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Joyce Ditto displays the quilt designed for this year's fair at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. The quilt will remain on display at the credit union until the week of the fair.

Fair quilt on display at education credit union

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Staff Writer
 Hearts and flowers is the theme behind the quilt designed for this year's Howard County Fair.

More than 35 women joined in the effort to construct the king size quilt for the 10th year.
 "There are women who have been with this project since day one, but each year there are new members who join the cause," Geraldine Posey, quilt participant, said.
 Mrs. Roy Simmons was the recipient of the very first quilt, which highlighted the

50 states of the union. Since then, quilts have focused on state birds, state flowers and magnolias. There have also been quilts honoring Texas wildlife, wildflowers, hummingbirds and magnolias. Cleon Jones was the recipient of the 2009 Humming Birds quilt.
 This year, the fair will run
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TxDOT able to outsource some highway maintenance

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas has begun a program that could lead to private companies doing routine maintenance on interstate highways to save money.
 The *Austin American-Statesman* reported today that the Texas Department of Transportation is considering outsourcing routine upkeep on stretches of interstates. The work would include repaving, mowing, litter pickup and sign repair.
 A five-year pilot project started this summer. The \$26 million program involves an

Australian company, Transfield Services, and a 100-mile stretch of I-45 in the Houston area.
 TxDOT spokeswoman Kelli Reyna says the anticipated savings would involve less overtime work for state maintenance employees. The agency has projected up to \$120 million in savings over five years.
 Companies would be sought to maintain I-35 between San Antonio and Dallas and I-45 between Houston and Dallas.

Tanker truck wreck leaves one injured

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Emergency responders with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene of a rollover accident Saturday night after a tanker truck carrying fuel caught fire on N. Highway 87, eight miles north of Big Spring.
 The truck — an 18-wheeler tanker believed to be carrying some type of fuel — rolled onto its side following a traffic accident in the northbound lane. The driver was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with unknown injuries.
 According to law enforce-

ment officials, the cause of the wreck is not known at this time and is believed to be under investigation.
 Shortly after the accident, the tanker's payload ignited, according to HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan.
 "The initial call came in at approximately 11:15 p.m. Saturday," Sullivan said. "The report was of a gasoline tanker explosion on U.S. Highway 87. When our firefighters arrived on the scene, they found the tanker, which was laying across N. Highway 87, fully engulfed."
 Sullivan said no injuries — other than those sustained
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Courtesy photo

Kim and Krickitt Carpenter embrace. Krickitt will tell the couple's story at 7 p.m. Sept. 24 on the Howard College campus.

Krickitt Carpenter story coming to Big Spring; free tickets available



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Staff Writer

Ever wanted to know the person behind the movie? Howard College Speaker Series and Healthy Woman are teaming up to bring that opportunity to Howard County residents at 7 p.m. Sept. 24. Krickitt Carpenter, the woman behind the movie "The Vow," will be the featured speaker this year.
 "People can expect to hear the true Carpenter story," Krickitt Carpenter said.
 A romance that started with a long-distance phone call took a turn for the worst when Carpenter and her husband of 10 weeks were in a car accident that caused her to lose her short-term memory. Included in that loss were memories of meeting, dating and marrying her husband,

Kim. Sixteen years after the accident, a movie was released retelling the story of how the couple overcame the odds and stayed together; once again, Carpenter will retell the story for those wanting to hear it when she visits Howard College.
 "It was a long, trying process, but we stayed committed to our vows even though nothing made sense to me. It was a couple years before I felt like I was back on my feet again," she said.
 Despite the memory loss, Carpenter relied on the facts being provided by family and friends, along with her faith in God to help get her and her husband through the trying times.
 "There was proof of it (that
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QUILT

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through Sept. 27 through Sept. 29. The recipient of the quilt will be announced Sept. 29 at the end of the fair.

"All the proceeds from the quilt will benefit the fair," Posey said.

For those wanting an opportunity to take the quilt home, tickets can be purchased for \$1 or six for \$5.

The fair will also include vendor booths, arts and crafts and local works submitted by area schools and local artists. To find out more information about the quilt, apply for a vendor booth or to submit your work to the fair, visit www.howardcountyfairoftexas.com.

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by the driver of the tanker — were reported.

"Fighting a tanker fire like that is a lot like fighting a fire at the refinery, so our guys were prepared," Sullivan said. "There was a great deal of gasoline and diesel to deal with. However, the firefighters had the high flames and the majority of the fire down within about 10 minutes of being on the scene. They hit it with the foam application and knocked it down pretty quick. After that, it was mainly a matter of keeping the metal from the tanker cool so we didn't have any secondary explosions."

Sullivan said he and his firefighters had plenty of help on the fire, which his emergency responders were on the scene of until 4:30 a.m. Sunday.

"We had 10 units from Howard County, five from Dawson County, three from Ackerly and two from Lamesa," Sullivan said. "So, we had plenty of assistance."

The condition of the tanker driver was not available at press time.

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VOW

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we were married). I watched myself on video saying in good times and bad, sickness and health, I will be with you. Death will be the only thing that will tear us apart," she said. "You need to be a person of your word whether it be your wedding vows or you are telling your kid you will take them to the park on Saturday. Our society unfortunately doesn't stay true to our word and we need to do what we say we are going to do. I promised this individual I would stay with him for life."

Unlike the movie portrayal, it wasn't all about falling head over heels in love again. It was about making a vow and then making a choice to stand by those words spoken.

"It was a choice. I chose to love him and stay married to my husband

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. You may give as much or as little time as you wish.

Training is free.

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 information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midland-parkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.ccbig-spring.org

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 &

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

and make the best out of it. I chose to stay committed and be a person of my word," Carpenter said.

In her speech, she will retell their story, focusing on the importance of staying true to your word and never losing sight of your faith. She said the only way the obstacles were overcome where through the support of family, friends, church and faith in God.

"You can't do it on your own. We had to reach out, we had many churches, family friends who supported us. You can't do it on your

own. It's a difficult journey. Don't worry about tomorrow because today has enough troubles on its own. It's focusing one day at a time. For me, it was focusing on the positive. You have to focus on what you have rather than what is gone," Carpenter said.

In rekindling their love story, the Carpenters didn't focus on recreating the old memories, but instead worked on building new ones. After she was able to be up and around, the couple started sharing their stories with local churches before it was picked up by the state

newspaper and eventually the AP wire.

"We felt the Lord was opening doors and after praying about it we decided to let it be released on the wire, wrote the book and eventually agreed to allowing a movie to be made," she said.

Admission to hear Carpenter speak is free but a ticket is required. To reserve tickets, call Laura Hughes at 264-5063.

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SHERIFF

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charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and a capias warrant for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- RUBEN ORTIZ JR., 20, was booked into the county detention center Monday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- DAVID A. VASQUEZ, 35, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MIKE MORENO ORTEGA, 54, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- MICHAEL DAVID MAYS, 27, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a Weatherford warrant for motion to revoke probation for theft – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- WILLIAM HILLMAN, 32, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ISAI GONZALEZ, 22, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and public intoxication.
- ARTHUR MIRAMONTES JR., 53, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of E. Fourth Street and Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Lindberg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Weaver Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Andree. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Gunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near the intersection of Presidio and Fourth Street.

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Manuela G. Galan, 78, died Friday. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ralph Walker, 81, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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A modest proposal: Raise the Medicare age to 95

Those who liken the health plan for government employees to the Republican plan for moving Medicare to private insurers miss a significant difference: the patients.

The Federal Employee Health Benefits program works because its beneficiaries tend to be young and healthy. The many employees not needing expensive care subsidize the few who do. When government workers retire at 65 — at which point they may start needing more health care — Medicare takes over.

Private insurers participating in any future voucher-based Medicare system would compete for the tennis players and avoid those with expensive multiple conditions. I can think of no sane business model in which a for-profit insurer would compete for an 85-year-old needing a new hip, a heart valve and twice-a-week kidney dialysis — unless he had many thousands to cover the part of a high premium that "premium support" (the voucher) wouldn't. Medicare was created as a government-run plan precisely because insuring old people needing extensive medical services is a generally unprofitable enterprise.

But let's pretend otherwise. Here's a modest proposal in the spirit of making the numbers work for voucher care:

— Raise Medicare eligibility to 95. This makes a great deal

of sense. Without health coverage, 80-year-olds are likely to die sooner and put less stress on the program's finances. Sure, those 95 and up use a lot of medicine, but there are few of them. The money saved on octogenarians would more than cover those bills and free up extra for more tax cuts.

— Eliminate the funding of annual health checkups. First off, they're not so expensive that people can't pay for them on their own. Sure, many won't spend their own money on this basic health service, but that's part of the actuarial plan. Many such cheapskates will miss diagnoses of chronic conditions and serious diseases, sparing Medicare the cost of their treatment.

If the conditions progress, shortening lives and time on Medicare, still more savings.

— Provide full funding for homeopathic miracle cures. Remedies such as raspberry ketone and wolfsbane tend to cost a lot less than traditional medicine and cover every ailment. By offering to subsidize them, Congress would be giving them a seal of approval. If they don't work, and the patient dies early as a result, that saves money, too.

— Fund unregulated clinics. Why let unelected government bureaucrats pick winners and losers among health care providers? We don't need regulations at all. Some clinics may offer fine medical services and some substandard care or engage in outright fraud. Let the marketplace weed out the con artists. Meanwhile, the quack clinics that do survive will hasten the demise of their more sickly

patients, again reducing the taxpayer's burden. We should trust the American people to choose their own health providers.

— Encourage cherry-picking of healthy customers by private insurers. If a Medicare insurer wants to put its sign-up sheet at the top of a five-floor walkup, why not let it? There are all kinds of ways private insurers can focus on retired marathoners without admitting to doing it. Preventive care, yes. Expensive new chemo treatments, no. Consider the pluses: Hardy 68-year-olds are offered benefit choices (health club memberships?) they wouldn't get in stodgy traditional Medicare. Meanwhile, they wouldn't have to subsidize the irresponsible people who let themselves get old.

On a serious note, an American Enterprise Institute paper points to this virtue in applying the federal-employee-plan model to Medicare: "... federal employees wanting a more expensive plan must pay the higher premium on their own," and that "makes individuals more cost conscious." Yeah, and what are the risks of miscalculating at a healthy age 35?

Perhaps some of the modest proposals aren't modest after all.

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FROMA HARROP

Ryan vision: Let's get it done

The Democrats and their mainstream media cheering section can huff and puff at Paul Ryan's convention speech, but they can't blow his house down. It was built on a solid foundation.

So powerful was the speech that the liberal establishment is reduced to wailing about alleged lies the speech contained — dishonest and easily refuted allegations. Ryan delivered a substantive indictment of the Obama administration's failed record and a content-rich, realistic plan for putting this nation back on track to economic growth and fiscal recovery, a plan that includes "protecting and strengthening" Medicare, not "raiding" it.

Don't listen to the naysayers. Ryan began with a humble acceptance of his "calling" and "duty" to help restore America. His message was positive. "I know we can do this," he said, not dwelling on the malaise in which Obama's disastrous policies have placed us but offering a specific blueprint to deliver us from this quicksand.

He carried forward this same theme throughout the speech: He said that when he accepted the nomination, he told Mitt Romney, "Let's get this done"; and in closing the speech, he converted the slogan into a formal offer to the American people, promising that if elected, he and Romney would put America back on a path to fiscal redemption.

Ryan offered a succinct but irrefutable critique of Obama's economic record: 23 million unemployed or underemployed, 1 in 6 Americans living in poverty and one-half of college graduates unable to find work they've studied for or any work at all.

More importantly, he emphasized that Obama has no new ideas to deliver us from this quagmire. Under a second

Obama term, nothing would change — Obamanomics being but a ship trying to sail on yesterday's wind.

Obama's grandiose stimulus plan, involving "the largest one-time expenditure of the federal government," not only didn't work to create jobs but also took us into deeper debt. The money wasn't "just spent and wasted; it was borrowed, spent and wasted." Instead of giving us the jobs we needed, he forced Obamacare on us against our will, and he gave us Solyndra and its ilk — replete with corporate welfare, political patronage, cronyism and "make-believe markets." Indeed.

Obama's stimulus debacle was a microcosm — albeit a gargantuan one — of the ideas that Obama has advanced and that Romney and Ryan would reject in favor of America's founding ideals.

Ryan was eloquent in articulating the contrast. Under Obama, he said, the government has tried to divide up wealth. Under Romney and Ryan, Americans — not government — would create wealth.

Ryan expanded on the contrast, saying that Obama sees America as a place where everyone is stuck in some class or station in life, victims of circumstances beyond their control, with government there to help them cope with their fate.

The new administration, he assured us, would give us the exact opposite — a land where government is limited (to 20 percent of gross domestic product) and liberty is championed. He weaved in the story of his own family experiences and his mother — his "role model" — to personalize the point. He urged us not to buy Obama's message and record of despair and to reject the stifling notion that we can't do any better — ideas wholly inconsistent with Ryan's personal experiences and the lessons his parents taught him.

Ryan said, in essence, "How dare you tell me and other Americans we have to accept whatever circumstances we find our-

selves in and not try to improve our lots in life?" He said, "I was on my own path, my own journey, an American journey where I could think for myself, decide for myself and define happiness for myself." In other words, in the America in which Ryan grew up and that he and Romney will try to restore, no government and no politician will predefine limits on economic growth and individual liberties — above all, the pursuit of happiness.

Ryan said that the American dream is grounded in freedom, not a planned economy in which equal outcomes are sought in lieu of equal opportunity. He underscored not simply that central planning doesn't work but that it's morally inferior, contrary to the claims and "sancimony" of its leftist proponents.

Ryan promised that they would lead on the tough issues and be men of action — rather than of endless empty rhetoric — and would spend the next four years not blaming others but taking responsibility. They would immediately end the current administration's practice of replacing our founding principles and begin to reapply those principles.

Obama tells us that Republicans want a smaller America, but as Ryan conclusively demonstrated in his speech, it is Obama who envisions a limited, anemic America with a finite pie, incapable of a robust economic future.

In Romney and Ryan's America — as in Ronald Reagan's, Jack Kemp's and Condoleezza Rice's — "it doesn't matter where you came from; it matters where you're going."

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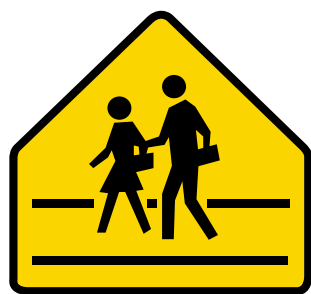


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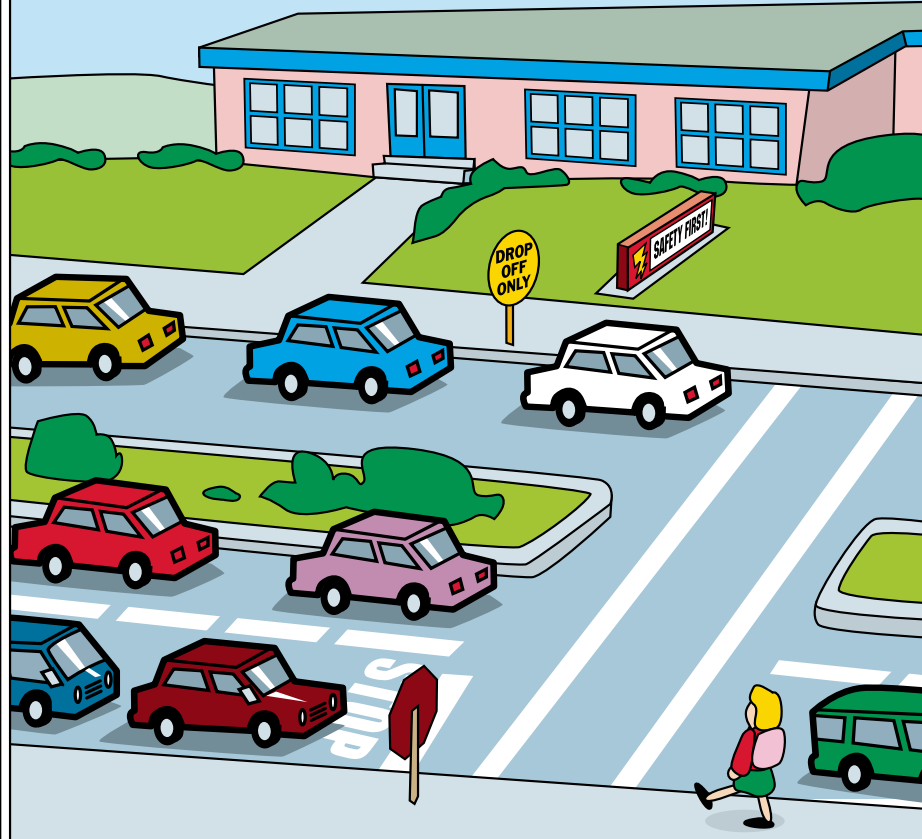


BACK TO SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY

Leave early so you don't have to hurry!

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Take the safe path to school, not the shortest one. Help Amy find the best path to school.

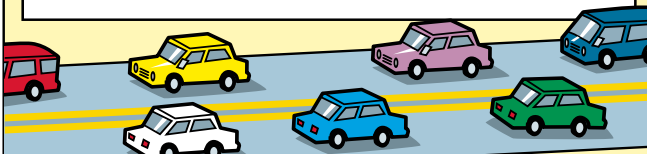


My Safety Story

Finish the sentences using these words:

CARS ALL BUCKLE CORNERS RUN WAYS
HELMET CROSSWALKS STREET CROSSING

My name is _____ and I take time to be safe. I always look _____ before _____ the _____.
I walk, and don't _____.
I never walk between parked _____. I cross streets only at _____ or _____.
I _____ up when riding in a car and wear a _____ when riding my bike.



Kid Scoop Together:

COMPLETE THE RULES

Select a word to complete each safety rule. Then, cut out these rules and put them on your refrigerator or bathroom mirror as a daily reminder.



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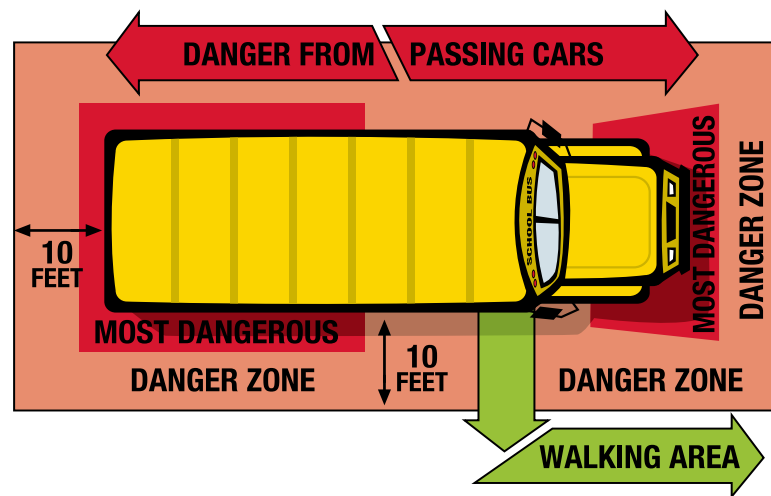
1. Wear light colored _____ at night.
2. Do not wear clothing with _____ or jewelry that can get caught on playground equipment.
3. Walk or skate _____ traffic, so you can see oncoming traffic.
4. Wear an approved bicycle _____ if you are riding a bike or scooter or skating. If you travel on skates or a skateboard, also wear _____ guards and elbow and _____ pads.
5. Don't walk or skate alone.
6. Before you go anywhere, CHECK FIRST with the _____ in charge. (Check in again if you _____ your plans.)
7. Never take a _____ with someone without checking with your parents first.

Standards Link: Health: Know concepts and practices concerning injury prevention and safety.

Know your bus danger zone!

Many children are injured each year while getting on or off school buses. This is because the bus driver cannot see certain areas around the bus. The danger zones are shown below.

Avoid these danger zones by always taking 10 giant steps away from the bus after you exit. Always wait for the bus driver or another adult to tell you when it is safe to cross the street.



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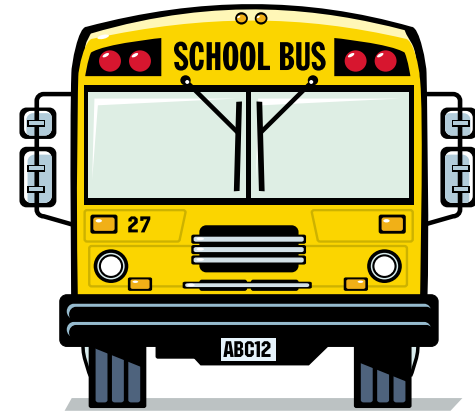
Select a photo from the newspaper. What do you think happened before this picture was taken? What do you think happened after?

Standards Link: Reasoning: Students distinguish between observation and inference.

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How many differences can you find between these two school buses?



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal these important car safety tips.

The back seat is the safest place to sit until age $3+3+2+5=$ _____ inches tall.
You're safer sitting in a booster seat until you are $2+2=$ _____ feet $3+3+3=$ _____ inches tall.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums.



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Double Double Word Search

DIFFERENCE Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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WALKING
SAFETY
DANGER
BUCKLE
HELMET
STREET
PARKED
RIDING
ZONE
SEAT
CARS
BUS

B R T E E R T S U B
B S E A T E R E S T
U P S G M E Z A W F
C E A L N O T Y A G
K Y E R N A W T L N
L H O E K A D E K I
E C N E R E F F I D
Y S C A R S D A N I
R E T S O O B S G R

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

Kid Scoop-doku™

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



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Cause and Effect

Many times headlines tell "what happened" in the news. This is the effect. Select an article to find out what caused the effect reported in the article's headline.

Standards Link: Reading: Understand organizational and informational text (cause and effect).



ANSWER: By school buzz!

Write On! Safety Poem

Write a poem that includes at least three safety rules from this page. Then, ask your teacher if you can read it aloud in class.

News in brief

Trial to determine value of some Michael Jackson copyrights that businessman improperly used

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's estate will begin making its case to a jury that a businessman working with the singer's mother should be forced to pay millions of dollars for infringing on several copyrights.

The amount is the sole issue at stake in a trial set to begin on Tuesday against Howard Mann, who has collaborated with Katherine Jackson on several projects, including a book.

A judge has already ruled that Mann violated Jackson estate copyrights and ordered his website shut down. His attorneys argue the estate doesn't actually own the proper rights and the ruling should be tossed out, but a judge has refused to reconsider his ruling.

The infringing works include cover art from Jackson's posthumous film "This Is It," and a silhouette of the singer dancing to his hit "Smooth Criminal."

The estate's case is expected to hinge on one expert witness who has estimated the cost of a license for the works is between \$5 million and \$12 million.

Democrats raise curtain on their convention after Obama sees storm damage, hails labor

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Four years later Democrats have gathered again, this time in support of a president who carries the power and the burden of incumbency, both in evidence as the opening gavel is struck at the Democratic National Convention.

President Barack Obama demonstrated the power Monday in a convention-eve visit to hurricane-stricken lands in Louisiana, offering aid and empathy. His burden is a ragged economy that is at the core of the hotly competitive contest with Republican Mitt Romney.

Michelle Obama's speech Tuesday night is an early highlight of a three-day schedule that has drawn thousands of delegates to a state Obama narrowly carried in 2008. Although Obama no longer is the fresh-faced newbie who leveraged a short Senate career into an audacious run for the nation's highest office, he still can excite partisans, and Democrats were counting on massive numbers to pack a stadium for his speech later in the week.

If hurricanes have no politics, the aftermath does. Obama's visit to stricken St. John the Baptist

Parish outside New Orleans after a spirited Labor Day rally in battleground Ohio demonstrated, if in muted form, the partisan divide that cleaves the presidential campaign.

Obama emphasized the government's determination to lend a strong helping hand. Romney focused on neighbor helping neighbor in his visit days earlier, even though both support a mix of emergency aid from the taxpayer and volunteerism in response to natural disasters.

Facing possible ban, German far-right leader vows to take party mainstream, angering fringes

VIERECK, Germany (AP) — At a rally of Germany's biggest far-right party, skinheads raise fists to nationalist chants and wear T-shirts that skirt the limits of German law: "Enforce National Socialism" reads one; another proclaims the wearer to be "100 percent un-kosher." Some cover illegal neo-Nazi tattoos with masking tape because police are on the prowl.

But the party's leader insists he is taking his National Democratic Party mainstream.

"My aim is to make the NPD a party firmly based in the present and looking toward the future," Holger Apfel said in an interview at the rally. Breaking a far-right taboo, he told The Associated Press that Nazi Germany's record during World War II included "crimes."

Apfel has tactical reasons for toning down his message: Authorities are currently considering a ban on the party. Yet the attempt to appeal to the center has prompted anger in the country's small but entrenched ultra-right movement, where many refuse to acknowledge that Germany under Nazism — or National Socialism — was responsible for the slaughter of 6 million Jews. Some NPD members have left; others threaten to do so.

Spacecraft to starship? 35 years after launch, Voyager 1 is barreling toward the stars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Thirty-five years after leaving Earth, Voyager 1 is reaching for the stars.

Sooner or later, the workhorse spacecraft will bid adieu to the solar system and enter a new realm of space — the first time a manmade object will have escaped to the other side.

Perhaps no one on Earth will relish the moment more than 76-year-old Ed Stone, who has toiled on the project from the start.

"We're anxious to get outside and find what's out

there," he said.

When NASA's Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 first rocketed out of Earth's grip in 1977, no one knew how long they would live. Now, they are the longest-operating spacecraft in history and the most distant, at billions of miles from Earth but in different directions.

Michael Clarke Duncan, the gentle-giant 'Green Mile' star, dead at 54 after July heart attack

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Clarke Duncan was one big, irresistible jumble of contradictions.

His presence was formidable, even intimidating: The former bodyguard had a muscular, 6-foot-4 frame, but it was topped by the brightest of megawatt smiles.

His gravelly baritone was well-suited to everything from animated films to action spectacles, but no matter the role, a warmth and a sweetness was always evident underneath.

The prolific character actor, whose dozens of movies included an Oscar-nominated performance as a death row inmate in "The Green Mile" and box office hits including "Armageddon," "Planet of the Apes" and "Kung Fu Panda," died Monday at age 54. And although he only turned to acting in his 30s, it's clear from the outpouring of prayers and remembrances he received across the Hollywood and sports worlds that his gentle-giant persona made him much-loved.

Lawyers to present final arguments in Drew Peterson murder trial before jury weighs evidence

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Attorneys deliver closing arguments at Drew Peterson's trial Tuesday, after which jurors will begin deliberations on whether the state proved the former Illinois police officer murdered his third wife.

The sides make their final pitches after five weeks of testimony about the 2004 death of Kathleen Savio, whose body was found in a dry bathtub of her suburban home outside Chicago with a gash on the back of her head.

The 40-year-old's death was initially ruled to have been an accident. Only after Peterson's fourth wife, 23-year-old Stacy Peterson, went missing in 2007 was Savio's body exhumed and her death reclassified as a homicide.

Prosecutors will argue circumstantial evidence points to just one plausible explanation for Savio's death: that Peterson killed her.

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What does Social Security need with 174,000 bullets?

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It didn't take long for the Internet to start buzzing with conspiracy theories after the Social Security Administration posted a notice that it was purchasing 174,000 hollow-point bullets.

Why is the agency that provides benefits to retirees, disabled workers, widows and children stockpiling ammunition? Whom are they going to use it on?

"It's not outlandish to suggest that the Social Security Administration is purchasing the bullets as part of preparations for civil unrest," the website Infowars.com said.

Another website, The Daily Caller, said the bullets must be for use against American citizens, "since the SSA has never been used overseas to help foreign countries maintain control of their citizens."

The clamor became such a distraction for the agency that it dedicated a website to explaining

the purchase. The explanation, it turns out, isn't as tantalizing as an arms buildup to defend against unruly senior citizens.

The bullets are for Social Security's office of inspector general, which has about 295 agents who investigate Social Security fraud and other crimes, said Jonathan L. Lasher, the agency's assistant IG for external relations.

The agents carry guns and make arrests — 589 last year, Lasher said. They execute search warrants and respond to threats against Social Security offices, employees and customers.

Agents carry .357 caliber pistols, Lasher explained.

The bullets, which add up to about 590 per agent, are for the upcoming fiscal year. Most will be expended on the firing range.

Some bloggers have taken issue with the type of ammunition the agency is buying, questioning why agents need hollow-point bullets.

Hollow-points are known for causing more tissue damage than other bullets when they hit a person because they expand when they enter the body.

The bullets, however, are standard issue for many law enforcement agencies, Lasher said, a fact confirmed by the directors of two law enforcement training centers.

"For practice ammunition, they do not have to be hollow-points, but hollow-points are the normal police round used for duty ammunition due to their ability to stop when they hit an object as opposed to going through it and striking more objects," said William J. Muldoon, president of the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

The episode illustrates what can happen when a seemingly salacious tidbit gets amplified and embellished on the Internet.



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The day the Jay learned to look both ways

As the youngster waited for the parental "go ahead" to approach the water dish, the mother and father warily looked in every direction. Soon the juvenile was also scanning the mesquite branches, and grasses below, for any sign of danger.

Finally, one of the parents flew to the nearest elevated dish. Quickly, it returned to its branch.

Repeating this behavior six times, the older blue jay did not stop to drink until having demonstrated to its offspring a routine for survival.

Similar to its parents in coloration, the juvenile lacked the crested embellishment of the older birds. From the moment Art called me to come to the kitchen window to see the young jay, we watched the lessons being given.

While it mimicked the actions of its parents, we talked about how the youngster never would have learned the nuances of self-preservation if taken out of its environment. During the last days of summer, many other species would also be teaching their offspring the most important aspect of their lives.

Immediately, our first August in our present home came to mind. Small raptors were being found on the ground throughout town. The assumption that they had been abandoned was common.

One day alone stood out in our memories. When the

doorbell rang during lunch, I discovered a young lady holding a small, juvenile falcon. Knowing she worked at Bent Tree Apartments, I asked about her finding the American kestrel.

Standing under one of their trees, the youngster had not moved as she approached. With so many cars and tenants passing the area, the woman had been afraid of it either being run over, or taken into one of the units.

No sooner had I finished placing the kestrel in a container than the phone rang again. "East from Casa Blanca," said a male voice. "We're across the street."

Not knowing what to expect, we took several pole nets. With the traffic on Gregg Street, we hoped to prevent a chase across the busy road.

As we entered the open doors of what appeared to be both a TV repair and used furniture business, a man pointed toward the south side of the building. As we followed him toward the back and outside, we overlooked the bird standing among the tall, dried grasses.

"It's over here," the man directed. "It hasn't moved."

Similar in coloration to the weeds and stalks, a kestrel watched us with its dark, black eyes. Blending into its surroundings, the coloration of its breast had provided a perfect camouflage. Like our other new guest, this bird was in the process of doing exactly what its parents would have wanted it to do.

Waiting for grasshoppers or mice from alleys, easements, or the countryside close by, both kestrels had still been dependent upon their parents for an education in the skills of hunting.



Two young American kestrels await a parent's return. When mature, their wingspan of nearly 24 inches will enable them to hover and glide while hunting prey.

Courtesy photo

Encouraged by the older birds to follow them to safer surroundings, the falcons would have developed the muscle tone and stamina needed for sustained flight.

Weighing the same potential problem of leaving this bird to the dangers of both cars and humans, we decided to take the kestrel away from one of the busiest streets in town.

At least it would have the companionship of another kestrel.

Placed together, the male and female were soon feasting on their individual mice. Resembling his father, the male had a rusty patch on his bluish-gray crown. Two black stripes accented the sides of his white face.

The terra cotta color of his back was barred with black. His slate-blue wings tapered

toward his black primaries. With his buff-colored belly adorned with black spots, and his rufous tail with its broad black band ending with a white tip, he was, indeed, handsome.

Although dull in comparison to the male, the little female, like her mother, was colored in a rusty hue on her wings, back and tail that were accented with blackish bars.

Her breast and belly had the typical buff that was streaked downward with cinnamon. Accenting her cheeks, as in the male, were the two black, vertical stripes. For both, these were the dark facial markings of their parents.

Placed with other kestrels at the wildlife center in Lubbock, our twosome came under the tutelage of

an older adult. As graduates of "mouse school," they had quickly learned with others how to catch and kill rodents. After proving their flight ability, release in early September was assured.

As the performance outside our kitchen window abruptly ended with the young blue jay disappearing into the lofty mesquites after its parents, we looked forward to their next visit. The family had reminded us once again that whether the offspring may be jays or falcons, they couldn't learn the vital, avian skills necessary for survival by being inside someone's house.

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Some simple rules for living a better life

Whenever I'm disappointed with my "spot" in life, I try to stop for a moment and think of a story I heard years ago about little Johnny.

Johnny was trying out for a part in the school play and he set his heart on being in it, but this mom feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, little Johnny rushed home, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what, Mom," he shouted, and then said the words that will remain a lesson to me, "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

We, as adults, sometimes get caught up in situations and tend to make something out of them that we should ignore. It has been said to never borrow from the future — if we worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, we have worried in vain and if it does happen we have worried twice.

Abraham Lincoln once commented, "It is said an Eastern monarch once charged his wise men to invent him a sentence to be ever in view, and which should be true and appropriate

in all times and situations. They presented him the words, 'And this, too, shall pass away.'"

I guess it all boils down to learning how to set rules for our lives and live by them. I was reading recently some really good rules we need to learn to follow:

- We need to get to bed on time and get up on time so we can start the day unrushed.
- We need to say "No" to projects that won't fit into our time schedule or that will compromise our mental health.
- We need to delegate tasks whenever we can to show others we depend upon them and have confidence in them.
- We need to simplify and unclutter our life.
- We need to allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
- We need to pace ourselves; to spread out big changes and difficult projects over time and not to lump the hard things all together.
- We need to take one day at a time and separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what we should do and let go of the anxiety. If we can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
- Live within our budget; don't allow credit cards for ordinary purchases go beyond the current month.
- We need to have backups; an extra car key in our wallet, an extra house key buried

in the garden, extra stamps, etc.

- One piece of advice which can prevent an enormous amount of trouble is that we should learn to keep our comments to ourselves.
- We should do something for the kid in us every day.
- We should carry an enlightening book with us to read while waiting in line.
- We should get enough rest, eat right and get organized so everything has its place.
- We should write down thoughts and inspirations.

- Every day we should find time to be alone.
- We should try to nip small problems in the bud and not wait until later to solve our problems.
- We should make friends with good people.
- We should remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a kind word or a thankful thought.
- We should laugh more.
- We should take our work seriously, but not ourselves at all.
- We should keep a forgiving attitude and

realize that most people are doing the best they can.

- We should be kind to unkind people; they probably need it the most.
- We should sit on our ego, talk less, listen more, slow down and remind ourselves that we are not the general manager of the universe.

- Every night before bed, we should think of one thing we're grateful for that we've never been grateful for before.
- And keep this thought before us that no matter how much we push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

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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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South West North East
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
?

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠A9643 ♥7♦QJ5 ♣K982
- ♠KQJ94 ♥K86♦J532 ♣4
- ♠A9852 ♥AQ43 ♦9♣632
- ♠763 ♥85♦AQ1072 ♣KQ4
- ♠AJ75 ♥10♦84 ♣KQ10542

1. **One spade.** It's true that this hand is very close to an opening bid, and you might therefore feel tempted to bid two spades to show a maximum passed hand. Nevertheless, it's better to bid only one spade even knowing that partner might pass. This is partly because your spade suit is too weak for a jump, and partly because your hand has depreciated in value after partner's opening bid in the suit in which you have a singleton. The one-spade response makes allowance for a possible misfit.

2. **Two spades.** Here you should let partner know that there is a good chance for game, despite your previous pass. You do this by making a jump-shift response. True, you have only 10 high-card points — just as in the previous hand — but this time you have much better prospects of game, either in spades or in hearts, and partner should be apprised of this

development. Strictly speaking, the jump-shift is not forcing, but partner will seldom pass.

3. **Four hearts.** Considering your excellent trump support and singleton diamond, this hand should now be regarded as worth a full opening bid. Accordingly, you shouldn't run the risk of missing game, which could happen if you bid only three hearts (invitational).

4. **Two diamonds.** Here you passed a borderline opening bid, but it's still best to avoid trying to compensate for that by now jumping to three diamonds. Partner's heart opening didn't help your hand much, and in fact hurt it slightly. Your response on the two-level indicates at least 10 points. If partner passes knowing you might have up to 12 points, the chances are that there's no game.

5. **Two clubs.** It might not have been your style to pass originally, but let's assume for the moment that someone twisted your arm and you did. Granted that it is tempting to jump to three clubs at this point, you will do better in the long run to restrain yourself and bid only two clubs. It is usually best not to crowd the bidding on hands where there is more than one message to deliver. In keeping with that principle, you should leave as much room as possible to show your spades next at a relatively low level.

Tomorrow: Beyond the shadow of a doubt.

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Lady Steers take third at Seminole tourney



Courtesy photo

The Lady Steers volleyball squad placed third over the weekend at the Seminole tournament after winning five-out-of-six matches, defeating SA Lakeview, Denver City, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee and Seminole. The only team to best Big Spring was Odessa High. The Lady Steers have posted a preseason record of 15-9 thus far. They will be traveling to Frenship today to play Frenship High and Amarillo High. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.

Darvish perfect into 6th as Texas slaps Royals 8-4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — While Yu Darvish flirted with a no-hitter, the Texas Rangers were hitting the ball over the Kauffman Stadium fences.

Darvish retired the first 17 batters, Texas hit five home runs and the Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 8-4 Monday in a game that turned testy.

Adrian Beltre and Nelson Cruz homered on consecutive pitches in the sixth inning. Cruz watched his drive sail over the wall, then was hit by Louis Coleman's first pitch leading off the ninth.

Cruz took a few steps to the mound, but was restrained by catcher Brayan Pena.

"It's part of the game," Pena said. "We're trying to go inside. Cruz is a very strong guy and we were trying to not let him extend his arms. He is one of my good friends and I hope he knows we were not trying to hit him." The dugouts and

bullpens emptied, but only words were exchanged. Both teams were issued a warning by plate umpire Mike Everitt.

Michael Young answered that by homering on the next pitch and Coleman was replaced by Francis Bueno.

"That was an outstanding sequence," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Not the fact Cruz got hit, but the fact Michael hit the home run. I don't know what that was about, but undoubtedly it didn't affect us because we put another two runs on the board and got him out of the game. We were fired up already. All he did was make it shine a little brighter."

Josh Hamilton hit his 38th homer and Geovany Soto added a three-run shot as Texas won for the ninth time in 12 games. The AL West leaders moved a season-high 26 games over .500 with some more pop

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Cowboys' new O-line ready to go

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Mackenzy Bernadeau and Nate Livings, the veteran guards added by the Dallas Cowboys, played in only one preseason game together. That wasn't with starting center Phil Costa.

And the starting tackles, Tyron Smith and Doug Free, have switched sides since last season.

So after the Cowboys revamped their offensive line during the offseason, including new position coach Bill Callahan, the first time the group will play together protecting Tony Romo will be in the NFL's kickoff game Wednesday night.

And that will be against the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants and their stand-out offensive front of Justin Tuck, Jason Pierre-Paul and Osi Menyiora.

"They're very disruptive, and they just have a lot of guys they can throw at you with the great bursts, great energy," Romo said. "They do some different things with their technique that really allow them to disrupt offenses. And without getting into detail, I think that can provide you with some difficult situations, and so we just have to do some different things to help that."

On top of their line changes, the Cowboys were still uncertain of the status of tight end Jason Witten (lacerated spleen). The seven-time Pro Bowler again had limited participation in practice Monday, three weeks after he got hurt in the preseason opener and a day before a CT scan that will determine if his spleen has healed enough to be cleared to play.

Living, who came from Cincinnati, said the linemen haven't focused on the time they missed because of various injuries, but rather on the time they've had together. And he described that as awesome.

"Whether it's five, 10 minutes, 15 hours, the time we have together is the time we have together. You can't look on the time we are not together," Livings said. "It's just about getting out there, focusing on what we got and getting the job done."

One of the offseason goals for the Cowboys was to add some experienced bulk in the middle of the line. They gave multiyear contracts to free agents Livings and Bernadeau, both listed at 6-foot-4 and 320 pounds and going into their fifth NFL season.

But Bernadeau missed the entire offseason and the start of training camp after hip and knee surgeries. Then Livings suffered a hamstring injury in camp.

"We signed these guys for a reason," coach Jason Garrett said. "When they've been healthy, they've done a real nice job for us."

Miami's Garrard may lose roster spot

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Quarterback David Garrard signed with the Miami Dolphins in March, climbed to No. 1 on the depth chart a month ago and now wonders whether he'll still be on the roster at the end of this week.

Garrard somewhat gingerly returned to practice Monday, three weeks after he underwent arthroscopic knee surgery that forced him to miss the entire exhibition season.

The veteran is one of four quarterbacks on the roster, stirring speculation he'll be released or traded. Garrard said Dolphins officials have given him no hints regarding their plans.

"I honestly don't even know what's going on," he said. "There are still enough teams in this league to play for if it is not here. But I'm excited about here. I'm ex-

cited about being on this team, and hopefully I'll still be here."

Rookie Ryan Tannehill will start Sunday's opener at Houston. The Dolphins' other quarterbacks are Matt Moore, who started their final 12 games last year, and Pat Devlin, a second-year player who has shown promise but has yet to take a snap in a game.

The Dolphins may decide against keeping Garrard a backup because of his \$2.25 million salary — guaranteed if he's on the roster for the opener — and uncertainty about his left knee.

He conceded he's not yet 100 percent.

"I'm still trying to get my strength back in that leg, which is what I'm really fighting through right now," he said. "I'm just trying to be smart, as smart as I can without delaying myself too much.

But I'm not going to force myself to do anything to hurt myself for the long run, if it's here or somewhere else."

Also nursing a sore knee was Pro Bowl tackle Jake Long, who has been sidelined for the past week and again sat out practice. His status for the opener is uncertain.

Following a flurry of moves to reach the regular-season roster limit, the Dolphins have 11 rookies — four undrafted — and eight other newcomers among their 53 players. The newcomers include four players who practiced Monday for the first time since being acquired off waivers — receiver Anthony Armstrong, safety Troy Nolan, cornerback R.J. Stanford and linebacker Sammy Brown.

"They're swimming a little bit."

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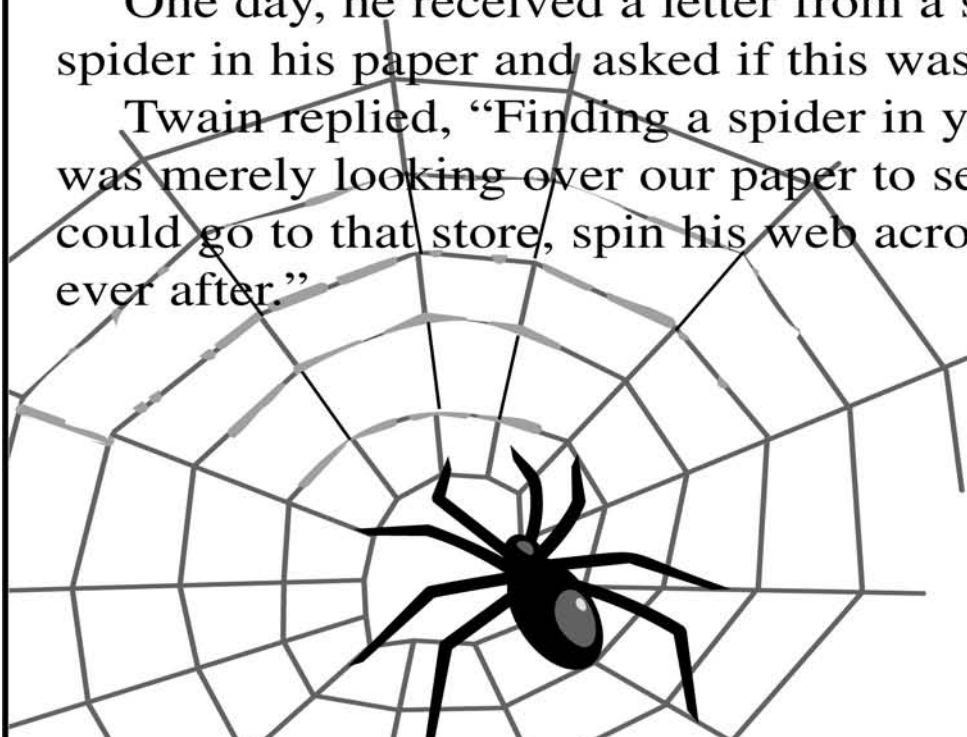
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were under protest. **The true effective rate should be 88.8275c.**

There will be a public hearing to discuss the City of Big Spring's 2012 tax rate at the regular Council Meeting on September 11, 2012, in the Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th Street at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Tommy Duncan, Mayor
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Fall for a tea party this season

(Family Features) Looking for a new way to entertain this year? Try a tea party. This seasonal soiree from the celebration experts at Wilton is casual, colorful and delicious.

First, the tea. Every tea enthusiast knows that a great brew starts with fresh, cold, high-quality water — filtered or bottled is preferred over tap water.

Using a tea kettle, like Copco's Red Delicious Apple Tea Kettle — complete with a playful design and bright harvest colors — is the best way to heat water to the correct temperature.

The kettle's plug-in harmonic whistle lets you know when water is just boiling. Offer a selection of tea bags to easily display a variety of unique flavors. Include a classic like Earl Grey alongside several choices with citrus, fruit or floral notes.

Next, the sweets. This trio of ideas from the Wilton Test Kitchen features favorite fall flavors that pair perfectly with a cup of tea — whether it's tea for two or quite a few.

- Apple Hazelnut Linzer Cookies — delicate and buttery with a hint of nutmeg — are sandwiched together with apple butter. They practically melt in your mouth.

- Harvest Sweet Potato Cakes are spicy-sweet, moist little cakes that will stand out at any party. Use the Wilton Harvest Whoopie Pie Pan to make the fun fall shapes that are Candy Melt candy-dipped, then decorated with sprinkles and sugars.

- Cinnamon Glazed Apples just might be the unexpected show-stopper. Granny Smith apples stuffed with walnuts and raisins are basted with a mixture of melted red cinnamon candies and apple juice as they bake. A tangy piping of cream cheese is just the right balance for the sweet-hot apples — ideal for an afternoon tea party.

For more seasonal project ideas, recipes and additional information on Copco and Wilton Enterprises, visit www.copco.com and www.wilton.com.

Apple Hazelnut Linzer Cookies (makes about 32 sandwich cookies)

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup finely ground hazelnuts (about 2 oz.)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup apple butter
- Red Icing Color, optional
- Confectioners' sugar, optional

In small bowl, combine flour, hazelnuts, nutmeg and salt; set aside. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; mix well. Add flour mixture; mix only until combined. Form dough into 2 disks, about 1 in. thick; wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm enough to roll.

Preheat oven to 350F. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper.

On floured surface, roll out dough 1/8-in. thick (keep dough in refrigerator until ready to roll). Using square Linzer Cutter, cut half of the dough with 3-in. cutter and place on prepared pan. Cut remaining dough with 3-in. cutter with insert; transfer to second baking sheet. Form scraps into a disk, chill at least 30 minutes and reroll.

Bake 7-9 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool on cookie sheet 2 minutes; remove to cooling grid and cool completely. Tint apple butter with red icing color, if desired. Spread whole cookies with apple butter; if desired, lightly dust cookies with cut-outs with confectioners' sugar and gently sandwich cookies together.

Cinnamon Glazed Apples (makes 6 servings)

- 3 medium Granny Smith apples
- 3/4 cup apple juice
- 1 jar (3 oz.) Cinnamon Drops Sprinkles
- 1/4 cup firmly-packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon chopped walnuts, toasted
- 2 tablespoons raisins
- Pinch of salt
- 4 oz. (1/2 8-oz. package) cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- Pinch nutmeg (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Cut a small amount off top and bottom of each apple so it will stand up. Cut apple in half horizontally. Scoop out core, leaving about 1/4 in. at the edges. Do not core all the way to the end of the apple. Pour juice and cinnamon drops into the bottom of a 9 in. square baking dish. Arrange apple halves in baking dish. In small bowl, stir together brown sugar, walnuts, raisins and salt. Pack about 2 tablespoons of mixture into hollowed core of each apple.

Bake 40-45 minutes, basting with juice every 10 minutes, until apples are easily pierced with a fork. Cool.

In small bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer until creamy. Add confectioners' sugar and nutmeg; beat until smooth. Pipe onto cooled apples, or along side of plate.

Harvest Sweet Potato Cakes (makes about 24 cakes)

- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg, divided
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 can (15 oz.) sweet potatoes, drained and mashed (about 1 cup)
- 1/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 bag (12 oz.) white Candy Melts candy, melted
- Assorted Autumn sprinkles and colored sugars

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray Autumn Harvest Pie Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, salt, and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with sweet potatoes and buttermilk, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Fill pan with 1-1/2 tablespoons batter (about 1/2 full), spreading batter to edges of cavities.

Bake 7-9 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove to cooling rack. Cool completely before decorating.

In small bowl, combine melted candy with remaining cinnamon and nutmeg. Dip half of each single (not sandwiched) cake into candy mixture; add sprinkles and sugars. Place on parchment paper until set.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I are trying to raise our three children in a traditional, conservative environment, but my in-laws undermine our values.

We recently went on a cruise with them, along with my husband's brother and niece and her live-in boyfriend. At one point, my oldest daughter didn't feel well, so I took her back to the cabin for a couple of hours. When we found the rest of the family, they were having a drinkfest right in front of our 14-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son. Not only that, but they were buying alcohol for the niece and her boyfriend, both of whom are under 21.

From the looks of the empties on the table, this had been going on for the entire two hours. Most of them were drunk. Mind you, my husband was taking part, as well, which infuriated me. But I was even angrier with my mother-in-law, because I feel that women should be protectors of their children and grandchildren, instead of enablers.

My mother-in-law even made a point to tell our daughters that the niece had been living with her boyfriend for more than a year, which seemed to put her stamp of approval on the arrangement. My kids didn't know this, nor did they need to. They don't live near their cousin. My mother-in-law is well aware of the values we teach, but if I say anything, she says I'm judging her and being disrespectful.

We spent very little time with the family for the rest of the trip because they wanted to party and we wanted a more wholesome environment. How do we handle this type of situation when it comes up again? — *Kids First*

Dear Kids: Please understand that you cannot control what other people do, only how you respond. You also cannot control every environment, so use these situations as learning experiences. Talk to your kids calmly about what's going on and how you feel about it. Don't vilify your in-laws, but be prepared for their continued inappropriate behavior. Your kids undoubtedly will encounter other such situations when you are not around, and the hope is that they will remember the good judgment and values you have taught them. And please stop blaming your mother-in-law. Your husband should have been the protector of his own children.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Don't delay your social life by waiting until after you've reached your goals to meet people. Chances are that during this Mercury trine Pluto, you'll be accepted for who you are regardless of your achievements. Anyway, displaying the desire and ability to reach your goals can be just as powerful as having already reached them.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be a bit of a tease, realizing the great fun that can come from a playful approach to life. The equally light-hearted will find you irresistible, as will a certain someone with a heavy heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The differences between people are sometimes extreme. But you recognize that no value system is universally right. Your open mind will take you where others aren't invited.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are unlikely to give your trust or your money to an unproven entity. What people say is of little significance unless it is backed up by what they do. Time will tell.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have better things to think about than how you are being perceived by others. And yet there is something you want that will be easier to obtain by giving some thought to your public image.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are clear in your purpose, but you do not yet have the mechanism in place to be loud about it, too. You need some version of a microphone. Today this will come in the form of ad space or excellent word of mouth from friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in the mood for change again. So instead of wishing you were a person who ate vegan or played tennis, you will make moves to actually be that person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll instruct and advise. People will want to know how you got so

smart. Give up some of your sources — but not all of them. Everyone has to do his or her own work in order to bring something new to the table.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Widen your circle. New blood will invigorate your social and professional scenes. It may be very difficult for you to approach someone, but once that hurdle is overcome, the rest happens rather naturally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People will seek your approval. At first that may feel good to you. It's nice to know you are respected. But after a while, you may see the dynamic as draining. You'll be attracted to those who are emotionally self-reliant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One way to avoid the heartbreak hotel is to seek only the company of those who are capable of recognizing your worth and reciprocating your feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll exude warmth and humor. These qualities alone

are not enough to secure your position with a certain someone. But if you're also sincere, engaging and comfortable to be around, then you've got it made in the shade.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are accomplishments you would like to achieve because you believe they will make you happier. They may not, but that doesn't diminish the importance of going for it. Do it just to prove to yourself that you can.

T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 4). All you've overcome in your life has brought you to the stronger, more powerful identity you project this year. Someone will endorse you with enthusiasm this month, helping you to move up professionally. October brings sweet promises, and November fulfills them. Family adventures come in December. Gemini and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 40, 2, 41 and 1.

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No drama for Murray, Roddick up next

NEW YORK (AP) — Refusing to allow his opponent even a glimmer of hope under the lights, Andy Murray wrapped up a straight-set win on a drama-free evening inside Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The man now hoping to pump up the volume at the U.S. Open: Andy Roddick.

One loss from retirement, No. 20 seed Roddick plays his fourth-round match against No. 7 seed Juan Martin del Potro on Tuesday night, in search of the first big-time upset in a men's draw that has mostly gone to form — and very quietly at that.

Third-seeded Murray defeated No. 15 Milos Raonic of Canada 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 to wrap up play Monday — a day that included a walkover for No. 1 Roger Federer, who advanced when Mardy Fish withdrew because of health reasons.

"Today was by far my best match of the tournament," said Murray, who beat Federer to win the Olympic gold medal earlier this summer but is still in search of his first Grand Slam title. "Hopefully, I can get some good rest tonight and tomorrow, get ready for the quarterfinals, you know, get pumped. Because you're only a few sets from maybe competing for a Grand Slam final and you need to get ready for it."

Defending champion and No. 2 seed Novak Djokovic also plays his fourth-round match Tuesday, against No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka. Through Monday, the top three men have lost a grand total of one set.

Murray's four-set win over Feliciano Lopez in the third round has been the only match to include so much as a tiebreaker.

Djokovic has gone the last two

matches without facing a single break point. Against big-serving Raonic, Murray got halfway to matching that, serving 14 games without ever facing a loss. Meanwhile, he used his good return game to take away his opponent's biggest weapon — a serve that maxed out at 140 mph. Raonic finished with 14 aces, but also six double-faults and never found an answer for Murray's serve.

"Not much I could do," Raonic said. "I tried everything. I tried three different ways. I tried playing back, playing high to him. I tried coming in a lot. Everything really."

Murray's win came a few hours after Serena Williams recorded the fifth 6-0, 6-0 victory of her career, this one over Andrea Hlavackova, who was making her deepest run into a Grand Slam.

Dallas waits for CT scan on TE Witten

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Jason Witten is doing everything he can to be ready to play in the Dallas Cowboys' season opener.

Yet no matter how good he feels, the seven-time Pro Bowl tight end won't know until Tuesday if he will be medically cleared. That is when he is scheduled to have a CT scan to determine if his lacerated spleen has healed enough to play.

"You look for in how he's preparing himself to play in the game, then the answer is yes there," owner Jerry Jones said after the team's practice Sunday. "But realistically, how it sorts through relative to what he might do in a CAT scan test Tuesday, that probably will dictate whether he plays

or not."

It has been only three weeks since Witten got hurt when he took a hard hit in the side during the Aug. 13 preseason opener at Oakland. He had limited participation in practice Sunday, only his second day back in pads.

Witten's scan is set before the team's departure for the NFL's kickoff game Wednesday night at the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

"If I get cleared, we're playing. It's the only way I believe you can approach the game," said Witten, who was then asked if he was optimistic about getting cleared.

"I wouldn't say optimistic just because as of right now it's been a

tough challenge to get to that point," he said. "Optimistic would be if it was in my hands and my control. So no from that standpoint."

Sunday also marked the return to practice for cornerback Mike Jenkins, and Jones said he "practiced well." The former Pro Bowler missed all offseason work and training camp because of reconstructive shoulder surgery after last season.

Jenkins passed his physical last week and was eligible to return to practice Saturday. But he missed that day because of migraine headaches.

When asked of his chances of playing in the opener, Jenkins said he didn't know.

"It was good. I got my feet up under me. I got a

chance to get out there and work with the rest of the team," Jenkins said after his first practice. "I just got cleared. I'm guessing it's on me and the coaches, come together to a mutual decision when I can get back out."

But Jenkins, who like Witten was limited in practice, said he has confidence in his surgically repaired shoulder.

The Cowboys listed 14 injured players on their practice report.

Among them were receivers Dez Bryant (right knee) and Miles Austin (hamstring), who were listed as full participants. Receivers coach Jimmy Robinson said both were making progress.

"They're doing good out there," he said.

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coach Joe Philbin said. "I'm sure they're not practicing at the speed they hopefully will, due to the mental things that are going on."

Armstrong had 44 catches for 871 yards for the Washington Redskins in 2010, and the Dolphins hope he can provide the deep threat that has been missing in their receiving corps.

"They told me they brought me here to play," he said. "I've just got to learn the offense, get caught up to speed and be able to get on the same page as Tannehill and those guys."

After his breakthrough year in 2010, Armstrong played much less last season, when he made only seven receptions for Washington.

"That's not the type of receiver I am," he said. "I'm more focused on the guy that I was in 2010."

Davone Bess and Legedu Naanee will likely get the most snaps among the wideouts in the opener. Veteran Brian Hartline returned to practice Friday but is behind because he missed the entire exhibition season with a calf injury.

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after hit four homers Sunday in an 8-3 victory at Cleveland.

A day after he homered and doubled in his first two big league at-bats, 19-year-old Jurickson Profar was not in the Texas lineup. Second baseman Ian Kinsler, who sat out Sunday with a stiff back, returned to the lineup.

Darvish (14-9), who retired the final seven batters he faced in his previous start, did not allow a runner until two out in the sixth when he walked Johnny Givortella on a close full-count pitch.

"When I threw that pitch — it was a slider — I tried to throw it right down the middle," Darvish said through an interpreter. "It ended up being on the outer edge, a very close call. At that moment, I wanted the call, but later after that inning I looked at the replay video and saw that it was fairly a ball. So it just goes to show the umpires are right and good. And that hitter had a very good take, a very good at-bat."

David Lough, playing in his third big league game, blooped a single just over the reach of shortstop Elvis Andrus and into shallow center to end Darvish's no-hit bid.

"I didn't think about that at all," Darvish

said.

Darvish gave up a two-run triple to Tony Abreu and a RBI double to Alex Gordon to cut the Texas lead to 6-3 before the inning ended.

"It takes one hit sometimes and other guys can feed off it," Lough said. "I saw him going back for it and I was hoping it would fall in."

Darvish was pulled after the seventh and struck out six, including five in the first three innings, while walking one.

"It was as good as I've seen his stuff," Washington said. "His stuff was real crisp. His curveball they just couldn't do anything with it. Early in the game his cutter was just outstanding. His four-seamer, he was zipping it. He was hitting his spots with consistency."

"He was doing everything he wanted to do out there. He's getting a feel for what is working and he's staying with it."

Darvish tied Wade Miley of Arizona for the most victories by a rookie this season.

Soto homered in the second for a 3-0 lead.

Bruce Chen (10-11) allowed six runs on six hits, four of them home runs. He lasted six innings as his career ERA against Texas climbed to 8.68.

Abreu also singled in a run in the eighth, giving him six RBIs in two games.

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