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Commissioners approve tax rate; mull road use fee

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners closed the books on their fiscal plan for the coming year Monday morning, as the court adopted its 2012-2013 tax rate on a unanimous vote.

The court adopted a tax rate of 33 cents per \$100 valuation, down considerably from last year's 43.6720 cents per \$100 valuation.

County Auditor Jackie Olson said the 2012-2013 rate which is slightly more than the effective tax rate of 30.9221 cents — will generate \$753,000 more tax dollars for the county than last year's levy.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the court will be collecting more in taxes this coming year. However, thanks to higher than expected mineral values, most property owners will still see a decrease in their tax bill.

"As always, it all comes

down to what your home is appraised at. That's the bottom line," Barr said. "Howly, it looks like it will be the ever, most property owners taxpayers who have to foot who didn't see an increase in the value of their property are going to see their tax bill

"Overall, the damage is estimated at approximately \$22 million right

now. What we're hoping to do is be able to spend approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year to try to make



repairs."

go down this year, which is something I think everyone

—County Judge Mark Barr

can be thankful for." Barr said the additional funding is necessary for the county to address its ongoing

issue with roadway damages, which continue to grow exponentially due to the current boom in the oilfield. "We have to address this problem and, unfortunate-

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HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program featured Krickitt Carpenter as the guest speaker for Monday evening. Carpenter told the true events that served as the inspiration behind the Hollywood hit "The Vow." After her speech, Carpenter signed books and tickets in the lobby.

1 jailed in Martin Co. stabbing

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A barbecue turned violent in Martin County during the weekend, as a



weapon and two people were treated for injuries, according to law enforce-

man

ment officials. Corey Glenn Rodgers, 43, of Midland, was arrested on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after officials with the Martin County Sheriff's Office say he attacked a number of people at a party Sunday evening in the 3000 block of State High-

way 176. According to MCSO Chief Deputy Ernest Wakefield, law enforcement officers were called to the residence at approximately 8:46 p.m. Sun-

"Deputies were dispatched in reference to a call that someone had been stabbed," Wakefield said. "When they

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County, city crews battle structure fire

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Staff Writer

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 7403 Brandon, in the Tubbs Edition area, around 5:15 p.m. Monday. According to Howard Coun-

ty Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, firefighters witnessed heavy smoke coming from the back of the house upon arrival.

"Our firefighters were at-

tacking the fire that was in the back of the house and upon arrival of Big Spring Fire Department Engine 5, the fire ventilated through the roof and spread through the attic," Sullivan said.

Flames were knocked down within 45 minutes. The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen area, but is still under investigation. Eight HCVFD units, one BSFD unit and an ambulance responded. No iniuries were reported. The last of the units cleared the scene around 10:50 p.m.

"We just really want to en-

courage everyone to get their heaters and units checked out and give them proper maintenance before firing them up for the winter months," Sullivan said.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

WTC recognizes suicide awareness month making final desaid. "There is no reversing Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers oper-

ates a 24-hour hotline for people in crisis, particularly those contemplating suicide. "The hotline has saved countless lives," West Texas

Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, said. "It is our number one tool in our arsenal to help people who are feeling so desperate that they believe they can not live another day." Crisis workers undergo intensive training on how to

work with callers who are



"Our crisis workers must think quickly and

Smith said.

pick their words carefully in a very pressurized situ-

ation," Smith said. "They do a tremendous job, and I urge people who are struggling with feelings of hopelessness and depression and suicide to reach out to our hotline."

Suicide is a priority in the

field of mental health because

of its permanency, Smith

suicide. When it's done, it's cisions on temporary problems, done. A life is lost and there's nothing we can do to bring that life back. It's permanent, and it's so very, very sad." "And after the suicide, you

> lation - the loved ones of the person who took his or her life." Much attention is being paid to suicide this month

> are working with a new popu-

President Obama's pledge to help veterans and the increased attention to

veterans who need assistance

from Post-Traumatic Stress

Disorder of PTSD.

"This is another area we have dedicated many of our resources towards," Smith said. "We have held meetings for veterans and their families who are living with the stresses of serving in our armed forces." Many schools are stepping

up efforts to recognize signs of suicide. Many students recently printed love on their wrists during Suicide Prevention Month to show students who are contemplating suicide that they are loved and supported. See SUICIDE, Page 3



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Obituaries

Lillymay Hildreth Dawkins



Lillymay Hildreth Dawkins, 89. of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, at her home of 62 years.

Lillymay was born March 31, 1923, in the family home in Big Spring, Texas, to Walter and May Hildreth. She grew up in Big Spring, Moore Community, Stanton and Lenorah, moving to Midland in 1942. During WWII she went to

work for the phone company, working four hours daily as a telephone operator in the downtown office and then taking the bus to Midland Army Air Field to work as an operator on base. She later worked as a bookkeeper at Penney's and then as bookkeeper and data entry clerk for Midland County Adult Probation office.

Lillymay accepted Jesus as her Savior as a young girl and always lived her life with God's leading in mind. She loved children and taught them in Sunday School for more than 60 years. She was an avid photographer and thanks to her efforts, her family has a tremendous heritage of family pictures going back to when she was just a child herself. Sewing was another activity she enjoyed and excelled in. She liked working on her computer and did extensive genealogy work. And no one could beat her German chocolate cake.

Lillymay married her best friend, Vern Dawkins, in July 1945 in Stanton, Texas. He pre-deceased her in July 1988. She was also pre-deceased by her parents; her sister, Janie Hildreth Morgan Dawkins; and her youngest brother, Jerry Hildreth.

She is survived by her son, Donald Dawkins; and her daughter, Jean Dawkins Page (Doug), both of Midland, Texas. She leaves three grandchildren, Mike Dawkins and children Michael, Micah, Karissa and Hannah of Midland, Texas, Traci Sparks (Terry) and son Ryan of Lubbock, Texas, Sherri Gilbert (Jeff) and sons Dylan and Brandon of Amarillo, Texas. She also leaves six brothers and sisters, Marybelle Odell of Big Spring, Texas, Myrtie Dawkins of Midland, Texas, Walter Hildreth, Jr. (Jean) of Lenorah, Eula Kartes (Eddie) of Grand Prairie, Texas, Libby Gilmore (Ken) of Lubbock, Texas, and Jack Hildreth Of Franklin, Tenn., and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

Many thanks go to Hospice of Midland. Extra thanks to Laurie, Faye, Angela, Pat, Jesus, Ellie and Tennesha.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Midland P.O. Box 2621 Midland, Texas 79702; or the charity of one's choice.

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Merrita Chambers



Merrita Chambers, 59, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, at the Baptist Hospice House in San Angelo. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating.

She was born Dec. 28, 1952, in Ouachita Parish, La., and married

Charles Leon Chambers in 1975 in Austin, Texas.

He preceded her in death Nov. 5, 1987.

Merrita moved with her family to West Texas during the 1960s. She enjoyed making jewelry.

Survivors include two sons, Eric Chambers and partner, Adrian Davila of Big Spring, and Corey Chambers and wife, Christina of Austin; her mother, Matlida Jones of Midland; three sisters, Renee Furr of Arkansas, and Frances Yandell and Mickey Stafford, both of Midland; and two brothers, Randy Jones and Edward Jones, both of Midland.

She was also preceded in death by her father, Lester Jones, and one brother, Gaylon Jones.

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

Billie Jean Johnson

Billie Jean Johnson, 79, of Austin, formerly of St. Lawrence, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2012 in an Austin nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Ronnie Gaskins Sr.



Ronnie Gaskins Sr., 67, of Coahoma died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at

Trinity Memorial Park.

Ronnie was born Oct. 26, 1944, to Dean and Grady Gaskins in Big Spring, Texas. He married Janice Owens on Aug. 17, 1977, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a firefighter for the Big Spring Fire Department, retiring after 21 years of service. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Gaskins of Coahoma; three daughters, Rhonda Gaskins-Carey and husband Randy of San Angelo, Tasha Rinard and husband Jim of Big Spring and Trisha Dodson and husband Lewis of Coahoma; two sisters, Wanda Hendrickson and husband Fred of Big Spring and Donna Marlow and husband Tom of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren, Britney Griffin, Mica Partlow, Kendra Partlow, Austin Rinard, Tyler Frazier, Whitney Dodson, Coley Rinard, Tanner Dodson, Sydney Rinard and Shaylee Dodson; four greatgrandchildren, Lacy, Mason, Jayden and Damien; and many nieces and nephews.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Dean Gaskins; one daughter, Tera Gaskins; and a son, Ronnie "Butch" Gaskins Jr.

Pallbearers will be Randy Carey, Jim Rinard, Louie Dodson, Cody Carlile, Austin Rinard, Tyler Frazier and Richard Keaton. Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Cartwright and Tanner Dodson.

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

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Police blotter

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

- LEONA JENE RADASA, 30, of 1425 E. Sixth St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for failure to
- JESSIE PEREZ FLOREZ, 33, of 2602 Chanute, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft of service - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

In the 1100 block of E. Second Street.

In the area of FM 821.

In the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway. In the 4000 block of Vicky.

In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

· ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of Scurry.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- JESSIE FLORES, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Lubbock County warrant for bondsman off bond for theft of service – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- LEONA JENE RADASA, 30, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for failure to identify.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of S. Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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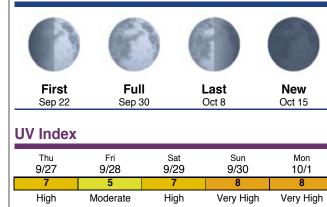
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Abilene	87	67	pt sunny	Kingsville	90	72	t-storm				
Amarillo	81	58	t-storm	Livingston	90	68	cloudy				
Austin	86	69	t-storm	Longview	90	68	pt sunny				
Beaumont	88	71	pt sunny	Lubbock	79	62	t-storm				
Brownsville	88	74	t-storm	Lufkin	91	70	pt sunny				
Brownwood	89	68	pt sunny	Midland	85	67	t-storm				
Corpus Christi	87	75	t-storm	Raymondville	91	72	t-storm				
Corsicana	90	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	88	71	t-storm				
Dallas	91	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	87	71	t-storm				
Del Rio	88	72	t-storm	San Marcos	87	69	t-storm				
El Paso	76	62	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	91	69	pt sunny				
Fort Stockton	83	65	t-storm	Sweetwater	85	66	cloudy				
Gainesville	89	67	pt sunny	Tyler	90	69	pt sunny				
Greenville	91	67	pt sunny	Weatherford	89	68	pt sunny				
Houston	88	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	90	67	cloudy				
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National Cities												
City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.					
Atlanta	87	59	pt sunny	Minneapolis	70	41	mst sunn					
Boston	66	47	pt sunny	New York	70	55	pt sunny					
Chicago	64	47	pt sunny	Phoenix	94	72	pt sunny					
Dallas	91	71	pt sunny	San Francisco	76	59	sunny					
Denver	70	48	pt sunny	Seattle	75	51	sunny					
Houston	88	72	t-storm	St. Louis	78	63	t-storm					
Los Angeles	81	64	sunny	Washington, DC	75	62	cloudy					
Miami	86	76	t-storm	_								

Moon Phases



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

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.atElbow 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.

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 & 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.

NEXT CLINIC VISIT 9-27-12

▶ Take Note

- An account has been set up at Western Bank for Kristen Lasater and family, who lost their home to a house fire Monday afternoon. The account number, for those wanting to make a donation, is #1004597.
- Big Spring Health Department will be administering flu shots from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9-10 at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B. Five dollar donations are welcomed, however, no one will be turned away for inability to play. Medicare patients, Medicare pays for flu shots and their administration so remember to bring your card. For information, call 432-263-
- · To honor the ideas of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary's the Virgin Episcopal Church parishioners are sponsoring a dog and cat food drive for the Howard County Humane Society through Oct. 5. Donations can be taken to the Humane Society located at West I H-20 off the service road, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or dropped off by the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, rector of St. Mary's, will hold a community-wide Blessing of the Animal service at the Humane Society shelter. The community is encouraged to bring their pets or stuffed animals, tour the shelter and consider bringing home a furry friend during this pet adoption drive event. Please make sure all living animals are secure either by a leash or carrier. Sunday Oct. 7, the church will hold a second community-wide Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. in the Parish's Bennett Garden, 1001 S. Goliad. Food donations for the Humane Society will be taken at this

 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.

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.

- · 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 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. · Mobile Meals is in need of volun-

teer 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. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-
- 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.

- 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.casawtx.org.
- · 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.
- 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.

COUNTY

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the bill for it," Barr said. "Overall, the damage is estimated at approximately \$22 million right now. What we're hoping to do is be able to spend approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year to try to make repairs. This isn't something we're going to be able to fix all at one time, obviously." Commissioners also

discussed the possible implementation of a road use agreement with the oil companies causing many of the road issues. Barr asked Precinct

2 Commissioner Donnie Baker and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long to meet with County Attorney Joshua Hamby to hammer out further details on the agreement, which could be ready for implementation soon.

Shortly after that, the

suspect was located

walking down a nearby

roadway, where he was

arrested and charged

with two counts of

aggravated assault with

Wakefield said the in-

a deadly weapon."

"We have a good template, we just need to get a few of the details looked at, which is what I asked Commissioners Baker and Long to meet with the county attorney about," Barr said. "Once we have those details ready, my understanding is it's simply a matter of putting the agreement into effect."

Barr said the road use agreement the court is currently moving forward with is based on

victims were not life

treated and released,"

he said. "We're not sure

at this time what caused

the dispute between

Rodgers and the others.

We do know Rodgers

was invited to the party.

The victims were

threatening.

a template currently being used by another Texas county and would call for oil companies that use the county roadways to pay for much of the damage caused to them.

Several months ago, the court began discussion of implementing such agreements — and also invited area oil companies to begin talks on the subject. However, according to Barr, the invitation failed to bring

It's unclear at this time

if he has any family in

Wakefield said bond

has been set at \$10,000

per charge of aggravat-

ed assault with a deadly

weapon, for a total of

\$20,000. Rodgers had not

made bond at press time

Martin County."

any officials from the oil industry to the table for talks. Barr said it's unclear

how long it will take before the agreements will be in place, but he doesn't think it will be long.

"My understanding is once we have the language worked out and approved, that's it," Barr said. "It's pretty simple. We'll just have to see how things go."

Tuesday morning and

was still in the custody

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Ronnie Gaskins Sr., 67, died Sunday . The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jacky Coffman, 66, Saturday. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

another had been struck with a metal pipe.

SUICIDE

STABBED

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arrived on the scene

they found one person

had been stabbed and

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"Teen-agers tend to live in the moment," Smith said. "They don't have lifelong experiences to know that the feelings of sadness will subside and things will improve. And unfortunately, suicide is permanent. But when someone is considering suicide they don't think about anything besides ending the pain."

The U.S. Surgeon General and Action Alliance this week released a national strategy to reduce the number of deaths by suicide. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius asked for the strategy when the Action Alliance formed two years ago.

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juries sustained by the The National Suicide Prevention Strategy is pushing to increase the understanding of the link between suicide and other health issues, focus new knowledge on groups at increased risk, and highlight new evidence of the effectiveness of suicide pre-

vention interventions. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death – more than 33,000 Americans die each year from suicide – twice the number of people who die of homicide. Deaths by suicide had fallen in the 1990s but are now rising again.

Although state and federal agencies are dedicating more resources to preventing suicide, the public can assist in helping those in need - particularly recognizing the possible signs,

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according to the National Suicide Prevention

- Lifeline: Talking about wanting to die or kill oneself.
- Looking for ways to do it, such as buying a
- · Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.

Social stigmas surround mental illness, depression and suicide but people need to not be afraid to ask, 'Are you thinking about hurting yourself or killing yourself, Smith said. "If you see any of the warning

signs or feel someone is at risk, don't hesitate to get help. Call our hotline or take the person to the emergency room or call law enforcement."

"If they are of danger to themselves or to others, you can call the authorities," she said.

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bases on a hit. 6. The area a pitch has to

8. Color of stitching on a

9. Number of feet bases are

11. This happens if there are four balls pitched.

1. Name of player positioned

baseball team.

between second and third base. 4. The number of players on a

7. Part of the field closest to the bases.

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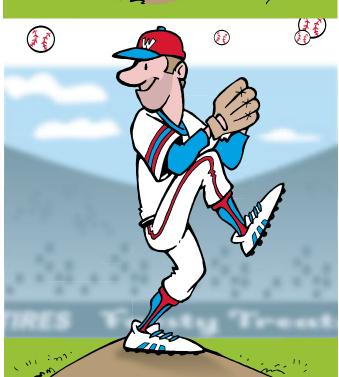
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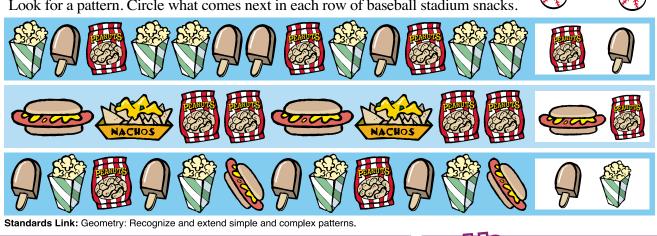




How many ball or a glove with the ball in it, it is called this. Name Game The names of nine Major League teams are hidden in the grid. The letters in each word connect but not in a straight line. Can you find them all? Boston Red **SOX**Los Angeles _____ Cincinnati _____ Tampa Bay _____ Atlanta _____ Texas _____ Houston _____

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Look for a pattern. Circle what comes next in each row of baseball stadium snacks.



Action! Look at the sports pages of the newspaper.

Try to hold the pose of an athlete shown in one of the photos for at least 60 seconds.

> Standards Link: Physical Education: Follow directions for movement.

The names of some Major 31111111 League Baseball teams are scrambled on these DRE OXS JLEB YASJ pennants. Can you

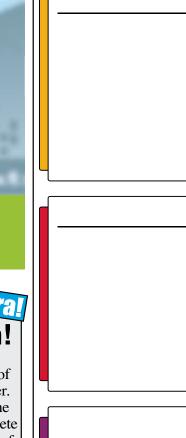
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Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words.

Baseball Chatter

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If you get

stuck, look

newspaper.

Baseball terms have become part of everyday language. We say "step up to the plate," "bat around ideas," and "come from left-field." Look through the newspaper for baseball terms and write what they mean in everyday life.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand the meaning



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Bird Poop: Fearless and bold in its defense

he heard it before she saw it. Although it was hidden in the dense canopy of mesquite leaves, she recognized

What it was doing in her trees the last

week of September puzzled her. By now it should have been on its way to Mexico or beyond. Throughout

the day, its random chattering caused her to think there might be two of them.

Then it dawned on her. These couldn't be her brightly colored friends of summer. Or could they? The cold front during the

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middle of the month had forced other species southward. Some chose to stop for a brief hello. Only yesterday a flock of Brewer's blackbirds had searched for insects in the dried humus under her trees. Later in the day, as she

walked around the corner of the garage, she was startled to see one of her brilliant orange and black guests lying on the ground. She thought maybe the bird had flown into something. While she was walking

slowly and quietly toward it, she saw it stand. Seemingly in shock, the bird was panting. It shook its head as if in a daze.

After giving it time to recover, she took a step forward. Startled by her approach, the bird took

Rising only about a foot off the ground, it landed after only a few wing beats. Attempting its escape again, the bird flew about 10 feet. Then it set down again. Its efforts to gain elevation were useless.

When she called, the woman said at first she had thought her Bullock's orioles had left the last of July or mid-August. "They probably did leave at the close of nesting season," was my reply. "You may have some northern migrants in your yard."

As the two of us looked at the oriole she had placed in a deep, cardboard box, we marveled at his coloration. Ablaze with orange that covered his cheeks, under parts, rump, and tail, the bird's brilliance was highlighted by a striking contrast.

A thin, black line graced his upper cheeks behind the eves. His crown, the back of his neck, upper back, and throat were also deep black. In the middle of his orange tail was a narrow, black band leading down to its black tip. For variety, nature had endowed the colorful bird with large, white wing patches to accent black wings. As food sources dwindled,

and the cooler breezes of an early fall arrived, this male had joined other males for migration. Having left about two

weeks before the females and their youngsters, the males would repeat this arrangement for an early arrival the following spring. Since the oriole could not

elevate in flight, it probably had suffered a hairline frac-



The nectar of this ocotillo's blossoms is a summer attraction for a Bullock's oriole. Spending the summer months as far north as British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and South Dakota, its specie also thrives throughout the western portion of the United States. Once nesting season is completed, the males begin migrating to Mexico and as far south as Costa Rica. Two weeks later, females and their offspring will follow.

ture or bruising of a wing. At a wildlife rehabilitation facility, the Bullock's would be given the time needed to recover. The cooler winds of Sep-

tember had warned the bird that soon the nectar and insects it craved would no longer be available. Crimson colored blossoms of ocotillo, orange trumpet vine and yellowish bird-of-paradise were now just a memory.

Beetles, ants, aphids, moths, grasshoppers, and caterpillars were disappearing. Mealworms and crickets would have to be used as a supplement. By the time it recovered, it

might be necessary to transport the oriole further south. Thus it would be enabled to continue its migration with a guaranteed food source. Fearless and bold in

defense of its nesting fam-

ily each year, the Bullock's oriole would have protected them relentlessly. This intrepid flash of orange and black would only be humbled for a brief recuperation before taking to the skies again.

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

Parent's Corner: Looking outside of the classroom

ecently I have been thinking about student school failure

and have concluded that student failure is often set up outside of the school

structure. There

are problems that exist and these problems need to be addressed, but we must determine what these

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problems actually are and many times the problems are not actually school problems.

Many of the things that create poor school performance exist outside the school building, such as rising expenses, the loss of accessible, good-paying jobs and self-destructive behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and gang violence.

We, as teachers, parents, churches and community leaders, need to talk to our kids about shunning drugs and gangs, about finishing school, about

putting marriage and jobs before having children and then raising the children in a stable home, full of respect and responsibility.

To look at it realistically, who is likely to get the better education?

Is it the child who spends time in four or five different schools with four or five different types of curriculum or the child who spends the entire year in the same classroom with the same teachers? Is there any wonder why students who are stable in their existence score higher on standardized

tests, or students from stable families in stable neighborhoods do better in school and thusly in life?

Access to a consistent learning environment should be a top priority.

We have battled achievement gaps within different groups for years and will continue to confront these gaps.

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Teachers basically

prepare four or five daily lesson plans each day for the range of abilities in each of their classes. Then, dealing with the presence of a disruptive child totally destroys the classroom environment and removes essential teaching time from other students.

Public school teachers cannot be blamed for sometimes feeling like what Rodney Dangerfield said about getting no respect. The answers

to public education are not easy. The problems have not all been addressed and our society is in a state of constant change which affects what is required of education.

The answers will not all come from educators and will certainly not all come from politicians, but working together in a spirit of cooperation and true concern, we may be able to at least correct a few of our problems.

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

Clifford the Big Red Dog feted on 50th birthday

YORK (AP) School kids sang "Happy Birthday" and Scholastic unfurled a huge banner worthy of a big red dog from the roof of its headquarters Monday to fete Clifford, the beloved book and TV character, for his 50 years of nudging kids to read.

His creator, 84-yearold Norman Bridwell, took questions from a few dozen first- and second-graders during a webcast beamed live into more than 5,000 classrooms around the country from the party held outside the downtown building as tourists snapped photos from atop open-air dou-

in traffic. And Bridwell's reallife daughter, the allgrown-up Emily Elizabeth, spoke to reporters of her special place in publishing history as

ble-decker buses stuck

the inspiration for the perky, blond girl who shares her life — and 90 books worth of adventures — with the gawky. big-hearted Clifford.

She was just a year old when her father, a struggling artist from Indiana, and his wife, aptly named Norma, were trying to eke out a living in New York. It wasn't going well when Norma suggested he try his hand at illustrating children's books.

Norma came up with the name Clifford, based on an imaginary friend she had as a girl. But Bridwell's 10

paintings for kids were roundly rejected. One staffer at a publisher told him if he wanted one of his own.

to work on children's books, he'd have to write His story eventually landed at Scholastic at

a time the company was

just starting in the trade

fiction market. Clifford is now one of Scholastic's most successful endeavors, with more than 126 million copies in print in 13 languages, a TV show and a multitude of products. "I remember my moth-

er was visiting from Indiana," Bridwell said, lounging in a chair and munching some fruit after the festivities. "The baby had been

crying all night and this woman called from Scholastic and said we've got this book here, 'Clifford the Big Red Dog.' We'd like to publish it. I never expected it to be accepted." Mayor Michael

Bloomberg is a fan. He declared Monday Clifford the Big Red Dog Day, though he wasn't on hand for the party.

Bridwell, who lives on Martha's Vineyard

in Massachusetts, had

a simple vision when he

dreamed up Clifford: He wanted to write about a dog as big as a horse. What he wound up with is a dog bigger than a house who shared some of the characteristics of Clifford happens to be

red because that's the color of the jar of paint Bridwell had nearby. Bridwell had no partic-

ular teachable moment

to entertain kids. Later, Scholastic gave Clifford "10 Big Ideas" that include matters of human and dog decency: sharing, respect, believing in oneself and helping others among them. "I said to my editor,

I think after about the second or third book, 'Maybe I should be putting messages into this.'

in mind. He just wanted And she said, 'Well you're not a message person. Just give them something that's fun to

> At the time, 1962, recalled Norma, paperback children's books weren't so easy to find, and "a lot of kids couldn't have books because they were too expensive."



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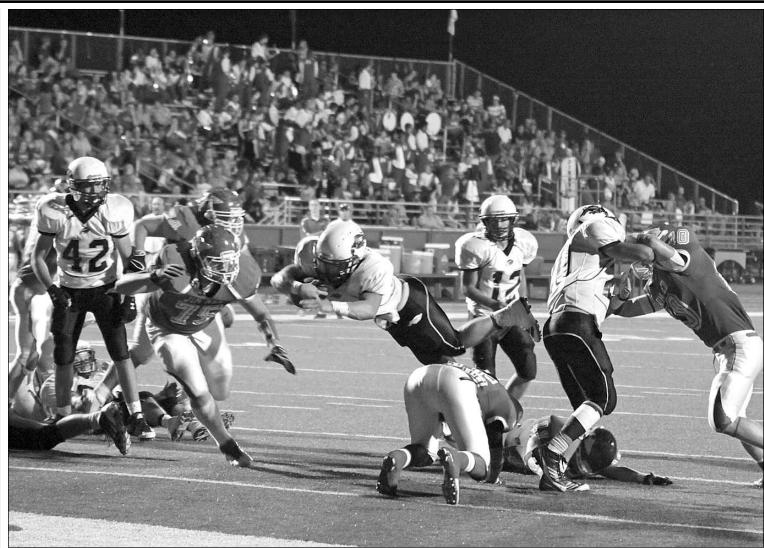
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- Ballinger at Coahoma (Homecoming), 7:30 p.m.
- Seagraves at Stanton (Homecoming), 7:30 p.m.
- Grady at New Home, 7:30 p.m.
- O'Donnell at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Ropes, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball

 Big Spring at Sweetwater, (F, noon; JV, 1 p.m.; V, 2 p.m.)

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Forsan's Brendan Roman dives into the end zone for a touchdown during Friday's game against Jim Ned. The Buffaloes came from behind to defeat the Indians 25-21 and improve to 4-0 for the season.

NFL refs drawing ire after **controversial Seattle win**

NEW YORK (AP) — The furor over the work of replacement officials reached a fevered pitch during Week 3 in the NFL, especially Monday night when Seattle beat Green Bay on a desperation pass that many thought was an interception.

Seahawks receiver Golden Tate was awarded a touchdown on the final play after a scrum on the ground in the end zone. Packers safety M.D. Jennings appeared to catch the ball against his body, with Tate getting his arm around the ball.

indicated a stoppage of play, but another signaled touchdown for a conclusion former NFL coach Jon Gruden, working the game on TV, called "tragic" and

Tate clearly shoved cornerback Sam Shields to the ground on the play, but as Gruden noted,

offensivepassinterferencealmost never is called on desperation

"Very hard to swallow," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "I have never seen anything like that in my time in football.'

Onedayafter New England coach Bill Belichick was confused about a decisive field goal he thought was off-target and Detroit's Jim Schwartz couldn't understand a 27-yard penalty walk-off for unnecessary roughness, things had gotten even more chaotic.

"These games are a joke," Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman

McCarthy was measured in his postgame remarks.

"Most unusual football game I have been a part of," he said. "I know it's been a wild weekend in the NFL and I guess we are part

Packers guard T.J. Lang was

even more emphatic, tweeting that the Packers were robbed "by the refs. Thanks NFL."

In Sunday night's Ravens-Patriots game, shoving matches followed even insignificant plays. One TV analyst called it the substitute-teacher syndrome: See how much you can get away with before the real thing returns.

"Nature says for us that we're going to go out there and push the limit regardless," Vikings linebacker Chad Greenway said. "If they're calling a game tight, if they're calling a game loose, it's going to be pushed to the limit. You are pushing it to the brink. If things are going to be called easier, and in some situations I feel like they've been less lenient, too, you've just got to play and see how (it's being called)."

If you can figure it out.

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Rangers rally past A's, take 5-game AL West lead

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Adrian Beltre slowed down as he rounded first base, folded his arms and bent over to protect himself from the oncoming rush of Texas Rangers teammates.

Even though he's been hurting, Beltre keeps producing for the AL West leaders.

Beltre singled home the winning run in the ninth inning Monday night, after tying the game two innings earlier with his 35th homer, and the Rangers rallied past Oakland 5-4 to stretch their division lead over the Athletics to five games with nine to play.

When Beltre hit a hard grounder through the middle, sending home pinch-runner Craig Gentry, Rangers players poured out of the dugout and toward their third baseman, who is dealing with stomach pain caused by what doctors believe is scar tissue from appendix surgery more than a decade ago.

doesn't

think about anything but doing what he has to do for his team, and he certainly came up big for us," manager Ron Washington said. "Come up in that situation with the bases loaded and not try to do anything but make hard contact, and he did. Just can't say enough about Adrian Beltre."

It was the first of seven meetings in the last 10 days of the regular season between the two-time defending AL champion Rangers and the A's, who have lost six of eight after winning 17 of 21.

Oakland has a twogame lead over the Los Angeles Angels for the second AL wild card.

"It's one game. We have to bounce back. We did that in both Detroit and New York. We lost some tough ones and bounced back," manager Bob Melvin said. "It would have been nice to start off with a win in the series, but you have to move on from it."

Surgery might be the only way for Beltre to ease his physical pain, but he has said that won't even be an option until after the season.

Beltre insists he's not playing hurt any more than anybody else right now. He was in top form for the opener of a big four-game series.

"He's playing incredible right now. ... He continues to pick us up big," teammate Ian Kinsler said. "Anytime you've got a guy like that behind Josh Hamilton, it's dangerous. To get Josh back in the lineup, it obviously gives our offense a little bit of a boost because they have to pitch to Josh, and if they don't pitch to Josh, then they have to face Adrian. So it's kind of pick your poison with those two guys."

The Rangers got the started consecutive singles Mitch Moreland Kinsler Elvis Andrus' sacrifice bunt. Hamilton, who had already hit his major league-best 43rd homer after missing the previous five games

with a cornea issue, was walked intentionally load the bases. Fans started chanting "M-V-P!" Beltre stepped to the plate against Ross (2-11).

Beltre hit a two-run homer with two outs in the seventh to tie the game at 4, a shot that came with Hamilton on

"Every game for us is big," Beltre said. "Especially facing the team right behind us. We want to clinch as early as we can so we can set up the pitching rotation (for the playoffs)."

And maybe get their third baseman some

Joe Nathan (3-4), the sixth Rangers pitcher, struck out two in the ninth. That included a strikeout of Seth Smith as Stephen Drew was caught stealing to end the inning.

A's rookie right-hander Dan Straily struck out eight and left with a 4-2 lead after 6 2-3 innings

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Local golf news

Special to the HERALD

due to inclimate weather.

The Permian Basin Ladies Golf Association held its monthly tournament over the weekend at the Big Spring Country Club. Local winners include: First Flight - Debra Lusk, second gross (87),

Connie Fowler, first net (68). **Second Flight** — Sandra Waggoner, fewest putts. Third Flight — Patsy Sharpnack, first gross (90), Trish Gabbard, second net (72).

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association held its Monday playday Sept. 10, at which Joan

Daniels took low gross, JoAnn Hillger took low net and Ramona Harris had the fewest putts. Thursday's couples play was cancelled Sept. 13

The organization resumed the following week with its ladies playday Monday.

Connie Fowler finished with low gross, Annie Ward with low net and taking the fewest putts was Mary Gilbreath.

Last Thursday's couples play saw Ray and Sue Russell and Donnie and Shirley Long earn a first place finish by shooting 3-under par. Coming in second place with 1-under par was Bill and Bobbie Holden, John and Gus Leonardi and Vaughn

Captains expect friendly but intense Ryder Cup

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) The admiration Davis Love III and Jose Maria Olazabal have for each other started long before they were appointed Ryder Cup

Olazabal was locked in a duel with Greg Norman on the back nine of the 1999 Masters when he pulled away, only to discover that Love was making a late charge with bogey-free back nine that featured a chip-in from 25 feet behind the green on the par-3 16th. Olazabal pulled away, however, and won by two shots.

The next year after the Champions Dinner at Augusta National, Olazabal noticed there were a few extra bottles of wine. He had them sent to

Love.

"He felt like he had beaten me from the year before, and I should have gotten something

out of it," Love said. Love made his Ryder Cup debut in 1993 at The Belfry, teaming with Tom Kite against

Seve Ballesteros and

the most

Olazabal,

successful partnership the history of in the matches. Americans handed the "Spanish Armada" one of only two defeats in their Ryder Cup career. Just his luck, Love had to face them twice

more, both losses. "Kite and Seve were bashing away, and we were on the side trying to be friendly," Love said. "We always had that respect for each other. There's a lot of connections. I was very pleased when I found out he was going to be the captain."

Of all the details that go on behind the scenes in what Love refers to as a "very structured" event, he said there has never been "one problem, one controversy."

"It speaks to what kind of guy he is," Love

One of the discussions was about clothing. The Americans wear a collection of red, white and blue, though it doesn't have full ownership of those colors. All indications

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes good ideas are bad ideas turned inside out. Instead of accepting whatever is being presented to you, you'll bend it in your mind, shaping the raw material into something

that is useful to you. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll feel yourself getting used to a change you made a few weeks back. It's almost time to take the training wheels off in this regard. Let go and trust yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Anyone involved in your training and education will be impressed with how well you assimilate new information. You will make the most of all instructions, improving as you go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know where you stand with a partner. You're well aware that you have strengths that compensate for the other person's lesser strengths, and vice versa. You're not indebted; the arrangement is mutually satisfying.

VIŘGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your willpower will be stronger than usual, but don't waste it by allowing yourself to be bombarded temptations with enticements. Go where you're likely to experience peace and quiet, and you'll accomplish something remarkable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll feel the tug of Saturn explore you relationship that has much teach you. Early experiences of tenderness and love will affect your relationships, as will the less pleasant occurrences of your youth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Have you ever been accused of ruthlessness? It can certainly be a winning quality. As you buckle down for another determined endeavor, those around you sense the power of Mars surging through your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll grapple with person who uncomfortably in your life. will always

something more to do in this relationship, so you as well surrender may yourself to its "work in progress" status.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As the old saying goes, the good ol' days weren't always good — but it sure is easy to remember them as such when faced with today's modern-day problem!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Given your current level of sophistication, you may wonder whether it's still possible to have a day filled with beauty, poetry, innocence and carefree play. The moon in your sign makes it so.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a different perspective now, but you still remember the naive emotional associations of your younger days. Residual feelings from childhood may sway the action.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 25). Your word is gold both in business and in your personal life. Because you put action behind what you and honor your agreements, you'll be given an honorable responsibility. Income picks up in November. December brings a romantic vow. March brings family together to celebrate. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 22, 39 and 13.

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(Family Features) — Dirt is a four-letter word to many moms, but letting your kids get dirty is actually good for them according to a new report from the National Wildlife Federation, "The Dirt on Dirt: How Getting Dirty Outdoors Benefits Kids."

Fears about dangers lurk-

ing in the muck — microbes, parasites and amoebas, oh my! — keep some parents from letting kids do what comes naturally, which is to go outside and get dirty.

But here's a dirty little secret: Children who spend the better part of their free time in the company of their sterile hi-tech gadgets rather than playing outside, are more vulnerable to obesity, ADHD, vitamin D deficiency and depression.

There's a growing body of research that suggests overprotecting kids from dirt and germs may actually inhibit their physical health and resilience. Activities kids love, such as making mud pies, splashing in puddles and rolling down hillsides are actually a grubby prescription for health and happiness.

• Children's stress levels fall within minutes of seeing green spaces, according to a 2004 study in the American Journal of Public Health.

• When children are exposed to germs and pathogens during infancy, their risk of cardiovascular inflammation in adulthood is reduced, according to a 2010 Northwestern University study.

• A friendly bacteria found in soil helps produce serotonin, which enhances feelings of well-being, much the same way that antidepressant drugs and exercise do, according to a 2007 Bristol University study.

While common sense sanitation practices like washing hands and using hand sanitizer when soap and water aren't available shouldn't stop, you'll be doing your children a favor if you encourage them to go outside and get dirty.

Here are some fun — and messy — ideas from the National Wildlife Federation that will let your kids have some good, clean, dirty fun outdoors:

Be an Artist

 Give your child a stick and a muddy surface to draw on. Mistakes are no problem.
 Just smooth them over and start again.

• Mud balls can become outof-season snowmen or abstract sculptures. If your child's creation isn't sticking together, just add more water.

Be a Builder

• Your children can make buildings of all shapes and sizes if they use sticks to cre-

ate a frame and pack mud onto it. Houses or forts perhaps, a castle with a moat, or a stable to put toy horses in. •If they also like the idea of

•If they also like the idea of large-scale public works, have them make a river by digging a trench in the mud or dirt. Then, add water as needed. Most importantly, build a dam to protect the town.

Be a BiologistWhen it rains, take a walk

to see which animals go under cover and which come out in wet weather. You may also see birds swooping down to take a bath in nearby puddles.

• This is also a fine time to study worms that surface to breather when their burrows.

through your neighborhood

• This is also a fine time to study worms that surface to breathe when their burrows fill with water. Then, enlist the kids in a Worm Rescue Squad and move any worms they find on the sidewalk back to the dirt so they don't dry out.

Be a Chef

• If you're going to play in the mud, why not make some mud pies? If you have some old cake or pie tins, great. Otherwise, shallow plastic containers work just fine. Once the pies are "baked," it's time to make them beautiful. Encourage your children to scour the yard for pebbles, petals, and leaves that will make perfect decorations on top.

• Collect dirt, grass, leaves, twigs and acorns in a large container, and you have a bountiful nature salad. Add some water, and it's mud stew.

To check out the DIRT report and for more outdoor fun ideas from National Wildlife Federation's Be Out There movement, visit www. beoutthere.org. Submit stories and photos of your own dirty kids and win some fun prizes.

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: When I was little, my mother would insist, "I'm not your mother." I'd be convinced and start to cry. Then she would say, "I'm just kidding." As a 6-year-old, I was afraid of the vacuum. She unplugged it and told me it was OK to sit on it. When I did, she turned it on and scared me to death. When I was a teen, she said, "No one will ever want you." When I reached my 20s, she told me I was an unwanted pregnancy.

My entire life, I've been the butt of her "jokes." Any kindness from her comes with the price tag of putting up with her nastiness.

Honestly, I feel bullied. Nothing I say or do is good enough. The days of expecting her approval are long past, and I know she will never give me the positive acceptance I crave. But where do I go from here? — *Grown Up*

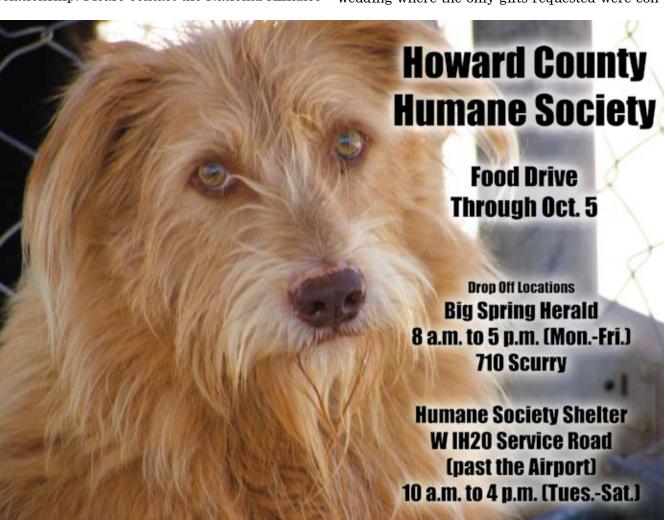
Dear Grown Up: No stable person would play such sadistic practical jokes on her child. It's possible this is the way your mother was raised or, just as likely, she suffers from some type of mental illness. Knowing this might help you respond to her sickness with a more distant compassion, instead of making it a reflection on you or your relationship. Please contact the National Alliance



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Dear Annie: I have recently been invited to a wedding where the only gifts requested were con-



tributions to the honeymoon. Included in the wedding invitation was a card with directions for accessing the "Honeymoon Fund" website so I could make a donation.

On the website were explicit instructions from the couple saying they'd like the donation made prior to the wedding so they could plan ahead. T

he website fund is broken down into specific items (\$20 for breakfast in bed, \$80 for a couple's massage or \$100 toward a down payment on a house). All I had to do was click "donate here."

Am I old-fashioned, or is it still considered tacky to tell your guests that you want money (and only money) and ask for it in advance? If I donate online, do I still give a card to the couple at the wedding?

I've asked a few younger people about this, and it sounds as if such things are becoming more commonplace. Please rush your answer so I can donate early. — *Bring Back Wedding Etiquette*

Dear Etiquette: Yes, it's still tacky to tell your guests what to give you. Of course, bridal registries were created to make it easier for people to help the couple stock their new home. And since many couples live together these days, they do not need sheets, towels or dishes, hence the honeymoon websites. But a honeymoon used to be a personal, romantic gift from the bride and groom to each other. Aunt Mildred shouldn't be paying for it. We say get them whatever you want.

Dear Annie. May I comment on "Undecided Mom," who can't decide what mementos to give her children? Give the kids everything.

I, too, saved our children's report cards, notes to the teacher when they played hooky, school photos, Boy Scout and 4-H awards, everything. When the last one graduated from college, I made a scrapbook for each child. I captioned the photos and trimmed the newspaper clippings. Dates, occasions and names were handwritten below. The entire project took several months to complete, and it was a walk through memory lane and a labor of love.

It was their Christmas present that year. The looks on their faces were priceless. These scrapbooks are now among their most prized possessions and are shared with their friends. They are still enjoying them 15 years later. Yes, there were a few embarrassing things included, but that was part of the fun. -Burwell, Neb.

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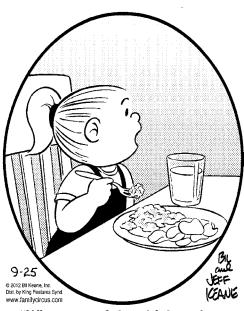
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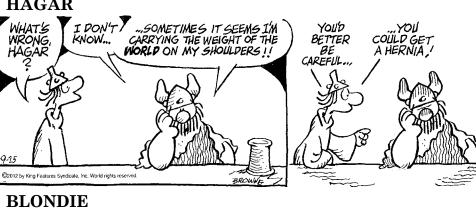
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THIS ONE'S CALLED "SUPPERMAN"! HE GETS HIS SUPERPOWERS FROM MEGA-BURGERS, CHILI DOGS, AND PIZZA...FIGHTING A BATTLE FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND A CHOICE PLACE IN THE BUFFET LINE.

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This Date

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 25, the 269th day of 2012. There are 97 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset. Today's Highlight

In History

History:

On Sept. 25, 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean. In 1690, one of the earliest

American newspapers, Publick Occurrences, published its first and last — edition in Boston. In 1775, American

Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal. (Allen was released by the British in 1778)

In 1904, a New York City police officer ordered a female automobile passenger on Fifth Avenue to stop smoking a cigarette. (A male companion was arrested and later fined \$2 for "abusing" the officer.) In 1911, ground was broken

for Boston's Fenway Park. In 1919, President Woodrow

Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY'). In 1932, the Spanish region of

Catalonia received a Charter of Autonomy (however, the Charter was revoked by Francisco Franco at the end of the Spanish Civil War). In 1957, nine black students

who'd been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. In 1962, Sonny Liston

knocked out Floyd Patterson in round one to win the world heavyweight title at Comiskey Park in Chicago. "The Longest Day," 20th Century Fox's epic recreation of the D-Day invasion, based on the book by

Cornelius Ryan, had its world premiere in France. In 1978, 144 people were killed

when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor

was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1992, the Mars Observer blasted off on a \$980 million mission to the Red Planet (the probe disappeared just before entering Martian orbit in August 1993).

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Barbara Walters is 83. Folk singer Ian Tyson is 79. Rhythm-and-blues singer Joe Russell is 73. Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates is 69.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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JUGHAID, WHO TAUGHT YOU

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OF COURSE NOT! THIS WILL BEA PERFECT SOLUTION! WHEN A TEACHER THREATENS ME WITH QUESTIONS AND NONSENSE OF THAT SORT, BOOYAH! I HAVE ANSWERS!



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HIS WIFE SAYS

FOR HER COFFEE

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16 Downfall

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18 Pulitzer author

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(be involved)

65 Fascinated by

68 No longer here

69 Swelled heads

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73 Thickly packed

70 Wear away

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1 Barn bird

2 Hoodlum

3 Mexican

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4 Author T.S.

5 Begin to blush

6 Flame-loving

7 Steer clear of

71 Snail-like

1 Playful aquatic

6 Baby's first word, maybe

10 Scottish hats

14 "Humpback" beast

15 Elliptical shape

Morrison

20 Have a

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24 Copenhagen

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25 Liquid dosage amts.

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37 Lose

granter

(be obsessed)

45 Angry

47 All-inclusive 49

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8 Biblical miracle

food 9 Makes straight

10 Threesome 11 German auto

12 Demeanor

13 Unexpected obstacle

21 Chewy candy

22 Very beginning, so to speak

25 Heavy rope 26 Spotless

27 Took a nap

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neighbor 31 Pull apart

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33 Serving of cake

34 Brief argument

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emphatic

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39 Makes a

mistake 42 Audacity

43 Sandy

swimming spot 48 More spooky

50 Followed

instructions

53 Slight color

54 In first place

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57 Visibilityreducing mists

58 Object of admiration

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LEAD

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with Hamilton due to bat and

the bases empty. Jerry Blevins walked Hamilton, the only batter he faced, before Pat Neshek gave up

the two-run drive to Beltre.

It was Neshek who allowed Raul Ibanez's tying, tworun homer to cap a four-run 13th inning Saturday by the AL East-leading New York Yankees, who then won on a two-out error in the 14th - agame that Ross also lost.

Hamilton hit a 441-foot solo homer in the fifth that landed in the second deck of seats high above the Rangers' bullpen in right-center to get Texas within 3-2.

Josh Donaldson and Yoenis Cespedes homered for Oakland, and Cliff Pennington had an RBI single in the sixth.

Donaldson lined a two-run

shot deep into the left-field

seats in the second off Derek Holland. Cespedes hit a twoout solo homer, his 21st, for a 3-1 lead an inning later. Holland pitched only three innings, his shortest outing

since May 30 when the lefthander gave up eight runs over 12-3 innings in the Rangers' 21-8 home loss to Seattle.

Rangers got unearned run in the second when Michael Young was hit by a pitch before Donaldson's error at third base. Young scored on Moreland's bloop

single that ended a string of 24 consecutive at-bats by the Rangers with runners in scoring position without a

Hamilton's homer was followed by consecutive doubles by Beltre and Nelson Cruz that failed to produce a run. Beltre was picked off second after wandering too far off the base on a pitch in the dirt that catcher Derek Norris quickly recovered.

When he got to second base after doubling into the leftfield corner, Beltre appeared to wince in pain. An inning later, he made a diving stop of a ball along the line that was an infield hit, but saved a run — if only momentarily. Pennington then had an RBI single that made it 4-2.

RYDER

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are that the U.S. team will have red shirts for Sunday, presumably so that it won't clash with European blue.

Olazabal is said to want blue for Sunday as a tribute to what Ballesteros typically wore in the final round. Ballesteros died in May 2011, making this the first Ryder Cup without the great Spaniard who was so responsible in reviving the matches.

Tiger Woods said last week that captains take on the personality they showed as players, and Love would be quick to agree with that, especially when it comes to Olazabal, a

two-time Masters champion who fought through injuries.

"You know he's competitive, and it's going to be competitive," Love said. "But it's organized, friendly, cordial, respectful. That's how it should be."

Indeed, this is a different Ryder Cup from when both captains first played.

That much was clear by the manner in which the European team arrived. Olazabal stepped off the plane at an airport in Rockford, about 45 minutes from Medinah, with the Ryder Cup trophy in his possession. He was followed off the plane by only three of his 12 players — Francesco Molinari, Paul Lawrie and Nicolas Colsaerts.

REFS

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Broncos coach John Fox was fined \$30,000 Monday and defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio \$25.000 for verbal abuse of the officials during a Monday night game against Atlanta on Sept. 17.

More fines are likely for Belichick and Redskins offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, and perhaps for others.

Fox and Del Rio were hit for their sideline histrionics. particularly when Fox was told he couldn't challenge a call of 12 men on the field — he was cor-

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rect that he could challenge, although replays showed the Broncos were guilty.

Before grabbing the arm of an official, Belichick wanted to know why Justin Tucker's field goal was called good in Baltimore's 31-30 victory Sunday night. He couldn't tell from his angle on the sideline, he

"So when the game was over, I went out and I was really looking for an explanation from the officials as to whether the play was under review," he said, "and I did try to get the official's attention as he was coming off the field to ask that, but I really

wasn't able to do that."

Most confusing was the mark-off for a Lions penalty in overtime at Tennessee. Officials wound up penalizing Detroit from its 44-yard line rather than from the original line of scrimmage, the Titans 44.

Soon after, Rob Bironas kicked a go-ahead field goal.

Schwartz noted that the alternate official who helps the replacements with administrating penalties was on the Detroit sideline. 'You're

enforcing it from the

"We said,

wrong spot.' He was adamant that they weren't doing so," Schwartz said. "At that point, we just needed to play." They didn't play well enough to avoid losing 44-41, and Titans coach

Mike Munchak wasn't apologizing for how his team won. "I don't feel any guilt," Munchak said. "For us, really the obvious answer is there's noth-

ing we can do about

It's the same for everybody, so go out and don't get caught up in all that."

The league and the officials' union met Sunday without reaching any agreement on ending the lockout that began in June. The players' union also called on the 32 team owners to end the lockout because it is compromising the integrity of the game.

While most of the coaches are being careful what they say about the replacements, the players and broadcasters are less inhibited.

"Unfortunately, I feel like that it's like changing an intersection from a stop sign to a red light," Browns kicker Phil Dawson said. "You have to have so many car wrecks before they deem that intersection to be dangerous enough and we're heading that way. Someone's going to lose a game, if it hasn't already happened, to get both sides to a pressure point to get a deal done. It's sad."

Certainly not holding back on the criticism are some of the NFL's broadcast partners. Analyst Cris Collinsworth was forthright in his evaluation of the officiating problems Sunday night, as were Mike Tirico and Jon Gruden during last Monday night's flag-fest in Atlanta.

"We don't want to talk about the officials, trust us." ESPN's Tirico said. "But it's affecting the game. When we meet with teams and coordinators, frustration boils out into limited on-therecord statements. Off the record, what guys are saying — it's a nightmare. It is impacting the game.

"It hasn't burned a team to cost them a playoff spot yet. But you should go back and watch the film. There are so many little things that players are getting away with that is absolutely impacting the game to the detriment of the product."

Yet some players aren't completely down on the performances of the replacements.

Patriots receiver Deion Branch noted all the controversy about officiating throughout the league.

"But I think the bigger picture is that we've all got to understand that, hey, they're making those calls on both sides of the ball," Branch said. "Us as players, we need to remove ourselves from what the refs are doing and just go out and play our game."

Rams defensive end Chris Long offered, apparently with no sarcasm, that the game "hasn't changed at all with the replacement officials because officials don't care about defensive linemen, replacement or first-tier

officials." Then he admitted taking the regular officials for granted.

"The NFL could really use them back," Long

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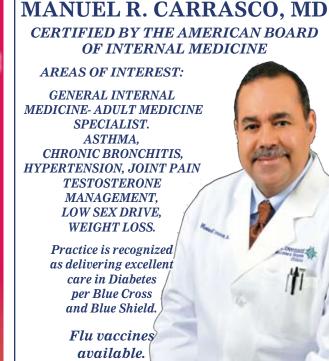


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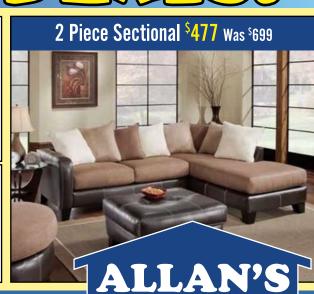


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