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Settles renovation

Officials aim for October opening

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It has cost more and taken longer than anyone anticipated, but once renovation of the Settles Hotel is complete, officials said people are going to be wowed by what they see.

Renovation for the historic Big Spring landmark, which was built in 1930, will end up costing almost 100 times its original construction price tag of \$500,000, officials said.

"As of (Thursday), we've passed the \$30 million mark (on renovation costs), and we still have a ways to go," said Project Director Bill Cole.

Exactly when the Settles will reopen is still somewhat up in the air. The estimated completion date has been pushed back several times over the course of the project, but Cole is hopeful that finishing touches will be completed by late October.

Whenever it reopens, however, Cole

"This will be a hotel that will truly be worth the wait in the end. In West Texas, there's not a hotel that will have the level of services we will have."

Bill Cole
Settles Hotel
project director

promised that area residents are going to love the place.

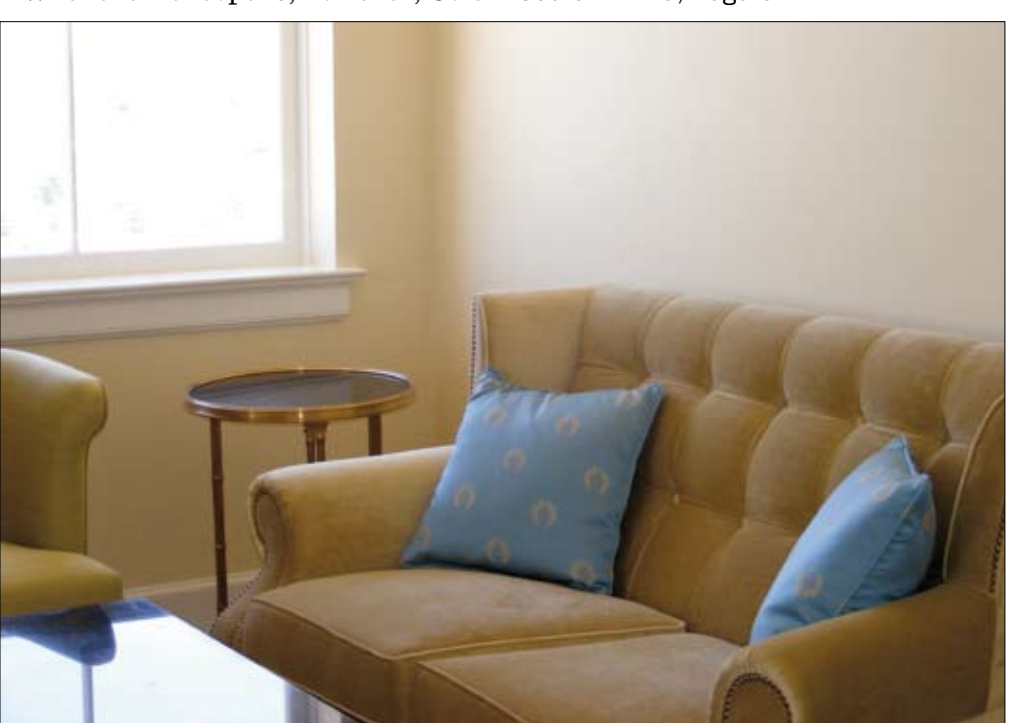
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In the top photo, Settles Hotel Project Director Bill Cole, second from right, points out renovation details to members of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club during a tour of the Big Spring landmark. Above, restoration of the Settles Hotel ballroom is almost complete. Officials hope to open the hotel by late October. At left is one of the 65 guest rooms.



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What to look for in day care

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While most Crossroads area parents have completed the arduous task of getting their children back to school, many are still looking for after-school care and day care services for their younger children, a task state officials are urging Texans to take seriously.

According to Marleigh Meisner, media specialist for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, finding reliable child care may be tougher than it seems.

"This is a time when a lot of parents are hunting for day care," Meisner said. "If you're in the market for day care, the Child Care Licensing Division of the Texas De-

"At first glance, unregulated or illegal day care might seem like a good deal, however, without any oversight there are no checks and balances to protect your kids."

Marleigh Meisner
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Dept. of Family and Protective Services

partment of Family and Protective Services urges you to do your homework and always choose regulated day care."

Meisner said smaller, unregulated day care facilities may seem like a good idea at first, but warns the risks certainly outweigh the benefits.

"At first glance, unregulat-

ed or illegal day care might seem like a good deal, however, without any oversight there are no checks and balances to protect your kids," she said. "You can find a state-regulated day care in your area and review its record by using the TxChild-CareSearch.org database on the DFPS website. You can

also learn more about choosing child care at www.DontBeInTheDark.org, where you will find a downloadable tip card and brochure."

Meisner said when looking for a day care facility, remember to look, learn, visit and meet.

"Look for features that will help your child thrive. Consider the caregiver's educa-

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Obituaries

Charles Ralph Walker



Charles Ralph Walker, 81, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, in a Lubbock hospital following a sudden illness.

Services will be held at 10:30 am Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating. Private interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation will be held at Myers and Smith Funeral Home on Tuesday from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

He was born June 13, 1931, in Howard County to Mack Willis and Edna Graham Walker. He married Marian Murphy in Big Spring on Nov. 4, 1955.

He graduated from Flower Grove High School in Martin County in 1948. After working several years in the oilfield, he worked at the Big Spring Cosden Refinery, retiring in 1991. Ralph was a member of Trinity Baptist.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Floyd and Grady Walker; and his sister, Wilma Holley Cashion.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marian; daughter, Tina and husband Larry Doyle of San Angelo; a granddaughter; a grandson; three brothers-in-law, Jimmy Murphy and Dickie Murphy and wife Barbara, all of Big Spring and Jerry Murphy and wife Tavie of Seguin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the building fund of Trinity Baptist Church, The Gideons, or to the charity of the giver's choice.

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

Manuela Gamboa Galan



Manuela Gamboa Galan, 78, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 31, 2012, at her residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 1, 1934, in Big Spring to Florencia and Elias Gamboa. She married Isidoro Galan on Dec. 31, 1949, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

She was a homemaker, but also worked as head cashier at Webb Air Force Base cafeteria. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Isidoro T. Galan of Big Spring; one son, Isidoro Galan Jr. of Big Spring; three daughters, Irene Rodriguez and husband Charlie, Mary Lou Galan Stewart and husband T.J. and Patricia Galan Lopez Villa and husband Elias, all of Big Spring; mother, Florencia D. Gamboa of Big Spring; one brother, Elias Gamboa Jr. and wife Donna of Big Spring; four sisters, Elena Lara of San Angelo, Natalia Viera and husband Daniel of San Francisco, Calif., Yolanda Arispe and husband Jose of El Paso and Viola Rodriguez of Big Spring; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elias Gamboa Sr.; one brother, Gilbert Gamboa; a God-daughter and niece; and one grandson.

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

Pasco Buddy Enfield

Pasco Buddy Enfield, 89, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JOSEPH YANEZ, 40, of 1408 Oriole, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- IRMA MORIN YANEZ, 39, of 1408 Oriole, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- OSCAR CANALES, 55, of 1700 S. Main, was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired driver's license, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, accumulated items/weeds/rubbish (two counts) and failure to appear.
- SONIA RENEE STRAUGHTER, 47, of 1500 Tucson, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- ESPERANZA GARZA, 42, of 601 N.W. Fifth St., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.
- CRYSTAL LASHLE COBLE, 25, of 2710 Anderson Rd., was arrested Monday on a warrant for duty on striking fixture or landscape – less than \$200.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT was reported: In the 800 block of Johnson. In the 800 block of E. 14th Street.

Take Note

• Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

• The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

• Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

• The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

• An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

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

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

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

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

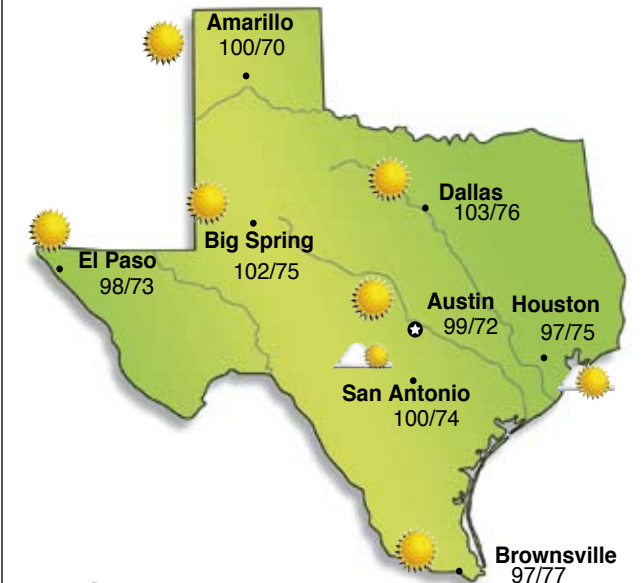
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 9/5	Thu 9/6	Fri 9/7	Sat 9/8	Sun 9/9
102/75 Mainly sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 70s.	101/74 Sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	101/75 More sun than clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	103/72 Mainly sunny. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the low 70s.	91/66 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	100	70	sunny	Kingsville	100	76	mst sunny
Arlene	102	76	sunny	Livingston	99	72	mst sunny
Abilene	100	70	sunny	Longview	101	74	sunny
Austin	99	72	sunny	Lubbock	99	70	sunny
Beaumont	94	75	t-storm	Lufkin	101	75	mst sunny
Brownsville	97	77	sunny	Midland	101	77	sunny
Brownwood	103	73	sunny	Raymondville	101	76	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	97	78	mst sunny	Rosenberg	97	74	mst sunny
Corsicana	102	74	sunny	San Antonio	100	74	pt sunny
Dallas	103	76	sunny	San Marcos	100	72	sunny
Del Rio	104	78	sunny	San Antonio	100	74	pt sunny
El Paso	98	73	sunny	Sulphur Springs	104	75	sunny
Fort Stockton	101	74	sunny	Sweetwater	101	74	sunny
Gainesville	103	74	sunny	Tyler	101	75	sunny
Greenville	102	73	sunny	Weatherford	102	74	sunny
Houston	97	75	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	105	75	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	87	65	t-storm
Boston	75	69	rain	New York	78	75	t-storm
Chicago	87	69	t-storm	Phoenix	98	82	pt sunny
Dallas	103	76	sunny	San Francisco	68	55	pt sunny
Denver	87	56	pt sunny	Seattle	75	56	sunny
Houston	97	75	mst sunny	St. Louis	93	77	t-storm
Los Angeles	87	67	pt sunny	Washington, DC	86	75	t-storm
Miami	87	76	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 9/5	Thu 9/6	Fri 9/7	Sat 9/8	Sun 9/9
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

Doctor quietly tracks West Nile outbreak

DALLAS (AP) — As press briefings go, the one Dallas County Health and Human Services staged May 25 was a complete bust.

It was supposed to signal the start of another mosquito season and the possible return of the West Nile virus. But nobody showed up to hear it.

Dr. Wendy Chung, the county's chief epidemiologist who tracks West Nile and other illnesses, understood the lack of media interest after two years of barely being able to detect the dreaded virus.

"There were only two cases in two years. Maybe we got lucky," she said. "Nobody could have predicted it would be as bad as it is this year."

From her quiet, orderly office on an upper floor of the health department, Chung keeps careful watch over the human dimension of the West Nile outbreak. A dozen thick binders stacked on a filing cabinet bear testimony to the epidemic's scope.

Each volume is packed with personal descriptions of the illnesses West Nile has unleashed here since June 20, the day the first human infection was confirmed.

"We have talked to everyone who has tested positive for West Nile fever or neuroinvasive disease, unless they are too ill to talk or have died,"

she said. "Then we talk to a family member about what happened."

Although each patient's name and other identifying information remain confidential, the rest of the information is being processed quickly to guide the local fight against West Nile.

So far, 319 West Nile cases have been confirmed in Dallas County.

Most required hospitalization. The victims' ages ranged from 3 to 93. The hardest-hit age group is in their 80s, comprising 7.5 percent of the local cases.

But getting a handle on the size of the epidemic has not been as easy, Chung said. Under state law, laboratories and hospitals must report any blood test that's positive for West Nile to health authorities within seven days.

Doctors, however, aren't required to order such tests because there is no known treatment for West Nile.

Chung said the most accurate count of West Nile patients probably ends up being the sickest ones, who undergo more tests in a hospital setting.

Those with less-severe symptoms, such as headaches and fever, aren't routinely tested, nor do they always seek treatment.

"By the time you find these human cases, it can be weeks after the infections occurred," she said. "That is why the government's control measures are focused on getting rid of mosquitoes, not on finding more human infections."

So far in Dallas County, 62 percent of those infected have been white, 17 percent Hispanic, 10 percent black and 11 percent "other or unknown," according to the data.

In most of the 13 West Nile deaths, underlying health problems, possibly related to advanced age, have been a contributing factor. However, a Rowlett man in his 40s was the county's most recent West Nile fatality.

Chung, who trained in pediatrics and infectious diseases at UT Southwestern Medical Center and earned a public health degree from Harvard University, said she has tried to go beyond a simple demographic overview of the evolving outbreak.

She is striving for a much deeper understanding of the trail of grief that West Nile often leaves behind.

"I'd like to draw a picture that more accurately reflects what's happening to residents of Dallas County," she said. "My role as an epidemiologist is to report the facts like a

cameraman on the front lines of a war.

"I'm not fighting the battle; I'm transmitting the pictures so that it's not just a bunch of numbers at the end of the day. These are real people."

Her staff, along with a legion of volunteers, contacts every confirmed West Nile patient by phone, going through an expanded list of questions than has ever been asked.

Were they hospitalized in intensive care? Did they require intubation? Were they discharged to rehab or long-term care?

Chung said the data will give a much better understanding of the population at greatest risk not only of dying but of lingering illness from a West Nile infection.

"For every death that's reported, many others don't die, but they also don't go back to baseline, meaning they are never the same again," she said. "They face lengthy rehabilitation, and the disease will impact their lives permanently."

Chung's efforts also could shed light on how people contracted a bird virus that is mainly transmitted by mosquito bites. (Blood donations and transplanted organs have been known to transmit West Nile but are now routinely screened for it.)

The answers will guide future West Nile prevention efforts, Chung said.

Already, local physicians are latching on to the information.

When they call the health department asking for treatment guidance, physicians are invited to attend a weekly briefing on the latest West Nile data, a gathering that drew 15 specialists last week.

"The doctors here have been wonderful and very perceptive," Chung said. "Ultimately, they are on the front lines."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which also tries to prevent West Nile outbreaks, has been reviewing Chung's data. It is rare, the federal agency said, to have such detailed information this early. That kind of data typically becomes available only years after an epidemic subsides.

Dr. Robert Haley, a top epidemiologist at UT Southwestern and a former CDC researcher, said Chung and her staff were doing "an excellent job" tracking the outbreak.

"She gave a presentation to the Dallas County Medical Society recently that just blew us away," he said. "It was exciting to hear they have such a detailed understanding of what's going on here."

Texas pilot killed in Iowa air show crash

DALLAS (AP) — Glenn Smith left a lucrative job at a Dallas-area technology firm for an early retirement of restoring Soviet fighter jets and flying to exhibitions across the country.

He died Saturday when his nearly 30-year-old training plane nosedived during an air show in eastern Iowa and crashed into a field, authorities said. Spectators watched the 59-year-old Smith's plane erupt into flames, followed by a cloud of gray smoke. Nobody on the ground was hurt.

Smith had been flying in formation with other members of the HopperFlight team at the Quad-City Air Show in Davenport.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating

the crash. Senior air safety investigator Aaron Sauer said Sunday that a preliminary report on the crash is expected within a week, but a final report will likely take several months.

He said inspectors would examine the few remaining pieces of the plane, as well as Smith's autopsy and toxicology reports.

Smith did not make a mayday call or suggest any sign of distress before the crash, according to Sauer and Randy Ball, a good friend of Smith's.

Ball said Smith was a meticulous flier who would map every step of a flight plan beforehand.

"They practiced the day before and everything went fine," Ball said.

Smith was a longtime technology entrepreneur whose company was acquired by Tyler Technologies, a Dallas-based company that develops software for local schools and government clients, in 1998. He remained an executive at Tyler until 2006, the company said in a statement.

After retirement, Smith focused on collecting and flying vintage planes. He kept two rare Soviet MiG-17 fighter jets at the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum in Tyler, about 90 miles east of Dallas, museum president Carolyn Verver said.

Ball, who also owns a MiG-17, said he spent countless hours working on planes with Smith. Smith loved to preserve planes so others could see and appreciate them, Ball said.

"Those guys are literally using their own money to save a part of history and share that history with everybody else," he said.

Smith was also the newest member of the "Hoppers," according to the team's website. The Hoppers are a group of pilots who privately maintain and fly L-39 fighter jets at air shows and other exhibitions. The L-39 Smith flew Saturday was made by a company in the former Czechoslovakia in 1984, according to a Federal Aviation Administration registry.

Part of the Hoppers' mission is to introduce American audiences to planes produced and used by the country's former enemies, according to the website.

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Ruben P. Torres, 79, died Thursday. Funeral Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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tion, experience and training, as well as the size of the group and setting," Meisner said. "Learn about licensed and registered child care at DontBeInTheDark.org and TxChild-CareSearch.org. You can explore day care op-

tions, searching by ZIP code, city, or county and read the history of the day care's inspection records.

"Visit the day care you are considering while children are there so that you can see activities, how caregivers interact with children, and how the children like it there. Also, meet the caregiver or director. Discuss any con-

cerns and make sure you are satisfied with their answers. Make a surprise visit later for a second look."

All regulated day care staff must undergo background checks, according to Meisner, however, regulation and state oversight increase with the size of the day care. "Listed homes (1-3 unrelated children) must apply and pass back-

ground checks, but are not inspected regularly," Meisner said. "Registered homes (maximum of 12 children at any time) must meet training requirements and pass background checks, and are inspected every two years. Larger licensed homes and day care centers must meet health and safety requirements, get regular training, and

are inspected every five to 12 months."

According to DFPS statistics, there are currently 25,045 regulated day care centers and homes operating in the state.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

SETTLES

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The Settles will combine both historical and modern touches once it is complete, Cole said. "We've tried to maintain the historical integrity of the hotel," he noted. "At the same time, we have modern-day building and safety codes to take into consideration ... and we will have other modern touches that current-day travelers will expect."

The lobby, mezzanine and third floor will be virtually unchanged from original designs. But elsewhere, Cole said the hotel will feature many up-to-date first class touches, including:

- The Pharmacy Bar and Parlor — Where the drug store used to operate in the old building will now house a bar and parlor that Cole says will evoke a "loungey, Rat Pack sort of feel," complete with a poker room, flat screen TVs and fireplace.

- Day Spa — The old barbershop area is being converted into a hair salon which will offer services such as styling, pedicures and massages.
- Settles Grill — Cole said the hotel will offer a full-service restaurant, including private dining room for special occasions and an alfresco dining area, offering breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week.

- Mezzanine level — The Settles' ballroom is being renovated to original standards and can be used for parties or other large gatherings. Also on this level will be two "junior" ballrooms and a conference room.
- Guest rooms — Rooms on the third floor are being remodeled to conform to historical standards. From the

fourth to the 13th floors, however, the atmosphere will be thoroughly modern and much more spacious, ranging from standard-sized hotel rooms to residential suites and even a penthouse. The renovations will reduce the number of guest rooms from the original 150 to 65 when the Settles reopens.

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News in brief

On the beleaguered Gulf Coast, another catastrophe makes for the perfect political backdrop

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mitt Romney wasted no time after accepting the GOP presidential nomination in heading to Louisiana to see the damage from Hurricane Isaac, changing his schedule on the fly to get there the very next day. President Barack Obama also tweaked his travel plans to make sure he gets there Monday, ahead of his own nominating convention.

This for a Category 1 storm that killed seven and swamped low-lying areas of Louisiana and dumped more than a foot of rain on its way north — a disaster, to be sure, but one that will never rival the biggest to hit the Gulf Coast.

In a region with a storied culture and a history of human suffering, natural and manmade catastrophes, and struggles with government ineptitude and indifference, it's just another turn in front of the cameras as the perfect political backdrop.

Call it the Katrina effect: Presidents, and would-be presidents, can't afford to get panned like George W. Bush did in the days after Hurricane Katrina crippled New Orleans and the Mississippi and Alabama coasts in 2005, killing more than 1,800.

Bush's decision to observe Katrina's flooding of New Orleans first in a flyover in Air Force One instead of putting his feet on the ground gave critics an opening to argue that he was indifferent to the suffering below. He later set the standard for what not to do in a disaster when he infamously patted the back of former Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Michael Brown, telling him he had done a "heck of a job, Brownie," as tens of thousands languished at New Orleans' convention center.

As the candidates pitch '2 different visions,' what do these words mean to voters?

It's the mantra we will hear endlessly in the coming weeks: Americans face a "stark choice" come November. It is a choice, as President Barack Obama has said repeatedly, "between two fundamentally different visions" for our country. Or as newly anointed Republican nominee Mitt Romney has said from the stump, "President Obama's vision is very different — and deeply flawed."

It may all sound like the kind of rhetoric we hear every four years. But this year, analysts, polls and even the politicians themselves keep telling us: The "visions" really are more acutely divergent because our differences as Americans are, too.

So how do these opposing world views look through the eyes of the voters who will choose?

Look no further than a neighborhood Chick-fil-A restaurant to see how our contrary notions about just one topic — gay marriage — played out this summer. Perhaps you were one who stood in line to buy a sandwich in support of the chain whose president spoke out against same-sex marriage. Or, rather, you may have reposted a picture that made the rounds on Facebook comparing those protests to others, long ago, against school integration and

"race mixing" with a tag line that jeered, "Imagine how stupid you are going to look in 40 years."

On this and so many other issues this election year, it seems harder to find that middle-ground gray when our debates seem so very black or white.

In convention warm-up, Obama embraces 'Obamacare' label, vows law is here to stay

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — In his warm-up for the Democratic National Convention, President Barack Obama is tangling with a couple of rivals, only one named Mitt. The other is voter apathy, especially among the young.

Obama's pre-convention tour of battleground states has been heavy on college crowds, where he's implored supporters to register and vote by painting the choice in stark terms: It's his education tax credits versus Mitt Romney's tax breaks for the rich; his "Obamacare" versus "Romney doesn't care," his "forward" versus "same old."

And when those crowds boo the references to Romney, Obama tells them to convert that negative energy into votes Election Day.

Obama addresses a United Auto Workers Labor Day rally in Toledo on Monday before getting his first look at the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac in a stricken parish outside New Orleans. He's to meet emergency personnel who've been laboring since the storm hit last week to restore power and tend thousands of evacuees from flooded lands.

In Boulder, Colo., on Sunday, Obama warned a college crowd that "the other side is going to spend more money than we've ever seen in our lives, with an avalanche of attack ads and insults and making stuff up, just making stuff up."

Rev. Moon, self-proclaimed messiah who held mass weddings, created business empire, dies at 92

GAPYEONG, South Korea (AP) — The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, best known for conducting mass weddings involving thousands of couples, was a self-proclaimed messiah, but he was at least as good at attracting dollars as he was at drawing converts.

His Unification Church claims 3 million followers, though ex-members and critics put the number at no more than 100,000. There is no questioning the vastness of the business empire Moon created through his church: ventures in several countries from hospitals and newspapers to cars and sushi, and even professional sports teams and a ballet troupe.

Moon died Monday at a church-owned hospital near his home in Gapyeong County, northeast of Seoul, two weeks after being hospitalized with pneumonia, Unification Church spokesman Ahn Ho-yeul told The Associated Press. Moon's wife and children were at his side, Ahn said. He was 92.

Flags flew at half-staff Monday at a Unification Church in Seoul. Followers trickled into the building, some wiping away tears. One woman bowed and cried before a copy of the church-owned Segye Times newspaper, which was placed on a table and had a large picture of Moon on its front page. Another woman bowed before a small statue of Moon and his wife.

"I am devastated," Bo Hi Pak, chairman of the Unification Church-supported Korean Cultural Foundation, said outside the hospital where Moon had been cared for. "I cannot control my emotions and focus on my work due to the sadness of losing a father."

Clinton to press for ASEAN unity in South China Sea disputes with Chinese

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is calling for Southeast Asian states to present a united front to the Chinese in dealing with territorial disputes in the South China Sea.

Clinton will be in Indonesia's capital Monday to offer strong U.S. support for a regionally endorsed plan to ease rising tensions by implementing a code of conduct for all claimants to disputed islands. Jakarta is the headquarters of the Association of South East Asian Nations, and Clinton will also press the group to insist that China agree to a formal mechanism to reduce short-term risks of conflict and ultimately come to final settlements over sovereignty.

She wants "to strengthen ASEAN unity going forward," a senior U.S. official told reporters on board Clinton's plane as she flew from the Cook Islands to Australia for a brief refueling stop en route to Indonesia.

Indonesia played a leading role in putting the six-point plan together after ASEAN was unable to reach consensus on the matter in July. The official said the U.S. is "encouraged" by the plan but wants

it acted on — particularly implementation and enforcement of the code of conduct, which has languished since a preliminary framework for it was first agreed in 2002. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to publicly preview Clinton's meetings.

The U.S. has asserted a national security interest in the peaceful resolution to South China Sea disputes and hopes for progress to be made before a November summit of East Asian leaders that President Barack Obama plans to attend.

Culture clash emerges in Iraq as conservative clerics battle sassy Western styles

BAGHDAD (AP) — For much of Iraq's youth, sporting blingy makeup, slicked-up hair and skin-tight jeans is just part of living the teenage dream. But for their elders, it's a nightmare.

A new culture rift is emerging in Iraq, as young women replace shapeless cover-ups with ankle-baring skirts and tight blouses, while men strut around in revealing slacks and spiky haircuts. The relatively skimpy styles have prompted Islamic clerics in at least two Iraqi cities to mobilize local security guards as a "fashion police" in the name of protecting religious values.

"I see the way (older people) look at me — they don't like it," said Mayada Hamid, 32, wearing a pink leopard-print headscarf with jeans, a blue blouse and lots of sparkly eyeliner Sunday while shopping at the famous gold market in the northern Baghdad neighborhood of Kazimiyah.

She rolled her eyes. "It's just suppression." So far, though, there are no reports of the police actually taking action.

This is a conflict playing out across the Arab world, where conservative Islamic societies grapple with the effects of Western influence, especially the most obvious — the way their young choose to dress.

Flooding, power outages persist days after Isaac hammered Louisiana, Mississippi

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Days after Isaac hammered Louisiana and Mississippi with winds and rain, much of a parish southeast of New Orleans was still flooded and thousand were without power.

Thousands of evacuees remained at shelters or bunked with friends or relatives.

"My family is split up," said Angela Serpas, from severely flooded Braithwaite in Plaquemines Parish. Serpas and her daughter were staying with her in-laws while her husband and son were staying in Belle Chasse, a suburban area of the parish.

"This is the second time we've lost our home. We lost it in Katrina," she said.

President Barack Obama was to visit Louisiana on Monday, a day ahead of the Democratic National Convention. He will meet with local officials, tour storm damage and view response and recovery efforts before addressing reporters at Saint John the Baptist Parish, the White House said. Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney visited the state Friday. Obama's Homeland Security Secretary, Janet Napolitano, visited Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Slidell, La., on Sunday.

Actor Russell Crowe gets lost kayaking off N.Y.'s Long Island, gets lift by U.S. Coast Guard

NEW YORK (AP) — Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe lost his way kayaking in the waters off New York's Long Island and was picked up by a U.S. Coast Guard boat and ferried to a harbor, officials said Sunday.

The 48-year-old actor was kayaking with a friend and launched from Cold Spring Harbor Saturday afternoon on the Long Island Sound, according to U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Robert Swieciki. As it got dark, the two got lost and eventually headed for shore, beaching their kayaks in Huntington Bay, nearly 10 miles east from where they had set out.

The U.S. Coast Guard was patrolling the area, and heard Crowe call out to them from the shore around 10 p.m., Swieciki said. The "Gladiator" actor and his friend, who Swieciki didn't recognize, paddled over to the boat. The Coast Guard officers pulled them up and, along with their kayaks, gave them a ride to Huntington Harbor.

"He just needed a little bit of help, he just got a little lost," Swieciki said. "It wasn't really a rescue, really, more of just giving someone a lift."

Swieciki said no one was injured, and the two men were wearing life vests. He said the actor, who was grateful and friendly, seemed like he was a fairly experienced kayaker.

Pearl Jam closes Made in America festival with help from Jay-Z

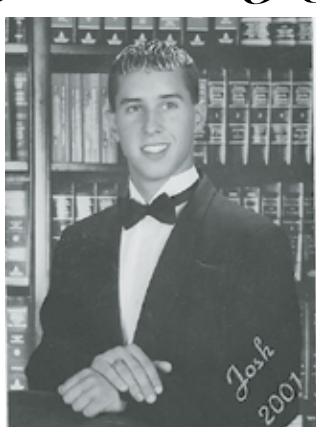
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — If closing out a two-day festival with an intense two-hour set wasn't enough for Pearl Jam, then bringing out the man who organized it sealed the deal.

Jay-Z joined the group for its second-to-last encore Sunday with a rocking version of his signature hit "99 Problems."

While Jay closed out the first night of the Budweiser Made in America Festival, he handed the torch to the Seattle-based band grunge rockers and they did not disappoint.

Their 25-song set saw tens of thousands of fans jumping, dancing, and singing on the muggy September night to the band's well-known tracks.

Happy Birthday Josh!



It is hard to believe you would be 30 years old today. How time has flown by. It is also hard to believe you have been gone almost 2 years. You still touch our lives everyday. Your love for life, family and friends will live in our hearts forever. One day we will hold you again and then our broken hearts will be healed. For now, we miss your beautiful, smiling face everyday, and thank you for the memories and blessings that you left for us.

*We Love You Son,
Mom and Dad*

*There is still so much to say
I miss your laugh, I miss your smile
Still think about you every single day.
We'll never get to sit outside, talk awhile
No more "How you doing sister?"
With a big brother hug to follow,
No "Let's go out tonight" or "I'll see ya tomorrow"
I know you are still here when a song comes on
that reminds me of you, I sit there crying
In that moment I feel you near.*

*Almost two years later, seems like a lifetime
Your birthday is today ~ Thirty, you would be
Please let me live that long times three!*

*Happy Birthdays Best Brother
I Love You,
Your Sisters, Sheena*

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Ann Romney: tasteful, conservative, appropriate

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

Ann Romney's tasteful, conservative and appropriate wardrobe largely reflects the image that she has carved for herself this week at the Republican National Convention. She wore dresses in bright red, pretty pink and, on Thursday, light blue — a gesture at reaching across the political aisle?

But she might have to go deeper into the White House — all the way into Michelle Obama's closet — to find the outfits that will likely become the benchmark for a modern, stylish political wife.

"Ann Romney might have consciously or unconsciously taken a cue from Michelle. Maybe Ann, if she becomes first lady, can take more chances thanks to Michelle," said Sharon Graubard, senior vice president and fashion director of Stylesight, a New York-based trend forecasting and analysis firm.

Chic sheaths and shirtdresses instead of sometimes matronly pantsuits or mid-calf skirtsuits? Obama largely made them acceptable and respectable, Graubard said. Same goes for bold printed fabrics and trend-right accessories, including the jeweled belt that Romney wore around her waist for with her Oscar de la Renta red, shiny shantung-silk dress for her big speech to the convention delegates Tuesday night in Tampa, Fla. As her husband accepted the GOP nomination, she looked on in a fitted dress with a banded waist, complemented by several bracelets and a



Michelle Obama



Ann Romney

big brooch.

"If you look at Ann Romney and Janna Ryan, it's hard to look at any potential first lady and not think of the impact that Michelle Obama has had," said Kate Betts, fashion editor and author of "Everyday Icon: Michelle Obama and the Power of Style."

Not that Obama always gets it right. On Wednesday, while Condoleezza Rice took the stage in Tampa in a blush-colored satin suit, Obama appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman" in a black ensemble with a tank-style top and high-waist belt that the style blog on The Huffington Post called "peculiar."

But, Betts said, "The only reason we're talking about their fashion at the RNC at all is because of Michelle

Obama. Otherwise, we hadn't talked about 'fashion' in the White House since Nancy Reagan."

Working women, in particular, can take the cue that it's OK to have flair and still be taken seriously, experts agree.

Generally, however, Betts said, the fashion industry doesn't pay much mind to political figures because they don't take risks because they want to be approachable to the greatest possible number of people.

Obama, however, embraced early on the idea of personal style — and it has rubbed off on Republicans and Democrats, she said.

"Ann Romney was dressing for herself and wearing what she felt comfortable in, and you can see that," Betts said.

Romney's four-digit de la Renta dress generated some chatter that she's not living the life — or living within the budget — of an every-woman. She's donned other expensive designer duds throughout the campaign. Obama has many top-tier, pricey clothes, too, but she makes a point, and so do the labels she's wearing, to note that she embraces the idea of "high-low" dressing, taking a designer piece and mixing it with another from a mass retailer.

Janna Ryan, however, watched her husband speak at the convention in a \$169 emerald-green sheath from Talbots, and the floral dress she wore the day Paul Ryan was introduced as Mitt Romney's No. 2 came from Kohl's Dana Buchman collection.

"I think the women at the Republican convention were being appropriate, and they looked exactly as one would expect them to look," observed Fern Mallis, host of the SiriusXM satellite radio show "Fashion Insiders with Fern Mallis."

Clothing, Mallis says, is an important choice in campaigns. Appearance certainly is a factor in forming first impressions and longer lasting opinions, she says.

So what does that leave style-watchers saying about Romney?

"Ann is doing it right," said Stylesight's Graubard, who calls it "an expensive suburban look." She added: "She's humanizing her husband, and she looks clean and friendly. Someone in our office said she looks like the Million-Dollar Mom."

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Grace," is 48 years old and recently divorced from her husband after 23 years of marriage. They have no children. My wife and I liked her husband, but he never wanted

to work for anyone. He always thought he could run his own business and could never manage it. After they'd been married 10 years, we told Grace that she should get some counseling or get a divorce.

A few years ago, Grace met some jerk online who thinks he's God's gift to the world. "Barry" is divorced and has three daughters. We didn't know about him until we helped Grace get settled into a nice apartment.

That's when Barry moved in. He's been there for two years and doesn't have a job, nor is he looking for one. He is on disability benefits and says it's not costing Grace anything to house him. Barry has insulted my wife and me and says we don't love our daughter. None of our family members wants to be around him, which makes holidays tough.

When she was married, Grace used to spend most weekends outdoors with her husband. Now all she does is sit around in pool halls so Barry can shoot pool. He is so heavy, he can barely walk. Grace doesn't like to be alone, and this is the only reason we can see that she keeps Barry around. We sought information on him online, but couldn't find anything.

He said he would know if anyone tried to look him up on the Internet. This seems vaguely threatening. How can we talk to her about this without upsetting her too much? — *Loving Dad*

Dear Dad: We understand your concern, but you seem overly involved in your grown daughter's love life, which may be contributing to the drama. She knows you are there to clean up after her, so she has not learned to exercise good judgment or deal with the consequences of her choices.

Tell her you love her and only want the best. Suggest she get counseling to understand why she is attracted to this type of man. Then let her live her life without your cushion. Yes, there may be rough times. Listen sympathetically, but do not step in and rescue her. These are her decisions, and the results are her responsibility.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

bility.

Dear Annie: My two daughters think nothing of letting their opposite-sex children run around naked, alone or with a group of family members. These two cousins also bathe and use the bathroom together. The boy is 8, and the girl is 7.

Is this acceptable behavior, or should they be told to keep their clothes on? — *Perplexed Grandma*

Dear Grandma: These kids are a little too old to be running around naked in public and sharing baths. Suggest to your daughters that they teach the children about respecting their bodies before one of them hits puberty.

Dear Annie: "Concerned" is right to be concerned about her sister's memory lapses. My mother has dementia, and I am up on the signs. Treatment should be sought sooner rather than later. There are mental acuity tests to determine whether there really is a problem, and if so, there are medications that can slow down the progression of this disease.

Tell her to make an appointment with a neurologist. Help her understand that an evaluation is in her best interests. If she won't go, "Concerned" should talk to her doctor before her next visit. She can go along and give the doctor a note expressing her concerns. — *I'm There*

Dear There: A certain amount of forgetfulness is not cause for alarm. But if her sister's memory lapses are severe and interfere with functioning, a visit with a doctor will help. Thanks.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♦ Q 10 5
♣ —

WEST
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♦ K 6
♣ A K J 6 5 4

EAST
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♦ A J 9 3 2
♣ 8 2

SOUTH
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♣ Q 10 9 7 3

The bidding:
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1 ♣ 4 ♥ Dble

Opening lead — king of clubs.
There is more than one way to skin a cat, so the saying goes. However, some ways can be considerably more effective than others.

Consider this deal from the national 1988 men's team championship. At both tables South wound up as declarer in four hearts, and West led the king of clubs. Both declarers ruffed high in dummy, but that is where the similarity ended.

At the first table, South decided that his best chance lay in trying to steal a spade trick. So at trick two, he led the eight of spades.

Unfortunately for him, East happened to be Lew Stansby, one of the world's top players. Stansby eyed the eight suspiciously, then put up the ace, felling South's queen. A low diamond to West's king, followed by a diamond return through the Q-10, allowed Stansby to score the A-J, and the contract was down one.

At the other table, Stansby's teammate, Norman Kay, also one of the world's best, adopted an entirely different approach. He thought it unlikely that a spade play from dummy could succeed regardless of who had the ace, so he opted for a swindle of another sort.

At trick two, Kay crossed to the ten of hearts and put the nine of clubs on the table. When West followed low, Kay discarded a diamond from dummy, and when East could not beat the nine, the hand was over. All the defenders could take from then on were two diamonds and a spade, so Kay made his doubled game for a score of 790 points.

If West had covered the nine of clubs with the jack, and later the ten of clubs with the ace, declarer would have fallen a trick short for lack of another entry to his hand. But how many Wests would have sniffed out what Kay was up to when he led the club nine at trick three? That was what Kay counted on, and the outcome proved him absolutely right.

Tomorrow: Perfect defense.

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The Sands Mustangs go over plays during a practice last week. The Mustangs won their season opener against Lorenzo on Saturday by a score of 52-6 at ASCO Football Madness in Midland. Also playing Saturday were the Garden City Bearkats, who lost to Water Valley 54-6 in McCamey.

Baylor downs SMU in opener

WACO, Texas (AP) — Robert Griffin III sent an encouraging text message to his college successor. Nick Florence then went out and did his best impression of Baylor's departed Heisman Trophy winner.

Florence threw for 341 yards and four touchdowns, Mike Hicks returned a fumble for a score and Baylor beat SMU 59-24 on Sunday night in the opener for both teams.

"He just told me to be myself," Florence said. "I learned a lot from (Griffin). He's done a lot for our program. Just because he leaves, doesn't mean anything different happens here."

For at least one game, Baylor's offense didn't miss a beat with Florence in charge.

Florence last started as a freshman in 2009 when he replaced an injured Griffin for several games.

The senior was 21 of 30 and guided Baylor to 613 yards of offense Sunday. The Bears scored at least 45 points for the fifth straight

game. "I couldn't ask for a better situation to step into," said Florence, who didn't play in the fourth quarter. "The guys have a lot of confidence and there a lot of playmakers out here."

Florence threw first-half touchdown passes to Laneard Sampson, Jordan Najvar and Tevin Reese, and hooked up with Sampson on a 36-yard scoring pass that put the Bears on top 45-3 in the third before Bryce Petty took over at quarterback.

Terrance Williams had 138 yards receiving, and Jarred Salubi and Glasco Smith each rushed for a TD.

"We felt like we knew what we had," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "I think they wanted to prove themselves and they did tonight."

SMU has lost 10 consecutive games to Baylor dating to 1986 when the schools were members of the defunct Southwest Conference.

The Mustangs' Garrett Gilbert was 34 of 59 for 286 yards and two touchdowns

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Texas beats Indians 8-3, Profar homers in first MLB at-bat

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jurickson Profar took his major league debut in stride. To the highly touted 19-year-old for the Texas Rangers, he was just playing another game of baseball with a new group of teammates.

Profar hit a home run in his first at-bat and doubled the next time up Sunday as Texas thumped the Cleveland Indians 8-3.

"I guess it's a pretty big thing," a smiling Profar said, his hair and neck covered in shaving cream from a celebratory "pie" administered by teammate Elvis Andrus.

"I was just a little bit nervous, but I'm with a lot of great players, so I just went out and played," he said.

Profar was a late substitute after second baseman Ian Kinsler was scratched with a stiff back. Profar opened the third inning with a drive over the right-field wall, connecting on a 2-1 pitch from Zach McAllister (5-6)

"I was thinking, 'Go, go, go, go,' after I hit it," said Profar, who got the souvenir ball back.

Profar doubled in his next at-bat, then was late to hit in the fifth. With Luis Martinez on first with

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AP photo

Elvis Andrus rubs shaving cream in the face of Jurickson Profar after Texas' 8-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday. Profar hit a solo homerun during his first major league at-bat.

Roddick stays alive at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Roddick took up a new tradition in his final tournament.

His friend and opponent, Italian Fabio Fognini, asked to exchange shirts after their third-round match at the U.S. Open, a la soccer players and their jerseys.

It's a memento of the American's 7-5, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-4 win Sunday at a pulsating Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"That was a cool gesture," Roddick said.

Asked if he handed over the sweaty top he wore during the 3-hour match, Roddick shot back: "Disgusting. No, I didn't. He got a washed one."

Roddick's career will last at least one more round — but staving off retirement now gets far tougher. His next opponent is a fellow former U.S. Open champ: seventh-seeded Juan Martin del Potro, who won in 2009.

"We'll go out and we'll give it a go," Roddick said of preparing for the match. "I'm not really planning anything. I'm kind of

winging this thing as I go."

Del Potro defeated fellow Argentine Leonardo Mayer 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (9).

"I know this is special, this day, for him, but I'm doing my job," del Potro said. "I will try to be focused on my match and doing my things, my shots. The match is going to be very tough. But if I play in high level, will be tough for both players."

The highest-seeded American man, No. 9 John Isner, exited a Grand Slam tournament with a five-set loss for the fourth time this year, defeated 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 by No. 19 Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany. The match ended at 2:26 a.m. Monday, tying the tournament record for latest finish.

Novak Djokovic, the defending champion, beat No. 31 Julien Benneteau in straight sets and will meet No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka for a quarterfinal berth. No. 4 David Ferrer got past two-time major champion Lleyton Hewitt 7-6 (9), 4-6, 6-3, 6-0

and now meets No. 13 Richard Gasquet, who eliminated two-time NCAA champion Steve Johnson 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-3.

In women's action, top-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat 73rd-ranked Anna Tatishvili 6-2, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows for the first time.

Azarenka has dropped only 10 games through four matches heading into a showdown against defending champion Sam Stosur, a 6-4, 6-4 winner over 18-year-old Laura Robson of Britain, whose breakthrough run included wins against past major champions Kim Clijsters and Li Na.

Maria Sharapova, a four-time Grand Slam title winner, rallied from a break down in the third set after a rain delay to beat No. 19 Nadia Petrova 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. She plays No. 11 Marion Bartoli, the 2007 Wimbledon runner-up, who came back to defeat 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 1-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Astros fall to Reds 5-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker and a number of the Reds enjoy playing in Houston, and are disappointed that this weekend was their last trip here to play the Astros as National League Central rivals.

But when Houston moves to the American League next season, Texas-born Jay Bruce will miss visiting Minute Maid Park several times a year more than most.

Bruce's three-run homer keyed Cincinnati's five-run eighth inning and the NL-Central-leading Reds rallied for a 5-3 win over the Astros on Sunday.

"Absolutely," Bruce said when asked if he'd miss trips to Houston. "Obviously I like playing here and stuff, but more for just my friends and family. That has always

been a thing that I have enjoyed a lot."

Houston led by three entering the eighth before Drew Stubbs walked with one out and Brandon Phillips singled to chase Hector Ambriz. Left-hander Xavier Cedeno (0-1) came in and watched his first pitch sail into the seats in right field on Bruce's 29th homer to tie it at 3-all.

Bruce, who is from nearby Beaumont, Texas, has three homers and 10 RBIs in nine games here this season. Fans could be heard bellowing "Bruuuuce," each time he came to the plate, and there were a group of five people with red shirts each sporting one letter of his last name in the crowd.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Most people regularly take miracles for granted. But today is different. Moments of profound awareness accompany the squared arrangement of Venus and Saturn. You may be awestruck by the reality of life's cycle, the uniqueness of Earth's atmosphere or the idea that every breath you take was made possible by the death of a distant star.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You love to come across a problem you already know the solution to, but it's not your first choice. You prefer a situation that has something to teach you. Right now, you're an especially eager and fast learner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In English, the words "all right" cover a wide variety of meanings, including "not so good," "amazing," "agreed" and "yes." Each of those meanings will apply to your state and to your life at some point in the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are truly a first-rate version of yourself today. Ironically, you are able to create a strong identity because you chose a hero and followed in this person's footsteps.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Time is conceptual. You can't see it. You can only see evidence that it was here. You are compelled today to add to the evidence in a very personal way, perhaps by planting a seed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The people who think that Leos always want or need attention are not seeing the entire picture. You also like your private time. Today you'll prefer to recharge in solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your focus now is on being good to those you care about. This may entail being good to the people they care about, whether or not you really feel like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll share key pieces of information on a need-to-know basis. But you'll be careful not to exert too much influence on people, because that would stop them from telling you what they really think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can love someone and still see the flaws. You don't have to ignore these flaws, either. Instead, you embrace them, maybe even finding a kind of imperfect perfection in them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To reveal what you're thinking and believing comes at a risk.



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They might not agree or like your views. But it's better to repel someone by being who you are than to attract someone by being who you're not.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The preparations you make now will be instrumental in the success of a plan. Still, be judicious. Don't put so much stock in this future event that you miss the main action of today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love is all about freedom. That's what makes it so magical. Someone could be doing any number of things, and in spite of all the responsibilities and distractions in the world, this person chooses to be with you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a good chance you feel unappreciated. Loved ones have asked a lot of you lately, and you've been gracious enough to deliver without fuss. Be kind to yourself. Give yourself what others haven't.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 3). Financial improvements allow you to do something you've always wanted to do in 2013. This month brings a turning point in your professional growth. Your heart will be healed as important issues of your childhood are sorted out in October. December opens an exciting new chapter in an old relationship. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 30, 50 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm dating this Aquarius guy. The other day, I caught him talking to himself in the mirror. He was saying, "You're amazing. You stand out in the crowd. People know you're something special. You deserve the best the world has to offer." He didn't know that I could hear him, and I snuck away, embarrassed about catching him in this private moment. I assumed he was rehearsing something he was going to tell me later. But he never said any of those things to me! Now I'm sort of wondering whether he was just talking to himself. Is that normal? It seems not only odd, but also pretty conceited. Other than this weird thing that happened, I've enjoyed going out with him. What do you think?"

Aquarius has a reputation for being open-minded, so it makes sense that your guy would be receptive to putting confidence-building techniques like mirror-talking into practice. You should take this whole scenario as a compliment. If he feels that he needs a confidence boost in order to be his best with you, then he must think very highly of you. The important part is that he's willing to rise to the

occasion!
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Olympic gold medalist Shaun White oozes super-cool, so it's no big surprise that the snowboarder/skateboarder has had corporate sponsors since he was 7 years old. And though he makes daring physical feats look effortless, his sun, moon and Mercury in Virgo suggests that mastery comes from hard work and a relentless drive for perfection.

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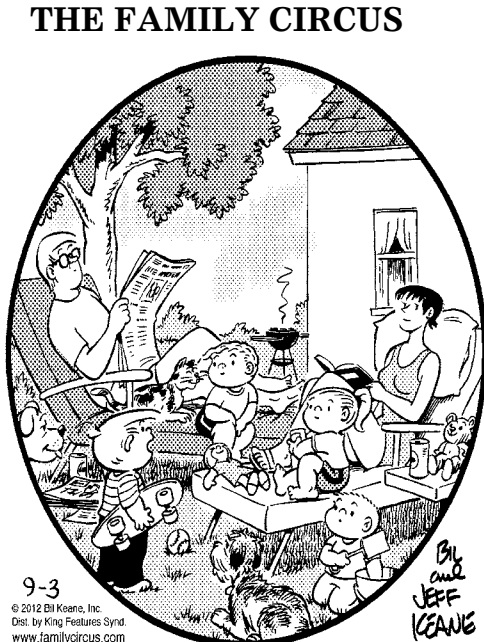
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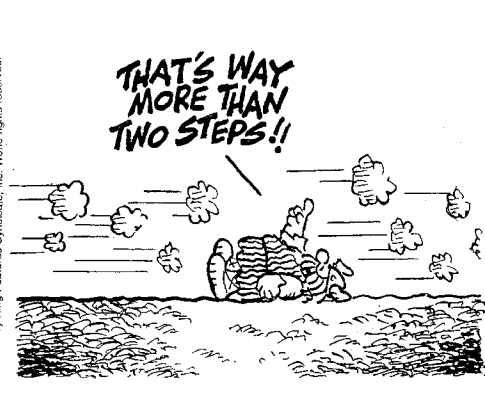
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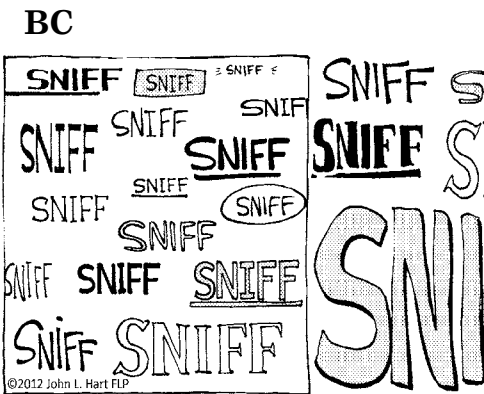
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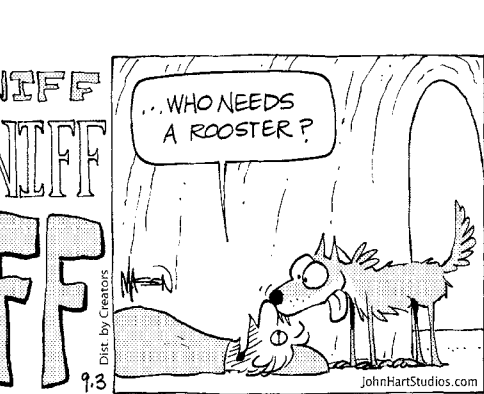
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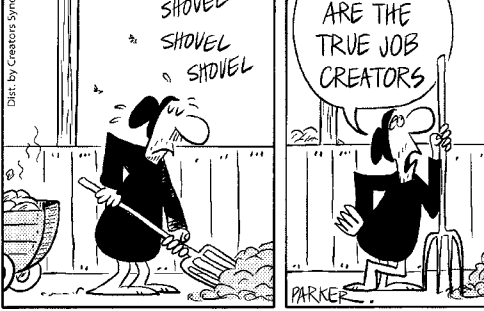
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 HEY, WAIT, MR. B, NOW THAT YOU'RE UP, LET'S KICK THE BALL AROUND!!
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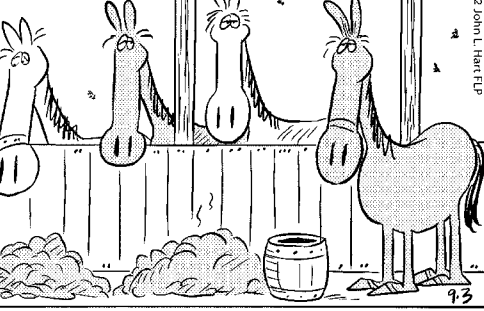
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 I AM GOING TO BE PERSONABLE AND FUN AT SCHOOL THIS YEAR.
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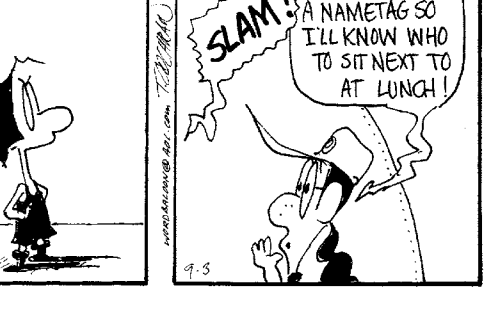
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 Today's Highlight in History:
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 On this date:
 In 1189, England's King Richard I (the Lion-Hearted) was crowned in Westminster Abbey.
 In 1658, Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England, died in London; he was succeeded by his son, Richard.
 In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate forces invaded the border state of Kentucky, which had declared its neutrality in the conflict.
 In 1868, the Japanese city of Edo was renamed Tokyo.
 In 1923, the United States and Mexico resumed diplomatic relations.

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 7 Great Salt Lake state
 8 Home plate, for one
 9 Big-billed tropical bird
 10 Fiery felony

11 Fortune teller
 12 Pulled apart
 13 Letter before tee
 21 Is patient
 22 Secret supply
 25 Video store rental
 26 Keep from happening
 27 Geek
 28 Name of a book
 29 Abhor
 30 Auto pedal
 31 Showed on TV
 32 Chatters
 33 Corn holders
 34 Be an omen of
 35 Surrounded by
 37 Takes on employees

38 Church official
 43 Research papers
 44 Sea bordering Greece
 45 Do figure-eights
 46 Mythical wish granter
 47 Diner reading
 48 What the Earth spins on
 49 The one over there
 50 Sprinkler attachment
 51 "Too bad!"
 52 Nitwit
 53 Make simpler
 54 Place for a bath
 57 "Immediately!"

Answer to previous puzzle

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Jones-Drew ends 38-day holdout, reports to practice

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Maurice Jones-Drew remains as passionate as ever about his value.

So when the Jacksonville Jaguars running back ended his 38-day holdout Sunday — without a new contract — he had no apologies, no regrets and no concerns about his standing with the franchise.

“I’m in a good place,” he said. “I did something I felt was right, and I’m always going to feel right. I’m not going to feel wrong for what I did it at all. And that’s why I can come back and not have a negative attitude. I think if you regret things, you’re going to come back salty, be a distraction, things like that.

“I don’t feel that way ‘cause what I did was right. No one can tell me it was wrong. Not one person here can tell me what I did was wrong.”

Jones-Drew arrived at the team facility Sunday morning, chatted with teammates and then had a 40-minute conversation with coach Mike

Mularkey.

Later, he spent nearly half an hour answering questions about his holdout, even getting to a point where he told reporters to “make sure we all get this out of the way because I’m done after this.”

“This is the last talk about the whole contract situation,” he said. “We’re going to move forward to football after this.”

Jones-Drew considered skipping games, missing paychecks and causing an even bigger distraction for the team. Ultimately, though, he opted to report a week before the season opener. Jacksonville plays at Minnesota next Sunday.

“It really wasn’t about budging,” said Jones-Drew, who took a conditioning test later in the day. “For me, it got to the point where I wasn’t going to be traded. Obviously, they weren’t going to pay me. I could have easily sat out until Week 10, come back and been a distraction. It wasn’t about that.”

BAYLOR

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in his first game since transferring from Texas. Zach Line rushed for 135 yards.

The Bears intercepted two of Gilbert’s passes and held the Mustangs without a touchdown until late in the third quarter.

“I’ve got to play better,” Gilbert said. “We can’t shoot ourselves in the foot the way we did.”

In last season’s opener, Baylor blew a 24-point lead before beating TCU 50-48 on a late field goal. The Bears didn’t need any late drama this time.

SMU’s Darius Johnson couldn’t handle Gilbert’s pass at the goal line and the ball bounced high in the air. Hicks twice tipped the ball before Lackey intercepted it and returned it 23 yards.

Three plays later, Florence hit a streaking Reese for a 50-yard TD pass that extended Baylor’s lead to 21-3 with 2:02 left in the first half.

“That was the turning point of the game,” Florence said.

On the opening drive of the third quarter, Johnson caught a short pass and lost the ball just before hitting the ground.

Hicks picked up the loose ball and ran 66 yards for a touchdown.

Baylor has won seven in a row. Only TCU at eight, has a longer streak in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

The Bears matched a school-record last sea-

son with 10 wins, a mark that was first set during star linebacker Mike Singletary’s senior season in 1980. Griffin, now with the Washington Redskins, capped his career by leading Baylor to its first bowl victory in 19 years.

Baylor’s offense figured to take a step back without Griffin and four other offensive players from last year’s squad taken in the NFL draft.

Instead, the Bears continued to pile up points as they did under Griffin.

“When you have the ability to explode on either side, you have the opportunity to be a good football team,” Briles said.

Florence was 4 for 4 on Baylor’s opening possession, which was aided by four SMU penalties. He capped the drive with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Sampson.

The senior dropped in a 32-yard pass to Levi Norwood to set up a 5-yard scoring toss to Najvar.

Gilbert was a highly touted recruit from Austin who played in the 2009 BCS title game before his career fizzled with the Longhorns.

In his first start with SMU, Gilbert had three passes swatted down at the line and struggled to find receivers down the field.

Gilbert connected on five straight attempts, leading to Chase Hoyer’s 22-yard field goal in the second quarter. The junior threw scoring passes to Der’rikk Thompson and Jeremy Johnson in the second half.

Tuberville pleased with Red Raiders’ 44-6 victory over Northwestern

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville was looking for two things in his team’s season opener: establishing the run and stopping the rush.

“I think we did that well,” he said after Eric Stephens ran for two touchdowns to lead Texas Tech over Northwestern State 44-6 on Saturday night. “That was a good start, a great start.”

Stephens, back after a season-ending knee injury last year, finished with 58 yards on 16 carries.

The Red Raiders did what they wanted against Northwestern State.

The defense succeeded in shutting down the Demons rushing game and quarterback Seth Doege led Texas Tech on scoring drives on five of eight possessions.

Doege completed 23 of 34 passes for one touchdown and 199 yards.

He threw one interception and completed passes to at least 10 receivers. Bradley Marquez led Texas Tech with 92 yards on seven receptions.

Demons quarterback Brad Henderson completed 10 of 19 passes for 70 yards. They got only 84 total yards.

“That defense played extremely good tonight,” Northwestern State coach Bradley Peveto said. “You’ve got to win the battle on the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball and they did that defensively tonight.”

It was the first win for the

Red Raiders since Oct. 22, when they stunned then-No. 3 Oklahoma to break the Sooners’ 39-game win streak in Norman.

Texas Tech lost its final five games last season when the defense gave up a school-record 471 points and the Red Raiders were outscored in those final five games by an average of 51-20.

Twice in three weeks, the defense allowed opponents a school-record 66 points and the season ended with a 5-7 record, failing to make a bowl game for the first time in 11 seasons.

With their third coordinator in as many years since Tuberville took over in 2010, the Red Raiders defense has switched to a 4-3 scheme this season and the change proved effective against the FCS team.

Texas Tech’s defense, which last season gave up an average of 259 rushing yards and finished last in the nation, kept the Demons running game in check, allowing just 13 yards on 28 carries.

“It was fun to see it all kind of come together,” Tuberville said. “We didn’t play near as good as we can, which is good. We’ve got to get better each week in each game.”

Texas Tech got on the board first when Stephens scored on a 4-yard run.

He got the Red Raiders’ second TD from 2 yards out to put them up 14-3 early in the second quarter.

“I think as soon as he got hit, I think he could start trusting

his knee more and making cuts in the game,” Doege said of Stephens’ knee.

On their next possession, Doege, the nation’s leading passer last season, found Kenny Williams for a 2-yard touchdown to give Texas Tech a 24-3 lead at halftime.

Doege played three quarters before backup Michael Brewer came in. Brewer completed 10 of 13 passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns after the Red Raiders had the game sealed.

“I don’t think I threw the ball particularly well,” Doege said. “I don’t think I was as accurate as I wanted to be today.”

In all, the Red Raiders quarterbacks completed passes to 13 different receivers.

Tuberville wants a balance attack on offense, but Saturday’s win had the Red Raiders running more than passing. They finished with 500 total yards, with 179 of those coming on the ground. They ran the ball 46 times and passed it 33.

Tech was able to keep the Demons off the field by putting together long drives. At one point, the Red Raiders were eight for eight on third downs and had five possessions with at least 10 plays.

The Demons failed to sustain drives. A new wrinkle in their offense, the option, proved ineffective. They were forced to punt on seven of their 12 possessions.

Kenny Williams led all Texas Tech rushers with 74 yards on 15 carries.

TEXAS

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a single, Profar wasn’t even in the on-deck circle. Suddenly, he grabbed a bat, ran to the plate and flied out on the second pitch.

“Mother Nature called,” Texas manager Ron Washington said. “He got a couple hits and maybe his stomach realized what was happening.”

Josh Hamilton, Adrian Beltre and David Murphy all hit solo home runs in the Texas fifth.

Derek Holland (10-6) gave up two runs over seven innings as the AL West-leading Rangers took two of three in the series. Texas matched its best record through 133 games, having also gone 79-54 in 1999.

“Texas is probably the best team in baseball, period,” Indians manager Manny Acta said. “The guy hitting ninth today (Profar) could be in the middle of the order for most teams. And how do you

get the ball through the infield with the guys they have playing there? They should go very deep, if not back to the World Series, again this year.”

Cleveland dropped to 6-29 since July 27.

Profar went 2 for 4 as the first player born in 1993 to play in the majors. He became the youngest major leaguer to hit a homer since current teammate Adrian Beltre did it in 1998 for the Los Angeles Dodgers, also at age 19.

“It was a special day for a special kid,” Washington said. “This kid is blessed. He’s got a bright future, but let’s not put him in the Hall of Fame yet.”

He’s already in the Rangers’ record book as the first player to homer his first time up in a Texas uniform. The last player to do it in franchise history was Brant Aleya for the Washington Senators in 1965. The Senators moved to Texas in 1972.

Profar is the third-youngest player in Rangers history behind pitchers David Clyde

and Wilson Alvarez. He hit .281 with 14 homers and 62 RBIs at Double-A Frisco and homered in the Futures Game in July in Kansas City during All-Star week.

“This kid is not afraid,” Washington said, who talked to Profar when Kinsler came up ailing.

“He asked me how many games I have played at second base,” said Profar, who has played more at shortstop. “I told him and he said, ‘OK, you’re in the game, playing second.’”

“I was kind of shocked, but I was also ready for it.”

Andrus had three hits. He has hit in all 29 of his career games against Cleveland.

After Profar’s homer, the Rangers sent seven more batters to the plate in the third. Nelson Cruz had an RBI double and Murphy a two-run single to make it 4-0.

Carlos Santana’s two-run homer, his 14th, got Cleveland within 4-2 in the bottom half.

Thomas Neal got his first hit, an RBI double

in the eighth in his debut for Cleveland to make it 8-3.

Hamilton lined the first pitch of the fifth into the seats in right for his 37th homer.

Beltre followed with his 27th — and eighth in 11 games. It was the third time this year the duo homered in consecutive at-bats. One out later, Murphy hit his 13th.

“That’s what we needed,” Washington said. “We had to break out and show our authority. We did it the way we are capable.”

Holland won his third straight start. The left-hander also moved to 3-0 with a 2.25 ERA in five career starts against Cleveland.

McAllister gave up 11 hits and seven runs over five innings, falling to 1-4 with a 6.08 ERA over his last seven starts.

Cleveland’s starting staff has a 6.55 ERA, worst in the majors in the second half — the biggest reason for the Indians’ 12-37 record since the All-Star break.

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