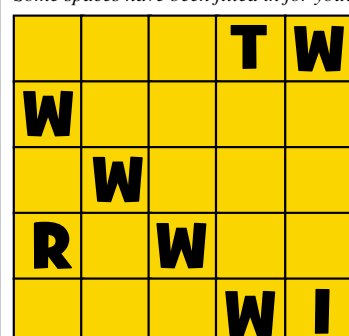
Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Students move beyond problems by generalizing to other situations.

Look closely at each set of Leapfrog players. Can you find the two identical sets?



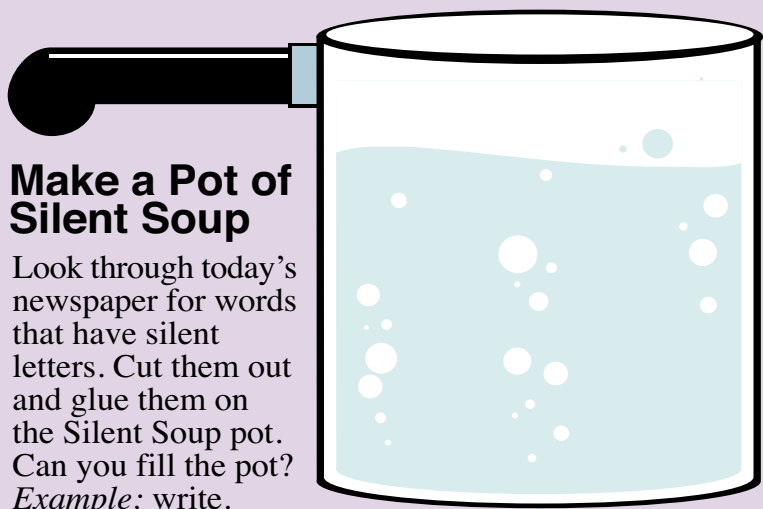
Kid Scoop-doku

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



What's for Lunch?

In the 1870s children brought lunch from home or ate a soup that the teacher made for the class.



Make a Pot of Silent Soup

Look through today's newspaper for words that have silent letters. Cut them out and glue them on the Silent Soup pot. Can you fill the pot? Example; write.

Standards Link: Decoding and Word Recognition; recognize common word families.

Double Double Word Search

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

SCHOOL
READING
WRITING
ARITHMETIC
HORNBOOK
TEACHER
STUDY
MENTAL
MATH
FLAG
GIRLS
BOYS
GEESE
LIST
TOYS



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

BEYOND Kid Scoop

News By The Numbers

Circle a number that is greater than 3 on any newspaper page. Then look for other numbers on the page that can be added together for a sum equal to the circled number. Draw a line to connect all of the numbers.

Standards Link: Math; compute sums. Reading Comprehension.

If you put your hand in your pocket and found 2 quarters, 6 nickels and a dime, what would you have?



Someone else's pants on!

Write On!

If I Were a Teacher

How would you set up your classroom? What rules would you have? What subjects would you teach?

Bird Poop: The yellow-headed blackbird

Her offer to bring it led to my willingly accepting it. As the woman tried to estimate her time of arrival, a harsh, strident voice filled the background.

An hour and a half passed. Then her vehicle pulled into the driveway.

As she handed me a rather large shoebox with factory-made holes at either end, the woman noted that her husband had big feet. It was a fortunate sharing for the bird.

Jarring, harsh protests were a warning of what was to come. Slowly inching the lid to allow a quick look-see prevented the stranger from escaping. Accustomed to bodies of water, such as prairie marshes and lakes, this bird and its mate would require a surrounding shoreline to have a well-established growth of cattails and

reeds. Her nod confirmed that such a place existed in our arid terrain when I asked, "country club?"

Although she had told me it couldn't fly, the male, yellow-headed blackbird held his wings evenly. After closing the lid and reapplying a large rubber band, I told her of two possibilities. Either a bruised wing, known as a soft tissue injury, or hairline fracture might have grounded the bird.

Eager to start the drive back to Midland, the woman cautioned us about the heat that was to come. The morning forecast had predicted a typical August day of 105 degrees.

Once inside, our new guest tried to escape the box as I removed the binding. By thrusting his head upward, he knocked the lid on the floor as my hand encircled his body. His wriggling demonstrated his utter disdain at my involvement.

Extending each wing separately confirmed no visible injury. Coursing over its bone structure, my fingers detected no calcified lumps or irreg-



Courtesy photo

A male, yellow-headed blackbird, wears a vivid yellow and black ensemble. Its diet includes vegetable matter, such as corn, oats and grain. When available, beetles, grubs, caterpillars and grasshoppers are also on its menu.

ular areas.

Inactivity for a few days would be difficult but not impossible for the blackbird. Its restless nature would have to accept confinement eased by a more than

adequate diet.

As we watched the bird devour insects and grains, we appreciated his colorful attire. His bright yellow head, neck, and upper breast were a stark contrast to

his coal-black body and wings that were vividly marked with white patches.

In contrast, his mate would be dull brown with a buff neck and a smidgen of yellow on her throat. Her coloration would blend in with the nest she would have built from dead grass blades floating on the water.

Woven around and through the stalks of aquatic plants, her nest would be above the water, yet protected from above by the height of the stems. It was nature's way of protecting her young, from both above and below, from predators.

At South Plains in Lubbock, Gail Barnes confirmed the bruising of one of the wings.

A quizzical look on her face resembled the ones we had shared about the yellow-headed blackbird.

Normally seen during fall and spring migrations in Texas, the specie would usually be found in the upper mid to western part of our country and Canada during summer. Winters in Mexico

and along the western boundary of Texas were common. What was it doing in Midland?

As the scarcity of prairie marshes increased, the blackbirds had to be flexible. Availing themselves of everything from cow pastures to golf courses, they had chosen new locales to suit their needs.

A water hazard, lush with cattails and reeds, would readily signal a golfer to avoid it if possible. To a bird dependent upon a watery environment, it offered a new nesting site during its yearly journey.

News of the elegantly colored bird's release brought smiles to everyone who could imagine the most raucous noise in its departure. Its squealing notes would be anything but musical. In its favor, though, were its positive attitude and a voice that preceded its presence.

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

The importance of an education

Today, the importance of education is greater than at any time in our history, but the attitude toward education seems to be more negative than ever.

I remember when I was a kid my grandpa

used to talk about the importance of education on a regular basis. He grew up during a time when education was not available everywhere in the country and on the Western frontier many areas didn't offer it at

all.

He was able to go through the third grade and was then removed from school as his parents moved across the country. He, however, thought enough about education to pursue his learning through multiple business correspondence courses. He always told me that the uneducated of the future will be those who do not know how to learn and education teaches how

to learn.

He spoke to me often about his desire that I would continue my education and had it not been for his insistence, I would have probably decided against college and my life would have been completely different.

I know that college is not for everyone, but finishing high school should be the wish of every teenager and the urging of every parent.

Somehow we must re-establish that thought and that dream into the generations of today.

We must make our young folks realize the things they learn in school may not always be used as they are learning it, but it will be used to assist them in learning how to think, how to work properly, how to make decisions and how to act in different situations, to develop a meaningful outlook on life and to discover lasting values.

When I was in school I doubted the value of geometry and algebra, but in life I have used them both in doing jobs of construction and painting. I doubted the value of studying history, but I have seen that history indeed does repeat itself and knowing the past certainly assists us in seeing what can and most likely will happen in the future.

And since high school, I have developed a love for history and learning of the past. When I was in high school, I questioned why I would want to learn to type, and of course that was

on the old models of type writers, but I soon discovered I would use that skill as much, if not more, than any other skill I ever learned.

We don't know what the future will bring us, but we do know that if we are not prepared that life will leave us behind and success will not be attainable. Today's educational system will not be the model of the future, but it is the system we currently have and billions of dollars are being spent yearly to make it as successful as possible.

I would hope we, as adults, would strive to impress on the minds of our kids that getting an education is extremely important and even though they may not understand all the implications of the requirements of education today, these things will certainly assist to open doors for them in the future which hopefully the majority of their lives, at this point, is still in the future.

As Horace Mann once said, "Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery."

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.



DARRELL RYAN

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

All's Fair in Love and War

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ 8 4 3			
♥ Q J			
♦ K 10 7 2			
♣ K Q 10 4			

WEST		EAST	
♠ A 10 6 2	♥ Q J 9 5	♠ Q J 9 5	♥ A 10 6 2
♥ K 9 7 4 3	♦ 10 6 5	♦ 10 6 5	♥ K 9 7 4 3
♦ 4	♠ Q 8 6	♠ Q 8 6	♦ 4
♣ 7 6 5	♠ J 9 3	♠ J 9 3	♣ 7 6 5

SOUTH

♠ K 7
♥ A 8 2
♦ A J 9 5 3
♣ A 8 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — four of hearts.

Most mistakes in bidding or play occur on the easy hands rather than the difficult ones. This is partly because easy hands occur more often than difficult ones, and partly because players have a tendency to relax on easy-looking hands.

Consider the present case where South was in three notrump and West led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's jack and played the king of diamonds followed by a low diamond to the ace. West showed out, and East now had a diamond winner. **South really had no better option** than to continue the suit, so he led

another diamond. East won with the queen and shifted to the queen of spades, whereupon the defenders scored four spade tricks, and South went down one.

Although South was certainly unlucky to go down on this line of play — the diamonds had to break badly, and West had to have the ace of spades — he could nevertheless have assured a favorable outcome regardless of how the East-West cards were divided. All he had to do, after cashing the king of diamonds at trick two, was to lead a diamond from dummy and finesse the nine.

If the nine won the trick, South would be sure of scoring at least two hearts, five diamonds and three clubs for a total of 10 tricks. And if the nine lost to the queen, South would finish with at least nine tricks consisting of two hearts, four diamonds and three clubs.

Declarer's undoing can be attributed to his misapplication of the rule that it is slightly better to cash the A-K than to finesse when the defenders have the Q-x-x of a suit. Under the circumstances, this was not a good rule to follow. South could easily have afforded to lose a diamond trick — but to West, not East. He should therefore have finessed the nine of diamonds after cashing the king, since even if he lost the battle for the queen, he'd win the war.

Tomorrow: The art of good salesmanship.
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sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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		2	9	5				1
4					2	7	3	
1		7			6			8
	5		1		3		4	
	4		8			1		5
	6	4	2					8
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Forsan ready for new district, playoff run

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor



Forsan Head Football Coach Jason Phillips and his squad are headed into some uncharted territory.

Following the most recent University Interscholastic League district realignment, Forsan went from a 2A to a 1A school, but it doesn't necessarily mean it will be an easy season for the Buffs — who went 6-5 last season before falling to Sanford-Fritch in a bi-district bout.

Playing a tough non-district schedule — including the season opener against Howard County rival Coahoma — is part of Phillips' strategy to position his team for a playoff run.

"Our goal every year is to make the playoffs," Phillips said. "We scheduled tough non-district games, but there is no game on the schedule we don't think we can compete in."

Competing week in and week out is the focus. Phillips doesn't seem concerned with the change in districts or the new UIL rules governing two-a-days. For Forsan, it is business as usual.

"We are working on some things," Phillips said. "One is being more physical. We started off the first day of the offseason with an emphasis on playing a more physical game."

With seven starters returning on each side of the ball, confidence among Phillips and the players is high. Last year, peer leadership was distributed between only four seniors. This year, Phillips has 15 to rely on.

"We had great senior leadership last year, but this year, we have much more senior leadership," Phillips said. "The overall depth will be a huge

HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

Forsan Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Jason Phillips has a word with his team following practice Monday. The Buffaloes went 6-5 last year and will compete in a new 1A district this season.

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Local briefs

Youth Soccer registration underway

Want your child to get involved with the fastest growing sport in America? The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association signups are under way at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Registration is also open at the mall from 5:30-7 p.m. each night this week. Age groups are 4-U, 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U and 14-U. The cost per child is \$70. A full uniform is included. Business sponsorships are available for \$200.

Youth Football League signups open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on

Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Registration will close Saturday, Aug. 18. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old (8-9 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available but must be paid in full by Aug. 18. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. For more information, contact Manuel Baeza at 517-0225.

Country club to host Over 80 Scramble

A tournament benefitting the Big Spring Shrine Club will be held at the Big Spring Country Club on Friday-Saturday. The tourney will be a 2-per-

son scramble format. The combined age of the two players on each team must be 80 or more. Entry fee is \$100 per player plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome. A shotgun start will kick off each day at 1 p.m. Entry fee includes barbecue on the course Saturday and mulligan. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Jr. high Volleyball tryouts to be held this month

Big Spring Junior High volleyball tryouts are slated for Aug. 27-28 from 3:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the junior high gym. Seventh graders are to report to the east gym and eighth grade tryouts will be in the west gym. A physical must be completed to participate in tryouts. For more information, call 213-4407.

Dallas beats Raiders in exhibition opener

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Darren McFadden needed one series to show he's in midseason form for Oakland following a foot injury that cut his last season short.

Most of the rest of the first-team offensive players for the Raiders and Dallas Cowboys need plenty of work to get back to that level.

McFadden picked up where he left off last season by gaining 38 yards on Oakland's first three plays of the exhibition season and the Raiders went on to lose to the Dallas Cowboys 3-0 on Monday night.

"He was able to make some explosive gains," Raiders coach Dennis Allen said. "That's what we anticipate out of him. He's an explosive playmaker. We have to find ways to get him the ball and give him an opportunity to be explosive for us."

McFadden, who missed the last nine games of 2011 with a Lisfranc injury to his right foot, opened the game with a 4-yard run, an 18-yard reception and a 16-yard run to delight of the Raiders fans.

But Carson Palmer threw an interception to Gerald Sensabaugh on the next play for Oak-

land (tied for No. 23 in the AP Pro32) and both the Raiders and Cowboys (No. 15, AP Pro32) struggled to generate much of anything until the reserves took over in the second half.

"We made some mistakes and it cost us," Dallas quarterback Tony Romo said. "There will be some good stuff to evaluate and get better. We have to get better from tonight's game and we will."

Kyle Orton took Dallas 67 yards on the opening drive of the second half to set up Dan Bailey's 33-yard field goal and that proved to be the only scoring of the night.

McFadden left after that first series and Palmer couldn't move the Raiders without him. Matt Leinart played the rest of a scoreless first half and completed six passes to undrafted free agent Rod Streater, but couldn't put any points on the board.

Dez Bryant, whose status was in question after leaving practice early Saturday because of hamstring tightness, came up with the only big play for Dallas' first-team offense when he made a good adjustment

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Swisher's slam powers Yanks past Texas

NEW YORK (AP) — Nick Swisher hit a grand slam off Ryan Dempster and drove in five runs, Derek Lowe closed with four shutout innings in his Yankees debut and New York beat the Texas Rangers 8-2 Monday night.

David Phelps, starting in place of injured ace CC Sabathia, picked off two runners and pitched a career-high five innings for the win.

In the opener of a four-game series between the teams with the AL's best records, the Yankees powered their way to a sixth straight victory over Texas in the Bronx.

Swisher's second slam this season was his 200th career homer. Eric Chavez also homered off Dempster (1-1), the Rangers' re-

cent acquisition.

Dempster matched a season high by allowing eight runs. The other time he allowed eight was in his first start for Texas on Aug. 2. In three starts coming from the Chicago Cubs in a trade-deadline deal, Dempster has allowed 19 runs — 16 earned — in 17 1-3 innings.

Ichiro Suzuki tripled and Derek Jeter followed with a long RBI double in the seventh to end Dempster's third start for Texas.

Swisher added an RBI single in the seventh as New York won for the fifth time in six games.

Phelps (3-3) was being held to a 75-80 pitch limit while making a spot start for Sabathia, who has a sore elbow. Phelps needed 26 pitches in the first without being

hit hard. But thanks in part to a nifty pickoff move, he fulfilled his manager's wish to make it through five innings.

Phelps turned over a 5-2 lead to Lowe in the sixth. Designated for assignment by Cleveland on Aug. 2 and released Friday, Lowe signed with New York earlier Monday and made his first appearance since July 31.

Lowe earned his first regular-season save since 2001 while with Boston, shutting down Texas on two hits. He walked none and struck out four.

Lowe went 8-10 with a 5.52 ERA for the Indians this season, and he had an 8.80 ERA in his final 12 starts for Cleveland.

The 39-year-old right-hander,

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Astros look to future as team sinks to new low

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros knew they weren't going to win much this season, so with an eye toward the future they cast off their few pricey veterans before the trade deadline, slashing payroll and restocking their depleted farm system.

It wasn't a blueprint to win now. Still, new owner Jim Crane didn't think it would be this bad.

The Astros have shed almost \$40 million from their opening day roster and have a payroll

of just \$21.3 million as of last week. Nine players on other teams will make more than that by themselves this season, led by Alex Rodriguez (\$30 million).

Francisco Cordero and Jed Lowrie, two of Houston's three highest-paid players, are on the disabled list. That leaves Ben Francisco as the only active player making more than \$750,000.

Houston has had the worst record in baseball for most of the season. But things devolved rapidly since the As-

tro's rebuilding effort began in earnest when general manager Jeff Luhnow traded Carlos Lee on July 4. Monday night's 7-1 loss at Chicago left them 6-36 since the Lee trade, including a franchise-worst 12-game losing skid.

Houston is the first National League team to lose 34 games in a 38-game span since the 1899 Cleveland Spiders, according to STATS LLC, a skid that ended last Friday.

"We made a lot of trades and once we made that decision —

Jeff started moving some of the talent — we knew we might slide back a little bit, but we didn't think it would be this bad," Crane said.

After Lee, Houston shed pitchers J.A. Happ, Brandon Lyon, David Carpenter, Brett Myers and Wandy Rodriguez before wrapping up a busy month by sending third baseman Chris Johnson to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"Some of them, had they gone beyond the trade deadline, we

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today sees you walking around like the cat who swallowed the canary. Everyone wants to know what your sly smile is all about, but keep that happy secret to yourself for a while.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may feel that you know all there is to know about a certain situation. Is it true? Put yourself to the test. Teach others. If there are holes in your knowledge, you'll see where they are and patch them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You possess an ability that cannot be learned or taught. It's something innate that one or both of your parents passed on to you. You will now appreciate the value of this gift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Domestic harmony depends on certain skills, including the ability to compromise and a tendency to minimize another person's shortcomings and dwell instead on his or her offerings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've handled change before, and you'll handle it again — and this time even better. It may have taken you a while to get used to what once were the "new rules," but now you'll quickly assimilate some new "new rules."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Halfway up the mountain, you look at the summit and think you can't possibly make it to the top. But remember that you're already so much farther than the person who never makes the attempt at all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The song says to

"pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again." This is easier sung than accomplished. Don't turn up your nose at a helping hand from a very unexpected source.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your appetite has been whetted, but you're still holding yourself in check. This time, don't yield to temptation so much as simply meet it for an afternoon coffee in a public place.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 14). You're interested in making a point and also in hearing what others have to say, habits that will lead you to money in September.

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sense of humor and mischief is legendary and more alluring than any physical attribute could be. CANCER: Making music by plucking, strumming, bowling or blowing adds considerable attraction points — and even more so if you become good enough to showcase your talent on a stage. LEO: Be totally unaware of your powers of attraction. People who have "It" often don't know they have "It," and this enables them to wield "It" mercilessly. Excerpted from Holiday Mathis' "Rock Your Stars, Your Astrological Guide to Getting It All."

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