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Deede Cauley signs a copy of her book, "Reading and Spelling Pure and Simple," at Heritage Museum Saturday afternoon.

Jaramillo appeals conviction

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man sentenced to 60 years in prison for his part in the June 2010 home invasion of a local family submitted his case for appeal to the state's 11th District Court of Appeals last week.

Felix Lee Jaramillo, 33, was found guilty of aggravated robbery and assessed 60 years in a state prison and a \$10,000 fine following the one-day trial in 118th District Court in September 2010.



Former District Judge Robert H. Moore III heard the case, which was prosecuted by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. Jaramillo was represented by former local attorney and current District Judge Tim Yeats.

According to officials with the 11th District Court of Appeals, the Big Spring man began the appellate process shortly after his Sept. 29, 2010, sentencing. The appeal was submitted on briefs Oct. 4, more than two years after Jaramillo's conviction.

According to police reports, numerous suspects — witnesses stated there were between five and seven suspects involved — stormed the home of a Big Spring family living in the 600 block of State Street, kicking in the side and front doors of the house shortly before midnight.

The suspects were armed with handguns, according to police reports, while one suspect was armed with a shotgun. All were wearing bandanas or masks to conceal their identities.

"The suspects demanded money, and holding the family at gunpoint, ransacked the house," Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Tony Everett said, following Jaramillo's arrest in late June 2010. "The suspects threatened the adults, and pointed their weapons at the couple's children, who are two and three years old. One suspect pistol whipped the male victim in the head while his children were present."

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Suspect in Ector Co. kidnapping arrested; child returned to parents

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A suspect believed to be involved in the kidnapping of a 4-year-old child in Ector County was arrested early today in Howard County, according to local law enforcement officials.

Martin Silguero, 48, was arrested on charges of kidnapping and unauthorized use of a motor



Silguero

vehicle at the TA truck stop, located near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and N. Highway 87. Also taken into custody with Silguero was 30-year-old Veronica Rios, who was arrested on warrants unrelated to the kidnapping, according



Rios

to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker. "At approximately 1:30 a.m. this morning, deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Office located a 2012 Kia Soul that had been reported stolen from

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Vending machines to show calorie count

By **CANDICE CHOI**
AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK — As criticism of sugary sodas intensifies, Coke, Pepsi and Dr Pepper are rolling out new vending machines that will put calorie counts right at your fingertips.

The move comes ahead of a regulation that would require restaurant chains and vending machines to post the information as early as next year, although the specifics for complying with the requirement are still being worked out.

"They're seeing the writing on the wall and want to say that it's corporate responsibility," said Mike Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public

Interest, which advocates for food safety and nutrition.

Still, he noted that it was an important step forward. "Currently, people don't think about calories when they go up to a vending machine," he said. "Having the calories right on the button will help them make choices."

The American Beverage Association, which represents Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc. and Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc., said the calorie counts will be on the buttons people press to select a drink. Vending machines will also feature small decals, such as "Calories Count: Check Then Choose."

The vending machines will launch in Chicago and San Antonio municipal buildings in 2013 before appearing na-

tionally.

Without providing specifics, the American Beverage Association said the machines will also boost the availability of lower- and zero-calorie drinks.

"We have market research that says consumers really like this — they like choice, they like the ability to make choices," said Susan Neely, president of the industry group.

A mock-up of a new machine provided by Coca-Cola showed 20-ounce bottles of its flagship drink and Sprite inside vending machines, with labels on the buttons stating "240 calories."

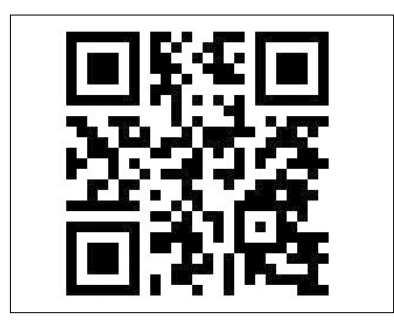
The soda industry has been under fire for fueling rising obesity rates. Last month, New York City approved a

first-in-the-nation plan to prohibit the sale of sugary drinks over 16 ounces in the city's restaurants, movie theaters and stadiums.

Notably, the beverage industry fought aggressively to fight the ban and hasn't ruled out taking legal action to stop it from taking effect this spring.

This November, voters in Richmond, Calif. will also

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Obituaries

Edna M. Hughes



Edna M. Hughes, 78, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Billy Guy officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 15, 1934, in Graham, Texas, and married Glen Hughes on Nov. 28, 1968, in El Paso, Texas.

Edna attended Big Spring schools. She owned and operated A Little Extra Boutique, and was co-owner of Glen Hughes Construction and West Texas Dolphin Pools. She had served on the board of directors at the YMCA and was a member of Full Gospel Fellowship Church.

Survivors include her husband, Glen Hughes of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen and Andy Coots and Debbie and Stanley Gregory, all of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Debbie Rutherford of Austin and Robert and Audra Hughes of Frisco; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, JC and Geneva Fay West.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

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

Michael Oscar Yanez



Michael Oscar Yanez, 39, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born Dec. 15, 1972, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Terry Miears on July 4, 1995, in Big Spring.

Michael graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991. He loved art and poetry and was known for his tattoo artistry.

Survivors include his wife, Terry Yanez of Big Spring; two stepsons, James Brandon Ferguson and wife Lacey of California and Sgt. Christopher Ryan Ferguson and wife Shantae of Junction City, Kan.; his parents, Oscar and Mary Lou Yanez of Big Spring; three brothers, Joseph Yanez and wife Lindsay of Lubbock and Timothy Yanez and Randy Virgil Yanez, both of Big Spring; his grandparents, Luis and Erlinda Flores of Big Spring; one granddaughter; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Clarence Puente Yanez; a niece, Audrianna Yanez; and several aunts and uncles.

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

Police blotter

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

- CHRISTOVAL MORENO CORRALEZ, 52, of 1105 Nolan, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACOB RAY ALBARADO, 19, of 300 Tulane Apt. 7, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- ALYXANDRIA MARIE MUNOZ, 18, of 1216 Ridgeroad, was arrested Monday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- DIMITRI ANDREW LEOS, 20, of 710 E. 17th St., was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to control speed, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (two counts).
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 48, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUSTON LOUIS MARTINEZ, 27, of Plainview, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 34, of 715 Dealey, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 33, of 120 Hoosier Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MARTIN SILGUERO, 48, of 405 W. Fifth St., was arrested Monday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- VERONICA RIOS, 30, of El Paso, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of hindering apprehension/prosecution.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 600 block of E. 17th Street.
In the 600 block of E. Second Street.

- In the 1300 block of Wood.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of E. Sixth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of N. Runnels.
- ASSAULT was reported:
Near the intersection of 16th and Johnson.
In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
In the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- DIMITRI ANDREW LEOS, 20, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to control speed, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and failure to appear.
- BLANCA ESTHEL FERNANDEZ-FAZ, 44, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 34, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAYMOND OVERTON JR., 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 48, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUSTON MARTINEZ, 27, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1900 block of Choctaw. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson. Service refused.

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.
- Jo Anna Bailey, an aide for many years at Washington Elementary School, has been diagnosed with cancer. A medical donation account has been established for her at the Big Spring Education Credit Union, located at 1110 Benton. Your generosity will enable her to have much-needed tests and treatment.
- Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be having the third annual "Pink" pep rally in honor of breast cancer awareness month Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Steer Gym. They would like to invite all breast cancer survivors, or those still battling this disease, to the pep rally. There will be a special section for them to sit in. All proceeds will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

• Big Spring Health Department will be administering flu shots from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today and Wednesday 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 432-263-9775.

• The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic have teamed up for a fundraiser to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon, your dog or cat can have a parvo, distemper shot for a donation of \$10 or a rabies shot for a donation of \$5 or both for a donation of \$15. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. The benefit will be held at the Humane Society, 5710 IH 20 West.

• Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main. Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

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

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appli-

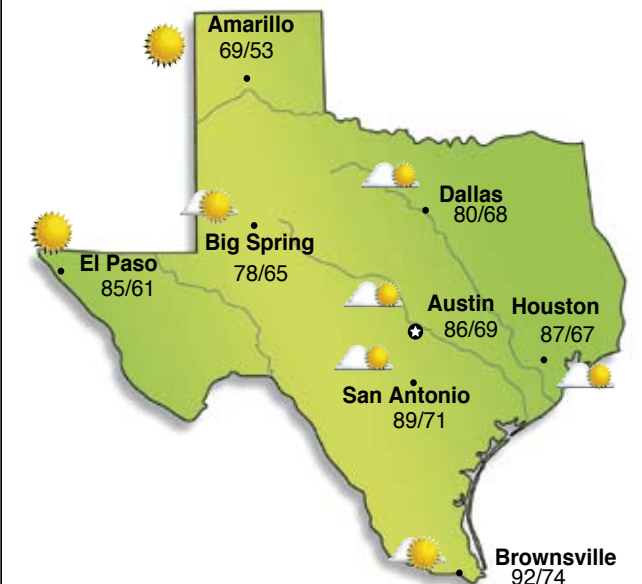
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 10/11	Fri 10/12	Sat 10/13	Sun 10/14	Mon 10/15
78/65 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 60s.	83/67 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	81/65 Scattered thunderstorms possible.	83/60 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	80/59 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:14 PM



Texas At A Glance



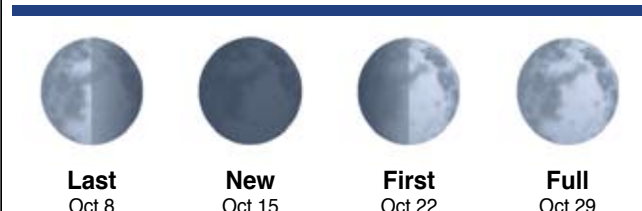
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	67	mst sunny	Kingsville	93	73	mst sunny
Amarillo	69	53	sunny	Livingston	86	63	pt sunny
Austin	86	69	pt sunny	Longview	79	64	pt sunny
Beaumont	86	65	pt sunny	Lubbock	72	58	mst sunny
Brownsville	92	74	mst sunny	Lufkin	84	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	85	68	pt sunny	Midland	79	67	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	90	74	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	72	mst sunny
Corsicana	82	66	pt sunny	Rosenberg	88	67	pt sunny
Dallas	80	68	pt sunny	San Antonio	89	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	90	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	87	69	pt sunny
El Paso	85	61	sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	65	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	87	64	mst sunny	Sweetwater	77	66	mst sunny
Gainesville	75	64	pt sunny	Tyler	82	65	pt sunny
Greenville	78	64	pt sunny	Weatherford	77	65	pt sunny
Houston	87	67	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	72	62	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	46	sunny	Minneapolis	53	41	mst sunny
Boston	61	44	pt sunny	New York	65	47	pt sunny
Chicago	51	37	sunny	Phoenix	88	66	sunny
Dallas	80	68	pt sunny	San Francisco	65	54	pt sunny
Denver	71	47	pt sunny	Seattle	68	44	sunny
Houston	87	67	pt sunny	St. Louis	61	43	sunny
Los Angeles	70	57	sunny	Washington, DC	71	47	sunny
Miami	86	73	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 10/11	Fri 10/12	Sat 10/13	Sun 10/14	Mon 10/15
7	7	7	7	7
High	High	High	High	High

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

ance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Texas news in brief

Texas lawyers appeal to lift execution reprieve

HOUSTON (AP) — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has been asked to lift a reprieve and allow Wednesday's scheduled execution of a Texas man condemned for the 2000 killing a 12-year-old girl. The Texas attorney general's office argued in an appeal Tuesday that a federal district judge in Houston improperly granted a reprieve for 44-year-old Jonathan Green.

Green's lawyers contend he's mentally incompetent for lethal injection in Huntsville for abducting, raping and strangling Christina Neal. They both lived in Dobbin, about 45 miles northwest of Houston in Montgomery County. Her body was found in his home about a month after she disappeared.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas ruled Green's due process was violated when a state judge two years ago found him mentally competent.

TABC closes several Odessa bars in drug cases

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Texas regulators have shut several Odessa bars in a three-year state and federal undercover investigation into drug trafficking.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Tuesday announced the closures in a probe of alleged drug-dealing employees.

TABC says the Sandy Lounge, Cash's Bar and the Archway Club Bar & Grill had their operating permits canceled earlier this year. Attorneys for the Goodtime Lounge are appealing its liquor permit revocation.

Eleven people have been indicted on federal charges including conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. State charges of delivery of a controlled substance and conspiracy have been filed with prosecutors in Pecos and Monahans.

TABC says the Odessa-related investigation also involved El Paso, Austin and San Antonio.

Mom who glued kid's hands to wall faces life term

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas woman who superglued her 2-year-old daughter's hands to a wall also beat the girl so badly that she suffered bleeding on her brain, a doctor testified Monday during the mother's sentencing hearing.

Elizabeth Escalona faces up to life in prison after pleading guilty in July to attacking her daughter, Jocelyn Cedillo, last September. Police say the 23-year-old mother attacked the toddler due to potty training problems.

During a sentencing hearing that began Monday, prosecutors presented gruesome photos and details of the attack.

Jocelyn was hospitalized for about one week with injuries that included bleeding on her brain, a fractured rib, severe bruises and others likely caused by direct blows, according to Dr. Amy Barton, a former child abuse specialist at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

"When I think about the time involved in that and what that scene must have looked like, it's overwhelming," Barton said.

East Texas school bus driver hurt in wreck

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — An East Texas school bus driver has been hurt in a wreck that left the vehicle on its side.

Officials with the Marshall Independent School District say no students were on board when the bus was hit by a pickup truck Monday afternoon. Authorities say the bus was headed for an elementary school to pick up children after classes ended for the day.

A district spokesman says the female driver, whose name hasn't been released, managed to make a call for help while still trapped in the bus.

She was treated at the scene and then transported to a hospital for treatment of injuries not believed to be life-threatening. Officials say the truck driver also required medical attention. Further details weren't immediately available.

Marshall is 145 miles southeast of Dallas.

3 inmates recaptured after West Texas jailbreak

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas (AP) — Three inmates who escaped from a West Texas jail and stole a patrol car have been recaptured following an Interstate 10 chase that left a deputy hurt.

The Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office says the jailbreak happened Monday night as three men overpowered two guards. A spokesman for the sheriff's office did not immediately provide further details early Tuesday.

Officials say a deputy suffered a shoulder injury in a wreck during the pursuit.

Hudspeth County, in far West Texas near El Paso, has gained attention in recent years for celebrity arrests in drug cases.

Singer-songwriter Fiona Apple was arrested last month for hashish possession. Country star Willie Nelson, rapper Snoop Dogg and actor Armand Hammer were arrested on marijuana charges in unrelated cases.

California settles over end-of-life policies

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California officials have reached a \$25 million settlement with a company that sells end-of-life policies through funeral

planners, state Controller John Chiang announced Monday.

The settlement with Forethought Group Inc., a Texas-based company that, according to its website, offers planning for retirement and end-of-life needs, comes after a 2008 audit found what Chiang termed an "industry-wide practice" of companies failing to pay death benefits even though the companies had access to federal records indicating policyholders had died.

"Those who purchased policies from Forethought wanted peace of mind that their spouses, children and loved ones would not be burdened with the expenses and inconvenience associated with paying and planning for a funeral," Chiang said in a statement. "It's a shameful betrayal of trust when this insurance company — either through wanton greed or careless neglect — did not honor their obligation to pay," the statement said.

As part of the settlement, Forethought Group will pay nearly \$25 million to California beneficiaries, Chiang said. The company has also agreed to adopt reforms to make sure benefits are paid promptly in the future.

SUSPECT

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Ector County," Parker said. "The vehicle was believed to be involved in the kidnapping of a 4-year-old child, also out of Ector County."

According to law enforcement reports, the child was reported missing and car reported stolen at approximately 7:30 p.m. from a location in Odessa. The report was received by local law enforcement officers, who spotted the vehicle in the parking lot of the TA truck stop shortly after 1 a.m.

Parker said an interview of Silguero shed light on the location of the child, who was quickly rescued.

"After a brief interview of Silguero, the 4-year-old child was located in a local motel room — the Deluxe Inn — alone and unharmed," Parker said. "Silguero was arrested without incident, and upon questioning told officers where the child was and gave them the key to the motel room. The child was checked by medical personnel and released to parents."

Parker said Silguero is not related to the child and believes the kidnapping to be the result of a domestic dispute between him and the child's mother.

Silguero and Rios are currently in custody of the Howard County Detention Center. According to law enforcement officials, bond has not been set at the time of this report.

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decide whether to approve a penny-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks.

The decision to post calorie information follows the Supreme Court's decision this summer to uphold President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, which includes a regulation that would require restaurant chains and with more than 20 locations and vending operators with more than 20 machines to post calorie information.

McDonald's Corp. also announced last month that it would begin posting calorie information on its menus nationwide. Like the soda industry, the fast-food giant said it was a voluntary decision and not spurred by the pending requirement.

In addition to public health concerns, soft drink makers are dealing with shifting consumer habits. Soda consumption per person has been declining in the U.S. since 1998, according to the Beverage Digest. The decline is partly the result of the growing number of op-

tions such as flavored waters, bottled teas and sports drinks — which Coke, Pepsi and Dr Pepper also make.

As a result, Coke, Pepsi and Dr Pepper are focusing on developing more diet drinks, as well as expanding into other drinks to reduce their reliance on sodas.

There is no timetable for when all vending machines will be converted. Coke, Pepsi and Dr Pepper often work with third-party operators to provide drinks in vending machines; Neely said the companies will work with those outside operators to convert all

machines over time.

Vending machines account for about 13 percent of sales volume, a figure that has remained relatively unchanged in recent years, according to Beverage Digest.

Soda consumption is often identified for playing a role in rising obesity rates, although other factors such as a lack of physical activity and overeating also contribute.

Last month, the New England Journal of Medicine published a decades-long study of more than 33,000 Americans that showed sugary beverages interact

with genes that affect weight, meaning they are especially harmful to people who are hereditarily predisposed to weight gain.

Bonnie Sashin, who works as a communications director for a nonprofit in Brookline, Mass., says she stays away from sugary drinks, limiting herself to a can of Diet Dr Pepper or Diet Coke about twice a month. But she thought the move to display calorie information on vending machines was a positive development.

"Anything that helps us be more educated about calories is a good thing," Sashin said.

APPEAL

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No life threatening injuries were sustained during the attack, according to police records.

Everett said moments after the suspects fled the victim's home police officers noticed a vehicle driving without its headlights on. Once the vehicle was pulled over, several suspects exited the car, fleeing on foot.

Jaramillo and a 16-year-old juvenile suspect were taken into custody moments later. According to police officials, items stolen during the invasion were recovered from the vehicle. Both were charged with aggravated robbery.

Jaramillo wasn't the only defendant to receive a stiff sentence for his part in the home invasion, as Clifford Leon Anglin, 26, was also found guilty of a charge of aggravated robbery.

Anglin also received a 60-year sentence.

Anglin is also appealing his sentence, having had his request for an extension to file an appeal granted by the 11th District Court of Appeals in April, including a request for a new trial.

A third suspect in the case was also convicted

in 118th District Court, as Phillip G. Martinez, 23, also of Big Spring, was found guilty by a jury Feb. 2, 2011, and sentenced to 14 years in a TDCJ facility.

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Obama would double down in 2nd term

Do you know what's scarier than the possibility that President Obama could be re-elected? It's that in a second term, he would double down on his failed policies.

Don't take my word for it; he's admitted it on the campaign stump.

In a speech to his fellow cultural icons in Hollywood, he said, "Everything we fought for in 2008 is on the line here in 2012. And I need your help to finish what we started. ... We've come too far to turn back now."

Note that Obama did not say this: "My agenda obviously isn't working, so I have decided to make major adjustments. Rest assured that my wholesale failure to get the economy moving again, to create jobs, to reform entitlements and to reduce deficits and debts will not be repeated in a second term."

"I will quit misleading the public with the absurd claim that 7.8 percent unemployment is encouraging, especially when so many have quit looking for work and many who are working have only part-time jobs. I'll stop insisting that I have proposed cutting \$4 trillion from spending, when the lion's share of those "cuts" were either forced by Republicans or not scheduled expenditures (on the wars) in the first place. Truth be told, my most recent 10-year budget projects annual average budget deficits of almost \$1 trillion — \$9.5 trillion over the next decade. Nor will I throw away hundreds of billions on ill-conceived stimulus plans and green energy boondoggles. I'll also quit making meaningless, unintelligible statements like, 'I will grow the economy from the middle out.'

"I'll quit punishing and bad-mouthing American businesses and entrepreneurs, calling them soft and lazy and accusing them of not building their businesses. I'll finally allow the private sector to breathe. I'll discontinue my empty talk about expanding opportunity until I prove I'm serious about pushing individual responsibility instead of expanding the dependency class. I'll never again accuse the U.S. Chamber of Commerce of taking



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... Obama is psychologically incapable of admitting his mistakes and ideologically bound to repeat them. He still evidences no concern over our crushing national debt and our declining military power and influence in the world, and he gives no indication that he has any confidence in the private sector to rebound on its own, despite presiding over the worst economic recovery ... in 50 years.

foreign money and demanding it prove otherwise when I have absolutely no proof it occurred. I'll quit waging war on the coal, natural gas and oil industries. I'll stop taking credit for growing domestic oil production, as any increases have occurred on private, not public, lands. I'll get out of bed with labor unions, Occupy Wall Street and ACORN at the expense of business, producers and the democratic processes. And I'll quit scaring seniors at the expense of future generations.

"I'll quit apologizing for America, groveling to dictators and mistreating our allies, especially Israel, and I'll stop this insane gutting of our military.

I'll cease the class, race and gender warfare; sorry about that. I'll quit dishonoring the conscience rights of health care providers. Recognizing that health care costs are soaring and that tens of millions are still falling through the cracks under Obamacare, I will finally defer to the will of the people by repealing Obamacare and implementing market reforms. At long last, I will fulfill my cynical promise to be transparent; I'll quit carefully scripting my news conferences and evading questions, lest the public continue with the false impression that I am actually on top of current events and can answer tough questions off the cuff.

"I will fight my admitted

propensity to be intellectually lazy and to avoid the unglamorous aspects of my job to pursue my passions of campaigning and community organizing. This means I'll delegate less to bogus blue-ribbon commissions formed to give me political cover to avoid commitments I have no intention of honoring, such as deficit reduction. It also means I'll start attending national security briefings, play less golf and cut back on extravagant taxpayer-funded vacations.

"I'll rein in my hyper-politicized Justice Department and make sure it begins honoring the Second Amendment, stops shaking down banks and discontinues its crusade to administer justice in a race-conscious manner. I'll quit bragging about killing Osama bin Laden and implying that his elimination spells the end of our war on terror, especially after the recent attacks in Egypt and Libya. I'll man up and admit these attacks were preplanned, not the result of a controversial video, and that we failed to take precautions to protect our embassies. I'll also stop blaming President Bush for my failures and accept responsibility for my actions as any mature adult would do."

Sadly, you'll never hear anything like this, because Obama is psychologically incapable of admitting his mistakes and ideologically bound to repeat them. He still evidences no concern over our crushing national debt and our declining military power and influence in the world, and he gives no indication that he has any confidence in the private sector to rebound on its own, despite presiding over the worst economic recovery and longest periods of high unemployment in 50 years.

If Obama is re-elected, he'll finish the job he started, all right. Bank on it.

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Too much nudity begets crudity

The news release headline reads, "Supervisor Wiener to introduce legislation restricting

public nudity to appropriate venues." That's San Francisco City Hall-speak for: The city is getting ready to ban public nudity, but not from the Folsom Street Fair or other public venues where nudity has been known to make cameo appearances.

If the San Francisco Board of Supervisors actually does ban public nudity, it will do so after so much hand-wringing you would think the supes had been handcuffed to reality and forced to stare at too much sagging skin.

I feel for Scott Wiener — who was elected in 2010, just as The Castro turned "clothing-optional." During the election, the supervisor told me, public nudity wasn't an issue. You'd see the odd naked person here and there, but nobody cared.

In the past two years, however, nudity has devolved into a quality-of-life issue. Naked guys turn up daily at Jane Warner Plaza to plop their tenders in public places. On weekends, you may see gangs of nude folk riding bikes or walking in packs along the Embarcadero. If so, you do

not think, "La dolce vita."

The three words that come to mind are: Too much information.

Last year, Wiener heeded constituents' mounting complaints about naked men on public benches and unclad adults dining not only alfresco but also au naturel.

Wiener introduced an ordinance to require that nudists place some kind of cloth between their buttocks and their seating. The napkin lobby dared not protest.

Wiener did not dare propose a ban on public nudity. "San Francisco is a liberal and tolerant city," quoth Wiener in a statement at the time, "and we pride ourselves on the fact."

Alas, with the Wiener ordinance in place, there are more birthday suits than ever.

"We've always had our nude people, one or two," resident Dennis Richards told me. "Now we have 10 or 12" or even 15. There are so many that you cannot avoid seeing privates in public.

"I don't even own a bathing suit," Richards told me. He goes to nude beaches, where people know what they're going to see, or maybe soaks up some rays in his backyard. "But I at least have the common sense that I do it where it's supposed to be done."

"I fought for gay rights," Richards, a vice president for Salesforce.com, lamented. "This

is not what I fought for."

"I didn't want to have to go here," Wiener told me. "This isn't the area I want to be legislating." He rather would pass housing or public transportation bills. But:

"This is a city where people live, work and raise families," Wiener noted. There's an elementary school just blocks from the plaza. "It's not a gigantic nudist paradise."

Both Wiener and Richards blame out-of-towners for coming to the Special City to go bald. The problem, noted Wiener, is that these stark-naked tourists are "undermining the neighborhood."

Thus, a city that prides itself for its tolerance must find a way to police those who visually assault fellow citizens without prior consent.

One naked guy may be a nuisance, but too much nudity begets too much crudity. It degrades the social fabric. For San Francisco's political class, you might say, stark-naked people have become the new pothole.

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What is a credit union?

A credit union is a part of a community. Groups of people who work together, go to school together or just live in the same community can be part of a credit union.

A credit union is a place to save and borrow money.

But that sounds like a bank.

A credit union does a lot of the same things a bank does. The difference is that a credit union is owned by ALL the people who save their money in it.

If you become a member of a credit union, you are also an owner. If you deposit money into a bank, you are a customer, but not an owner.

Put this change in the piggy bank.

Very Interesting!

Let's say you want to borrow \$100 from a credit union. The credit union would require you to pay back the \$100 plus some extra money, called **interest**. Paying interest is like paying a fee for your loan. The interest rate tells what percentage of the original amount borrowed will be charged for one year of borrowing.

Here is a \$100 loan at 5% interest. It's divided up into 12 payments. Add up all the payments to see how much the loan would cost.

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\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$6.95

TOTAL: _____

Here is a \$100 loan at 10% interest. It's divided up into 12 payments. Add up all the payments to see how much this loan would cost.

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\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$10.12

TOTAL: _____

Show Me the Money!

Credit unions are not-for-profit organizations, which means that any profits earned are returned to members by offering lower interest rates and fees.

Standards Link: Math: Students understand percent and interest.



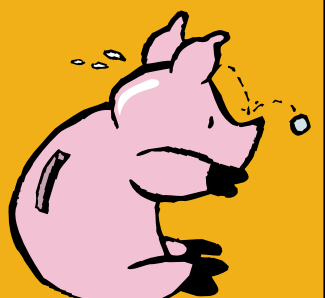
Piggy Bank Shake

Pretend you are a piggy bank and shake yourself. Can you hear the jingle of coins? Shake to the left! Shake to the right!



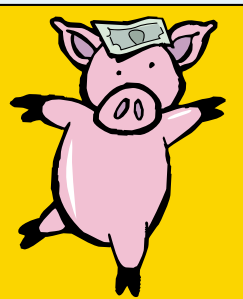
Jingle Jump

Toss ten coins onto the sidewalk. Can you hop from coin to coin, standing on one foot? Next, do deep knee bends to pick them all up!



Heads or Fails?

Try to do ten sit-ups while balancing three coins on your head. Now have a friend try. Could either of you do it?



Balanced Budget

Try to walk across your yard with a dollar bill on your head. It'll take some smooth moves to keep the dollar from dropping!

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

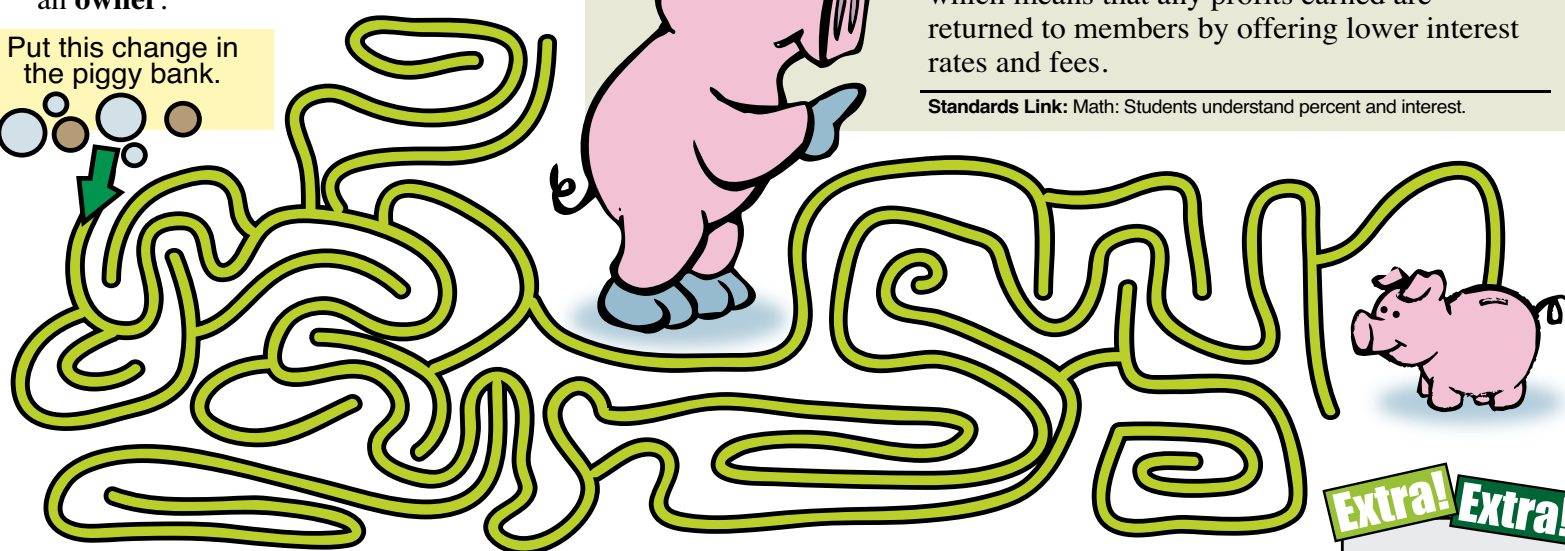
Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word CREDIT 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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	D				R
E					C



Put this change in the piggy bank.

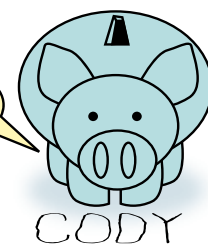


Draw a line from each coin to one of these kids' piggy banks. Fill each bank with the correct amount of change. There should be no coins left over when the banks are filled.



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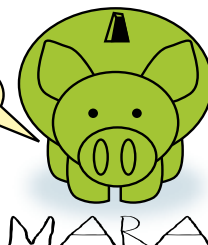
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CODY



59¢

TAYLOR



\$1.11

MARA

Extra! Extra!

It Adds Up

Look at one page of the newspaper. Add up all the money amounts you can find in articles or advertisements. Then have a friend try using another page. Who had the most "valuable" page?

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums using money amounts.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many ways can you make a dollar with these coins? Complete the chart to show the number of coins you will need for each group.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
1		3	2				\$1.00
2	3			5			\$1.00
3	2			25			\$1.00
4		1	8				\$1.00
5		3	4				\$1.00
6	1		6				\$1.00

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine meaning.

Double Double Word Search

COMMUNITY
INTEREST
CUSTOMER
PAYMENTS
PERCENT
CREDIT
AMOUNT
CHANGE
PROFIT
UNION
OWNER
COINS
BANK
LOAN
FEE

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

T	S	T	N	E	M	Y	A	P	C
S	T	N	E	C	R	E	P	R	O
E	G	N	A	H	C	C	E	O	M
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N	B	N	C	O	I	N	S	O	I
I	E	N	T	N	U	O	M	A	T
R	E	M	O	T	S	U	C	S	Y

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

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Describe Those Dollars

Look through the newspaper for words that can be used to describe money. How many can you find? Now have a parent try it. Try to use as many as you can in one long sentence!

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Identify adjectives.



ANSWER: In the dictionary!

Write On!

Money Choices

Imagine that you have \$100. You must save half of it, spend 40% of it and donate 10% to your favorite charity.

Write about it!

Bird Poop: Close call with a kitten

Drifting to the east from the state park, the escarpment is a pronounced and scenic backdrop. Several hundred feet above the open plains, its outcroppings of car-sized boulders beckon to bats and other critters.

Close by, neighborhoods are often entertained or frustrated by mammals that wander down from the heights above. Graceful deer graze on front lawns, raccoons tiptoe across rooftops, and opossums scale oak trees to evade elusive predators.

With such an abundance of wildlife also come phone calls regarding nesting and migratory birds. This October morning was no exception.

Having rescued a small bird, a woman hurried inside from her patio. Since it had not been able to fly, she was concerned about its injury.

After telling me it was definitely some type of wren, she continued her story of finding her kitten pouncing at, and playing with, the bird. "Your kitten?"

"Runt of the litter," she continued. Having found the abandoned bundle of fur in her easement, she had been nurturing the forlorn creature toward a healthy existence.

Surprised that it could capture such an active bird, the woman was grateful that the kitten was so small and uncoordinated. Otherwise, the outcome would have been tragic.

After encouraging her to bring the bird, I started pulling sev-



Found as far north as North Dakota, rock wrens are widely distributed south through the western half of the United States. While some prefer nesting in the mountains, others choose open, arid, windswept plains with rocky outcroppings. Concealed among crevices in the rocks, their nests often have a small trail of pebbles leading to the opening.

eral worn books from a shelf. Invariably, at this time of year, the unusual was bound to happen.

With its wings held evenly, the wren stood quietly as I barely opened a portion of the top of a cardboard box. Its quick response to any movement caused me to insert my hand slowly through the hole and downward.

In the dark, the bird remained still. Trying to surround it with my hand on the first attempt proved successful.

Wiggling to no avail, the wren expressed its dislike for being held captive.

Having already opened several books to the colorful wren species, the woman and I began to narrow the possibilities. Above, its gray-brown feathers were spotted with tiny flecks of white, and its whitish breast was finely streaked. A soft

buff color accented its rump and flanks.

Over each eye was a narrow, white streak. Its long narrow bill was typical.

Its defining coloration was in its tail. After spreading the feathers, we could readily see that the corners were tipped with a noticeable buff. Above that was a black band.

To see this extremely active bird flit among the rocks it frequents was to see its tail often cocked upward. However, sometimes in flight, or during a landing, the flaring of feathers defined it as a rock wren. Nature had left the best for the last.

Fortunately, the inept kitten had not inflicted any threatening injury. Suspecting some bruising of the wings from the feline's curiosity, we placed the wren in a long container. Mealworms and small crickets would have to supplement its diet

of beetles and other insects.

Over the next few days, as the wren improved, the woman and I referred to numerous bird books. A dominant question had been was the bird migrating, or was it here year round? The answers were as varied as their authors.

For us, the rock wren brought memories of the early '60s. While Highland South was in its infancy, Art and I had hiked the steep slopes above the emerging neighborhood. A rocky outcropping near the top offered a small amount of shade from the afternoon sun.

After crawling into the cramped space, we turned and tried to find a soft spot on which to sit and catch our breath. The approach had been steeper than we thought.

Looking north, the view of Big Spring was enlightening. What we had taken for granted

became reality with the uniform design of streets for both businesses and residences.

During our rest, what appeared to be a very nervous, little bird had come into view. Oblivious to our presence, or just ignoring us, it relished the rocky terrain. After darting in and out of crevices, it occasionally took flight only to return a moment later.

What we couldn't see were the insects it was catching and eating out of sight. We did, however, appreciate its varied songs. At times, it sounded as if the bird were scolding something with its harsh tones. Then landing on an adjacent boulder, it would offer to us and to the day a lilting melody. We never forgot that hike.

Ready for release, the rock wren was returned to the escarpment behind Kentwood. Although it had probably wandered into the

neighborhood in search of insects, we knew the more rocks, brush, and scrubs for an environment, the happier it would be.

Its flight to freedom was anything but graceful. After quick wing beats, it stopped often as it surveyed the terrain. Working its way upward into piles of rock and native growth, it disappeared for a brief moment. When it reappeared, it was even further up the hill.

Blending into its natural habitat soon made the bird hard to distinguish.

When a melodic overture started echoing from the boulders above, we were reminded once again of another encounter as the rock wren announced its return.

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The Ogallala: Honor its history, protect its future

I know that we are all enjoying the recent rain and rightfully so, since we have had very little in the past two years. I heard someone commenting that we certainly needed snow in the Rockies to feed the Ogallala Aquifer which must be suffering too. After hearing that comment, I decided I needed to know more about the Ogallala, so I did a little digging.

Those of you who have lived in the area for a while probably know the facts about the Ogallala but I'll tell you what I learned

anyway. The Ogallala aquifer is one of the largest aquifer systems in the world. It stretches



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across all or portions of eight states, including the southern part of South Dakota, nearly all of Nebraska, the eastern

Texas panhandle south until it gets to the Big Spring area.

A man by the name of N.H. Darton is given credit with describing and naming the formation in 1899 after the town of Ogallala, Neb. It lies relatively near the land surface in most of the area with a thickness of about 400 feet to the maximum thickness of about 1,000 feet.

The Ogallala Formation began to form about 10 to 12 million years ago when sand, gravel, silt and clay eroded from upland areas to the west and north were deposited

over the erosional land surface of the present-day High Plains by primarily eastward flowing streams.

In 1990, the Ogallala Aquifer contained 3.270 billion acre-feet of water, but a recent estimate of the volume of water in the area was just less than 3 billion acre-feet.

I thought the aquifer was fed by melting snows from the Rockies, but I discovered that I was wrong. Natural recharge to the Ogallala aquifer occurs primarily through the percolation of precipitation through the soils and underlying sediments to the water table.

It is generally recognized that playa lakes, or low areas that fill with water during rainfall, are the primary points of most natural recharge. Various studies have estimated an average recharge rate for the entire High Plains region of approximately 0.5 of an inch per year.

Before the development of irrigation, the discharge from the aquifer occurred from various water basins, from streams and from seeps and springs located primarily along the eastern escarpment. Some of these still flow today; however, most seeps and springs have ceased to flow primarily because of the lowering of the water table as discharge has exceeded natural recharge.

Approximately 95 percent of the water pumped from the Ogallala is for irrigation. The High Plains area represents 65 percent of the total irrigated acreage in the United States.

Throughout the years, irrigation technology

has evolved to allow agricultural producers to apply water much more efficiently without waste. Producers are irrigating fewer acres and rising energy costs, declines in well yields, and low farm prices also account for part of this reduction.

The rates of decline in the water levels in the aquifer continue to be somewhat stable with noted annual decreases in decline resulting when annual precipitation is above average and less ground water needs to be pumped.

Researchers continue to work on methods to increase natural recharge to the aquifer and to improve water-use efficiency.

The prospects for the future of the Ogallala aquifer ultimately depend upon its management by each of its water users — another reason why we need to learn more water conservation.

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

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News in brief

France's Haroche, David Wineland of U.S. win Nobel Prize in physics

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Frenchman Serge Haroche and American David Wineland have won the 2012 Nobel Prize in physics.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences cited the two scientists Tuesday "for ground-breaking experimental methods that enable measuring and manipulation of individual quantum systems."

This year's Nobel Prize announcements got under way Monday with the medicine prize going to stem cell pioneers John Gurdon of Britain and Japan's Shinya Yamanaka. Each award is worth 8 million kronor, or about \$1.2 million.

Romney's no-net-decrease tax stand may help him weather public's dim view of Republican Party

SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) — Even with his strong debate performance, Mitt Romney needs every possible advantage to overtake President Barack Obama in the next four weeks. Not helping him much is the Republican Party he leads.

Thanks in part to congressional Republicans' no-compromise stands on key issues, and an unpopular past president in George W. Bush, the GOP's image is at one of its lowest points in modern times. Romney is now distancing himself a bit from some party policies, most notably by emphasizing that he doesn't want to cut taxes for high earners.

That's probably a smart move, say Republican activists in regions where it's getting harder to sell the party's brand.

When talking with unaffiliated voters, "it's more important to sell Romney" than Republican policies, said Jordan McSwain, 19, who makes about 800 phone calls a week for GOP candidates from the central North Carolina town of Salisbury. A lot of undecided voters tell him "the Republicans have stopped all work in Washington," McSwain said, although he reminds them that Democrats controlled Congress for Obama's first two years.

Ten months ago, Americans were fuming over a near crisis in the economy triggered by Congress' partisan showdown over raising the debt ceiling and keeping the government operating. A Pew Research poll found that considerably more adults thought the Republican Party was "more extreme in its positions" than the Democratic Party. They saw the GOP as less ethical and less willing to work with the other party.

Mexican navy says Zetas cartel founder Heriberto Lazcano apparently killed in confrontation

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Top Zetas drug cartel leader Heriberto Lazcano has apparently been killed in a firefight with marines in the northern border state of Coahuila, the Mexican navy said late Monday.

If confirmed, Lazcano's death would mark a huge victory for Mexican law enforcement, and mark the end of a founder of one of the world's bloodiest cartels.

The navy said there were "strong indications" the body of one of two men killed in the shootout Sunday was Lazcano, known as "El Lazca." But it added that more forensics tests would have to be carried out to confirm the identification.

"Information was obtained after the first forensics tests were carried out that yielded indications that suggest that one of the bodies is Heriberto Lazcano," the navy's statement said.

"The Navy Department is coordinating efforts with Coahuila state, and will be awaiting the conclusions of the forensics examination in the case," the statement said.

As Mich. man holds funeral for wife who had meningitis, he, too, wonders if he's infected

DETROIT (AP) — Days after taking his wife off life support, George Cary got a phone call that confirmed his suspicions: Her meningitis-related

death was linked to tainted steroid injections at a Michigan clinic that had regularly treated her back pain.

The doctor on the call had more tough news. Cary's own back injections in September may have come from a contaminated batch too.

Cary went to an emergency room last weekend for a spinal tap. The test results aren't in yet, so he is left to wait and say goodbye to his wife, 67-year-old Lilian Cary, at a memorial service Tuesday.

"They advised me to watch for symptoms," Cary, 65, told The Associated Press from a funeral home in Howell, 60 miles northwest of Detroit. "At this point, there's nothing abnormal, but they said the same thing when Lilian had hers. ... Not only have I lost my wife, but I'm watching the clock to see if anything develops."

Michigan has at least 21 cases of meningitis related to steroid shots made by a specialty pharmacy in Massachusetts. Those cases include the deaths of Lilian Cary and a 56-year-old woman whose identity and hometown haven't been released.

Presidential campaigns seek out new citizen voters, a potentially powerful slice of electorate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — From Florida to Virginia, Massachusetts to California, candidates and political parties seeking to squeeze every vote from a divided electorate are targeting America's newest citizens. It's a relatively small bloc but one that can be substantial enough to make a difference in razor-close presidential swing states and competitive congressional races.

In Florida, which President Barack Obama won by less than 5 percentage points four years ago, a new analysis of U.S. Census data shows people who naturalized as Americans since 2000 make up 6 percent of the population of voting-age citizens. For months, the Obama campaign has been sending volunteers to citizenship ceremonies to register people and canvassing Miami-area neighborhoods where immigrant families live.

Romney, Obama both showing confidence

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Exactly one month from Election Day, Republican Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama are both declaring they will win a race for the White House that remains anything but clear. Their trails are cross-

ing again in Ohio, the state that could decide the election, and signs of urgency are emerging from each campaign.

"I very much intend to win this election," Obama told donors in San Francisco Monday night. "But we're only going to do it if every-

body is almost obsessive for the next 29 days."

Romney stood in a driving rain in Newport News, Va., his wet hair sticking to the side of his face, to join the kinds of die-hard supporters he needs for victory. "People wonder why it is I'm so confident we're going

to win," he told them. "I'm confident because I see you here on a day like this. This is unbelievable."

Obama plans to rally support from students at Ohio State University on Tuesday, the last day for Ohioans to register to vote. Early voting is under way there and in many other states in one form or another.

Romney is set to promote his farming policies in Iowa and then Ohio, two of the nine contested states on the path to the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency. Still riding high after a strong debate performance, Romney is expected to attend a midday rally in Van Meter, a small town 20 miles west of Des Moines. Tough-talking New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is scheduled to join Romney for a night rally near Akron, Ohio. The two were pairing up for a second day of Ohio campaigning.

Obama maintains more paths to victory, but polling shows a tightening race after more than 67 million people watched Romney shine in the Denver debate last week. The challenger's path to victory is extremely narrow, particularly without Ohio. No Republican has won the presidency without carrying the state.

A Republican familiar with some of Romney's polling says that internal polls before last Wednesday showed Obama with 5-point leads in Ohio and Virginia. In Ohio, Romney was winning in conservative congressional districts before the debate, but only by 1 or 2 percentage points instead of the 5 or 6 he would need to carry the state. But post-debate Romney has opened a 5-point lead in those districts in internal polling, according to the person who spoke on a condition of anonymity.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Stitch in Time Saves Nine

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

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

Many deals contain booby traps that all too often ensnare unwary declarers who don't take the time to think things out. Perhaps the best advice is to assume that there is a booby trap on every deal and proceed from there.

Consider this case where you're in three notrump and West leads the five of spades. When you play low from dummy, East wins with the king and shifts to the seven of clubs. Your jack loses to the king, and West

returns the nine of clubs to your ace. You cross to dummy with a heart and lead the queen of diamonds, finessing after East follows low. West wins with the king and returns a club, and you wind up down two, losing a spade, a diamond and four club tricks.

You could complain about bad luck, if you're so minded, because two finesses had to fail in order to lose the contract. In fact, you would have made five notrump if West had had the king of spades and East the king of diamonds. But when you analyze the play more fully, you realize that the contract was a sure thing from the word "go," and that the outcome was really your own fault.

All you had to do to wrap up three notrump was to win the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and take a diamond finesse. Win or lose, you could not score less than nine tricks.

It is certainly not difficult to prove that playing a low spade from dummy at trick one jeopardizes the contract, while playing the ace of spades guarantees it. A little thought — combined with a basically cautious nature — often makes all the difference between success and failure.

Tomorrow: Alert defense.
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Houston's Bradie James and Glover Quin tackle Jets' quarterback Tim Tebow during the Texans Monday night 23-17 victory over New York.

Texans stay unbeaten, hold on to top Jets, 23-17

DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — After Arian Foster ran over the New York Jets all night, it was time for the defense to seal things for the Houston Texans.

A six-point lead. Three minutes left. Mark Sanchez and the Jets 84 yards away from sending the Texans to their first loss with a crowd-pleasing comeback.

Not on this night. Kareem Jackson intercepted Sanchez with 1:51 remaining as the Texans held on for a 23-17 victory Monday night and a 5-0 start.

"That's what you dream about," defensive end J.J. Watt said. "It's Monday Night Football. You're on the field. You have a chance to end the game. That's what you want. For us to go out there and do that, it's huge."

Foster ran for 152 yards and a touchdown, and the Texans overcame some big throws by Sanchez, a few exciting moments by Tim Tebow and a 100-

yard kickoff return by Joe McKnight to beat the Jets for the first time in team history. The Texans (5-0) joined the Atlanta Falcons as the NFL's only teams without a loss.

"Arian stepped up and played huge," quarterback Matt Schaub said. "We're very excited to be 5-0 and get a win on the road."

It was a close one, though. Much closer than most expected. After all, the Jets (2-3) were heavy underdogs after coming off a 34-0 loss to San Francisco last week, but made a game of it.

"You got to give yourself a chance to win and we did that tonight," said Sanchez, whose throw was intercepted by Jackson after tipping off the hands of Jeff Cumberland.

Schaub was 14 of 28 for 209 yards and a touchdown to Owen Daniels, winning his ninth straight game — the longest active streak in the NFL — dating to last season. Daniels finished with four catches for 79 yards for the Texans, who have just their second five-game winning

streak in team history.

"A big part of that is it doesn't matter on this team about stats or individually what is going on," Daniels said. "It's great to be a part of something like that."

The enthusiasm was tempered, though, by a left knee injury to star linebacker Brian Cushing that coach Gary Kubiak said he "very concerned" about.

"I don't know what happened," Kubiak said. "They tell me he cut on a play and his foot might have got stuck in the turf."

Tebow got the MetLife Stadium crowd fired up at times during the game, including running for a first down on a fake punt. He also threw a pinpoint deep pass that newly signed Jason Hill should have caught, and later took a direct snap and ran for 13 yards to get the ball near the goal line in the fourth quarter. But other than that, Tebow spent most of his time on the sideline — again.

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Sandusky professes his innocence, describes himself as victim of PSU

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) — Jerry Sandusky professed his innocence and vowed to continue fighting his child molestation conviction in a recorded statement broadcast on the eve of his sentencing Tuesday, a possible preview of remarks he was expected to make at the hearing.

In the three-minute monologue aired Monday night by Penn State Com Radio, the former Penn State assistant football coach said he knows in his heart that he did not do what he called "these alleged disgusting acts" and described himself as the victim of Penn State, investigators, civil attorneys, the media and others.

"They can take away my life, they can make me out as a monster, they can treat me as a monster, but they can't take away my heart," he said. "In my heart, I know I did not do these alleged disgusting acts. My wife has been my only sex partner and that was after marriage."

Given the number of charges, the serious nature of his crimes

and his age, the 68-year-old Sandusky faces the likelihood of a sentence that will send him to state prison for the rest of his life. Sandusky was convicted in June of abusing 10 boys over 15 years, including some attacks inside Penn State athletic facilities.

In the statement, Sandusky blames an accuser he does not name for his legal predicament.

"A young man who is dramatic, a veteran accuser, and always sought attention started everything," Sandusky said. "He was joined by a well-orchestrated effort of the media, investigators, the system, Penn State, psychologists, civil attorneys and other accusers. They won. I've wondered what they really won: Prestige, financial gain, and prestige will all be temporary."

Tom Kline, lawyer for a young man who said Sandusky groped him in a shower when he was 12 or 13, said his client plans to read a statement Tuesday.

"He's going to tell the judge how this has affected him, how it's been painful and difficult,"

Kline said.

The eight victims who testified against Sandusky at trial described abuse that ranged from grooming and fondling to oral and anal sex. Sandusky did not take the stand but gave interviews shortly after his arrest in which he declared he was not guilty.

The case led to the firing of longtime head football coach Joe Paterno, who died from lung cancer in January, and the ouster of university President Graham Spanier, who remains a faculty member.

Eight legal teams that represent at least 20 victims or other potential civil claimants have surfaced, and Penn State has indicated its desire to settle claims out of court.

After Tuesday's sentencing hearing, Sandusky most likely would be sent to Camp Hill state prison. There, he would be tested and evaluated by Department of Corrections personnel, who will determine where he will serve his time.

Redskins say RG3 'looks good' after concussion

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Robert Griffin III felt good enough to attend something called a Rookie Success Program meeting Monday morning and seemed, by all accounts, to be doing just fine on the day after suffering his first NFL concussion.

Griffin still has to complete the league's mandated return-to-play protocol before he's cleared for practice, but his Washington Redskins teammates and coach Mike Shanahan were optimistic the Heisman Trophy winner will be able to play in this week's game against the Minnesota Vikings.

"We should fine out in the next few days exactly what happens," Shanahan said. "Right now it looks good. I'm not re-

ally sure if it stays that way. The professionals will monitor his situation and let us know if he's able to play or not. We surely have nothing to do with it."

defended the decision to have the rookie described as "shaken up" during the game, and — most importantly — talked about ways to help prevent such an injury from happening again.

"In my experience, when the quarterback gets that first hit like he received, they slide a little bit sooner in plays to come," Shanahan said. "They kind of protect themselves a little bit more."

Griffin was injured while scrambling near the sidelines on a third-and-goal play. In re-

spect, he should've just run out of bounds or simply thrown the ball away, but Griffin is a valuable commodity in part because he's a threat as a runner. "He's very competitive, like most young quarterbacks are," Shanahan said. "They want to make every first down, they want to extend every play to the last second, but part of that is knowing that, hey, we have to have you out there, so these quarterbacks learn in time when to slide. Now if it's a Super Bowl or you're going for a playoff win, you're going to take some of those chances. But part of the process is staying healthy and being out there for your teammates."

Griffin insisted he

was fine when he came to sideline and was able to recite the score and quarter, but Shanahan looked into the rookie's eyes and knew right away that something was wrong.

The Redskins announced the injury by saying Griffin was "shaken up" and that his return was "questionable" — and never updated his status. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was reviewing whether the team violated a league policy by supplying "blatantly false and inaccurate information" about an injury.

That policy was stated in a 2003 memo after Shanahan, who was then the coach of the Denver Broncos, put out false information.

ALDS: Orioles even series 1-1 with Yanks

BALTIMORE (AP) — The New York Yankees now must grudgingly acknowledge that these aren't the same Baltimore Orioles they used to knock around with merciless ease.

Rookie Wie-Yin Chen outpitched 40-year-old Andy Pettitte, and the resilient Orioles beat the Yankees 3-2 Monday night to even their best-of-five AL playoff series at a game apiece.

Game 3 will be held Wednesday at Yankee Stadium.

Baltimore fell apart in the ninth inning of the opener Sunday, allowing five runs in a 7-2 defeat.

"I think that's been big for us all year, the fact that we've been able to put our losses and obviously our low

points behind us, really learn from them and bounce back," said right fielder Chris Davis, who had two RBIs.

Before this year, the Orioles endured 14 straight losing seasons and were 79-140 against the Yankees over that span. But during this wildly successful comeback season, Baltimore has thus far split 20 games with New York.

"They have a good team," Yankees captain Derek Jeter conceded.

Afterward, Orioles owner Peter Angelos made a rare appearance, shaking hands with virtually every player he came across in the clubhouse.

Hiroki Kuroda will start for New York against rookie Miguel Gonzalez.

NLDS: Cards respond, tie up series with Nats

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals enjoyed a typical high-output day against Jordan Zimmermann. The bats came alive when they needed it most.

Allen Craig and Daniel Descalso homered early to build a nice cushion and Carlos Beltran added two long shots in a 12-4 rout over the Washington Nationals on Monday night that evened the best-of-five series at a game apiece.

"If we get things going, we feel like we can carry the team," Craig said. "As you saw tonight, we put a lot of good swings on the ball and really drove the ball. It was a lot of fun."

The Cardinals chased

Zimmermann after three innings, his shortest outing of the season, and took care of business in what could be the final home game of the season. A day after managing just three hits, there was no carry-over.

"You've got to be confident," third baseman David Freese said. "We're one of the few teams left. They still think they can take the series, and so do we."

The Cardinals had more than enough to compensate for a two-inning start from an ailing Jaime Garcia, who had an MRI exam for a shoulder injury. The lefty missed two months with shoulder fatigue during the season.

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"Classic" Ann Landers®: Staying is worst option

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Sleepless in Little River, S.C." She

said her new husband gets angry over nothing and yells at her for hours on end. She is reluctant to leave this man, because she doesn't want to disrupt the life of her 15-year-old son.

As someone who suffered the constant belittling of my stepfather from the age of 6 until I was 12, I can assure that woman her son's life is already being disrupted by the environment she has chosen to remain in. My stepfather couldn't deal with his own problems, so he found an outlet directing his anger at the people around him. I was his prime target.

My mother left that abusive man after I broke down in tears and begged her to remove me from what I called "a living hell." When she realized that the pain I was experiencing was far worse than her fear of starting over, she finally had the courage to leave him. I am 37 now, and even with years of therapy, I still bristle at the mention of my ex-stepfather's name.

"Sleepless" would be doing her son a big favor

if she got out of that hellish situation, and the sooner the better. — *Still Hurting in Massachusetts*

Dear Mass.: You have written a letter that could make a big difference in the lives of many young people who are living in a war zone. Thank you on behalf of all of them. P.S.: To all women who are staying with an abusive man "for the sake of the children," read this a second time.

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Halloween, beyond the candy



(Family Features) — Kids and adults alike look forward to Halloween each year. From the costumes, to the sweet treats, there's plenty to get excited about. But Halloween also provides the perfect opportunity for kids to get involved in the community as well. Use these tips to help your child think of the holiday as yet another way to spread a festive spirit, with less emphasis on candy, and more emphasis on giving back.

Collect donations for a cause. If your kids plan to trick-or-treat, talk to them about collecting coins for an organization that helps children in need throughout the world. For 62 years, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has encouraged kids to help raise funds for their peers in developing countries by going door-to-door on Halloween night or participating in other festive fundraising activities.

"Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is a powerful way for parents to teach their children the value of helping others and for kids to learn about the world," said Caryl Stern, President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. For the first time, the traditional Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF box has been given a new look, with six spooky new character boxes — a monster, black cat, princess, pumpkin, vampire and a witch. Fundraising kits containing the character boxes may be ordered online with free shipping at www.trickortreatforunicef.org



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Share some spooky treats. Most kids love to get involved in the kitchen — especially when sweet treats are involved. This year, whip up a batch of spooky treats together to share with neighbors, teachers, patients at the local hospital, and residents at your nearest retirement home.

Get crafty with the kids. Encourage your child to use their creative talents to help spread the Halloween spirit by designing their own Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF box. "This year, we want to tap into children's imaginations by letting them bring their own creativity to the traditional Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF boxes," said Stern. The "Create-a-Character" contest allows kids to submit their Halloween character design for a chance to be selected for the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF 2013 limited edition collection.

Make it a group activity — encourage your child's scout troop to participate, or help your

child organize a party for neighborhood kids to spend an afternoon designing characters, then enter online before Oct. 26, 2012 at www.trickortreatforunicef.org. Fundraising kits containing a blank collection box for design may be ordered online with free shipping or by calling 1-800-FOR-KIDS while supplies last. This year Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has partnered with national sponsors Key Club International and MediaVest, and promotional supporters American Airlines and Coinstar, Inc.

Donate old costumes. Your kids grow quickly, so it's unlikely they'll be able to wear the same Halloween costume two years in a row. Discuss with your child the needs of other children their age and give them the opportunity to donate their gently used Halloween costumes and clothing. Be sure to explain to your children how their costumes can help make another child's Halloween extra special, and make sure they're involved in the donation process.

Host a Halloween slumber party. Encourage your child to invite their closest friends for a night of spooktacular fun and treats. Ask each child to bring a canned good to the party to donate to your local food kitchen.

With a little planning and creativity, you can use the excitement of Halloween to encourage your child to give back to their community as well.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The goddess of romance, beauty, song and poetry, Venus tosses perfumed love notes to powerful Pluto, waxing on about fate's role in the relationship. Does love that's meant to be always exist, if not in this dimension then in a parallel universe? The moon slips into Leo's spotlight turning the whole flirtation into a performance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will be lucky when you go to a place that makes you uncomfortable. Being a bit on edge sharpens your reflexes and makes you use your talents in different ways.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). J.R.R.

Tolkien suggested, "It's a dangerous business going out your front door." However, you will find just as much danger — and excitement — from the comfort of your couch, thanks to the magic of technology.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be remarkably dedicated, provided the obstacles are cleared from your schedule. Given the time and opportunity, you will practice until you are better and repeat until it's effortless to create the result you desire.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When people are not listening, it is very tempting to get louder and talk more. You wisely do the opposite. By getting quieter and talking less, you learn what you need to know in order to get peo-

ple to listen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You belong to a group of people who care about something. Maybe it's not a formal group, and it might not even be a very big group, but it's a strong group, and that you can be proud of.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may feel like you are pitching forward in a kind of controlled fall. So it might comfort you to know that on some subconscious level you know exactly what you are doing and you have a great deal of power over the result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is no substitute for experience, but the stories you share will be as close as some people get to doing a certain thing on their own. Your words will sketch the outline of what is too huge to convey.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because you feel a bond with others, you also feel that it's your responsibility to help those who do not have such a strong connection. You'll reach out to the lonely and make a difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is once again time for you to make a mark. As your Sagittarian sign mate Jakob Dylan sings, "Eyes on the prize, reboot the mission. I lost my sight, but not the vision."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll lighten up and mentally brush off some of the smaller goof-ups you've made. By mentally minimizing your mistakes, you celebrate the ways you are alive and human.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Creative juices are flowing.

You'll be moved to regale someone with personal stories, and you may feel free to make them up, as well. Your fiction is harmless and humorous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who embark on long journeys deserve to arrive at a satisfying destination. Whether you're the host or the traveler, this will be important to keep in mind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 9). Compelled to create, you'll express yourself often and fully this year. Whether or not you receive accolades for your creations is irrelevant, and yet you can't help but bask in the applause in November and enjoy the extra money in May. Family additions happen in December. June brings travel. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 15, 39, 24 and 17.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I want to share my story of depression — and hope — so that it might help others.

I'm nearly 50 now, but only recently did I recognize the depression that has plagued my life. I had the symptoms for decades: bursts of anger, loss of appetite, lack of interest in work and activities, avoiding people, constantly thinking about death. A few years ago, it hit me hard. For weeks, I couldn't leave my bed, and suicidal thoughts filled my mind. I was a "dead man walking." My emotions were burned away, and I saw no point in living.

Finally, I began seeing a therapist on a weekly basis. Progress was slow, but each bit of relief was a stepping-stone out of the darkness. I learned that you have to look after yourself. Overworking, not eating right, lack of exercise, not enough sunshine and cutting yourself off from social situations all feed depression. If you can get out of bed and get out the door — if only for a little while — that's a major thing.

National Depression Screening Day is Thursday, October 11. I recently found out about it from a friend. I wish I'd known about it years ago and taken a screening. Readers can go to HelpYourselfHelpOthers.org and find a nearby screening location or take a free, anonymous screening online. They also can find out what to do next.

I'm alive today because I managed to get help in time, but I lost years of real living before I understood that I had depression. I strongly urge anyone reading this who even suspects they might have depression to do a screening. Sincerely —
Mike Stephens



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Mike: Thank you for sharing your story. Depression affects millions of Americans from all walks of life and all demographics. National Depression Screening Day can be enormously helpful for those who are concerned about depression. We hope our readers will check HelpYourselfHelpOthers.org to find out about a screening.

Dear Annie: What do I tip when eating at a buffet where the server takes the drink orders but does nothing else? What about at a Japanese restaurant where the server takes our orders and serves the meal, but the sushi chef prepares the food?

Our favorite Japanese place has a tip jar at the sushi bar. I feel a tip should be left for both the server and the chef, but I don't know how to divide it. I was told that the sushi chefs keep their tips and the others are split. I'd appreciate some guidance.
— Liz

Dear Liz: At a buffet, etiquette experts recommend a 10 percent tip (on the pre-tax amount) because the server takes drink orders and clears the table. If you sit at a sushi bar where the food is served directly to you, tip the chef on the food and the server on your drinks. If the server brings you the food, tip the server. Tip jars, whether at a sushi bar or a coffee shop, do not obligate you to leave anything. However, if the service (or sushi) was exceptional or complicated, or if you are a regular customer, you may wish to do so.

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "The Drunk's Wife." My 67-year-old husband came home many nights so drunk he could barely stand up. After putting up with this for 40 years, I finally had enough. I told him that I loved him, but the next time it happened, I'd be gone. Two weeks later, he came home toasted, and I packed a bag and left. He called all night, begging me to come back. The following day, we talked. I said I'd return, but there would be no more second chances. He knew I meant it. That was two years ago. He hasn't been drunk since, and our marriage is better than ever. —
Stuck to My Guns

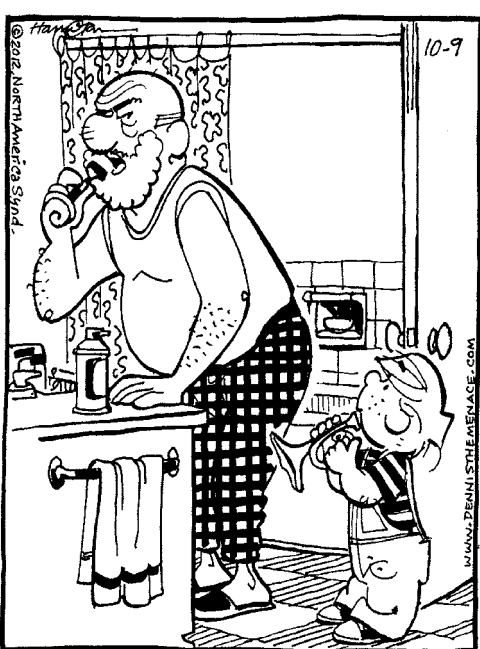
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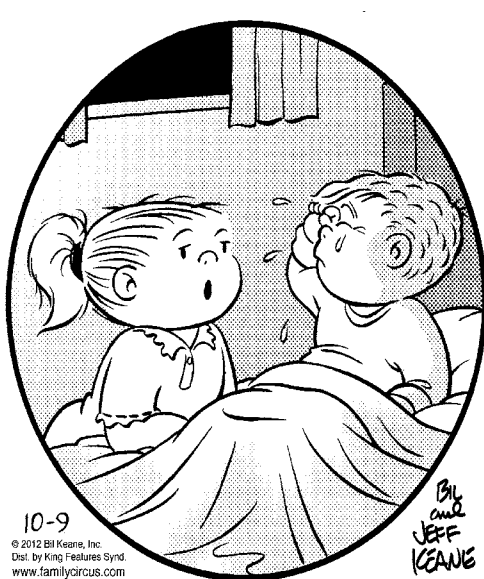
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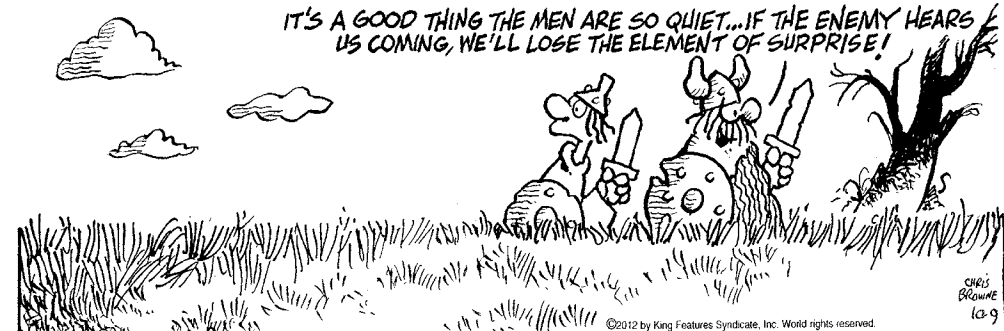
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"Don't worry, Jeffy. You were just dreaming. If the monsters were real, Sam and Barfy would've barked."

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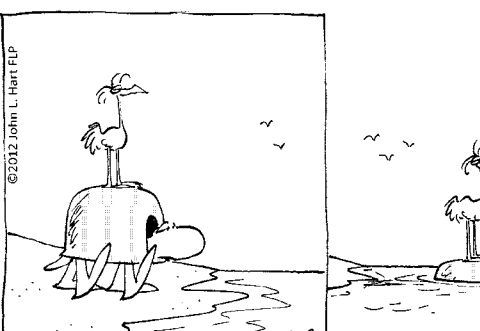
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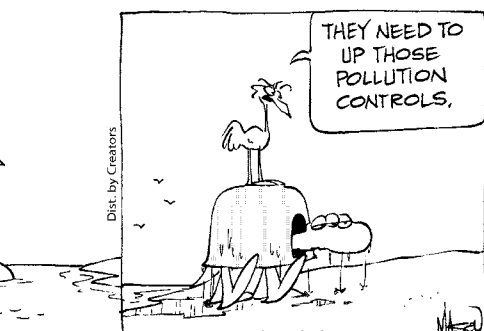


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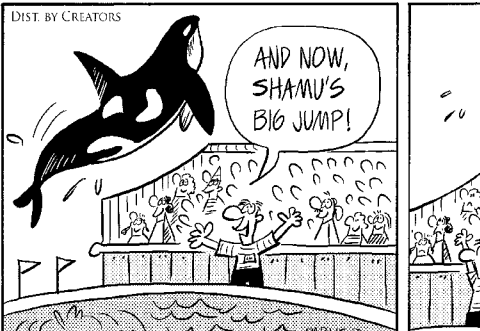
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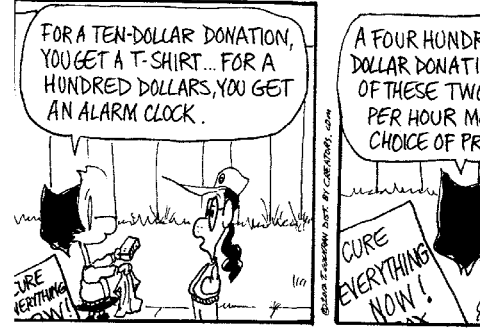
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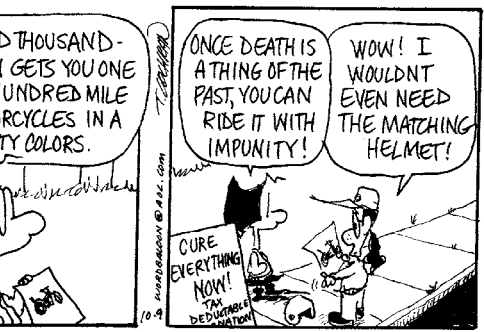
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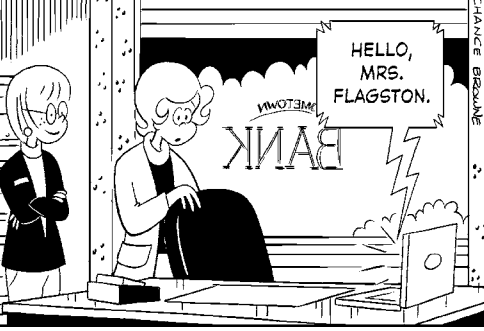
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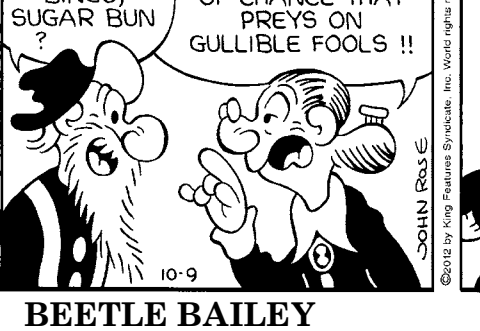
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 9, the 283rd day of 2012. There are 83 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 9, 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was killed by the Bolivian army a day after he was captured while attempting to incite revolution.

On this date:

In 1446, the Korean alphabet, created under the aegis of King Sejong, was first published.

In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.

In 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.

In 1910, a coal dust explosion at the Starkville Mine in Colorado left 56 miners dead.

In 1930, Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field, N.Y., to Glendale, Calif.

In 1936, the first generator at Boulder (later Hoover) Dam began transmitting electricity to Los Angeles.

In 1940, rock and roll legend John Lennon was born in Liverpool, England.

In 1946, the Eugene O'Neill drama "The Iceman Cometh" opened at the Martin Beck Theater in New York.

In 1958, Pope Pius XII died at age 82, ending a 19-year papacy. (He was succeeded by Pope John XXIII.)

In 1962, Uganda won autonomy from British rule.

In 1974, businessman Oskar Schindler, credited with saving about 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust, died in Frankfurt, West Germany (at his request, he was buried in Jerusalem).

In 1987, author, politician and diplomat Clare Boothe Luce died in Washington at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Fyvush Finkel is 90. Retired MLB All-Star Joe Pepitone is 72. Former Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nona Hendryx is 68. Singer Jackson Browne is 64. Actor Gary Frank is 62. Actor Richard Chaves is 61. Actor Robert Wuhl is 61.

Actress-TV personality Sharon Osbourne is 60. Actor Tony Shalhoub is 59. Actor Scott Bakula is 58. Musician James Fearnley (The Pogues) is 58. Actor John O'Hurley is 58. Writer-producer-director-actor Linwood Boomer is 57. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Mike Singletary is 54. Actor Michael Pare is 54. Jazz musician Kenny Garrett is 52. Rock singer-musician Kurt Neumann (The BoDeans) is 51. Country singer Gary Bennett is 48. Movie director Guillermo del Toro is 48. British Prime Minister David Cameron is 46. Singer P.J. Harvey is 43. World Golf Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam is 42. Country singer Tommy Shane Steiner is 39.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Leave the path
 - 6 Emphatic Spanish assent
 - 10 Cornfield bird
 - 14 Entire
 - 15 Clickable computer image
 - 16 Assistant
 - 17 Book (make hotel reservations)
 - 18 Circus enclosure
 - 19 Went on horseback
 - 20 Do assorted chores
 - 23 Partner of neither
 - 24 Move to and
 - 25 Certain sibling, for short
 - 28 Team morale
 - 32 Sergeant or general
 - 33 Corporation abbreviation: Abbr.
 - 34 Coin in Spain
 - 35 Designer Cassini
 - 37 "You are not!" response
 - 39 Course where U-turns are practiced
 - 42 Strong point
 - 43 Something to avoid
 - 44 Narrative story
 - 45 Golf peg
 - 46 Berets and sombreros
 - 48 French Riviera resort
 - 50 Double-curve letter
 - 51 Incoming plane stat.
 - 52 "In we trust" (US motto)

- DOWN
- 1 Make a trade
 - 2 Drive window
 - 3 Underground plant part
 - 4 Considerably
 - 5 Saudi neighbor
 - 6 Stringed instrument of India
 - 7 Cake decorator
 - 8 "That's unexpected!"
 - 9 Sequentially
 - 10 Ace or jack
 - 11 de Janeiro
 - 12 Peculiar
 - 13 Very small
 - 21 Machine part that spins
 - 22 Motorola competitor
 - 25 Apelike
 - 26 Shoe part
 - 27 Teacakes
 - 28 Cool and calm
 - 29 Handbags
 - 30 Parts of eyes
 - 31 Wander around
 - 32 Makeovers
 - 36 Lusted carefully
 - 38 Business env. letters
 - 40 Old-time anesthetic
 - 41 Hot winter drink
 - 47 Immediately
 - 49 Finds the sum of
 - 52 Lip cosmetic
 - 53 Castaway's home
 - 54 Ship captain's subordinate: Abbr.
 - 55 Dice toss
 - 56 "Do others..."
 - 57 Frying medium
 - 58 Historical periods
 - 59 Provide weapons to
 - 60 Corp. boss
 - 61 Touch on the shoulder

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Longhorns, Sooners try to stay in Big 12 race

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — It's a college football experience unlike any other.

It starts with a bus ride into the State Fair of Texas, with fans thumping on the sides and cheering or directing insults and unfriendly gestures toward the riders. Then there's the walk down the Cotton Bowl field, the chance to stare down your bitter rival face to face before the game begins.

And no matter what's on the line beyond the Golden Hat trophy at the annual Red River Rivalry, it's always something special — even if the stakes are a little lower than usual.

No. 13 Oklahoma (3-1, 1-1 Big 12) and No. 15 Texas (4-1,

1-1) will arrive in Dallas on Saturday playing catch-up in the conference standings for a change. Instead of a show-down to get in the driver's seat in the Big 12, the rivalry is a crucial win both teams need to keep up with No. 5 West Virginia and No. 6 Kansas State.

For the first time since 2007, and the second time since 1997, both teams already have a conference loss behind their names.

"It doesn't have any different feel," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said Monday. "Not in my eyes."

It'll be the 14th straight time Stoops has gone up against Texas' Mack Brown, with the two teams combining to win

nine of the last 13 conference titles. The loser this time could end up two games back in the league standings.

So, could this be an early October elimination game?

"I wouldn't ever say that," Sooners cornerback Aaron Colvin said. "We don't want to get too high. We don't want to get too low."

"You never know what's going to happen in the Big 12 or in college football, period. We're definitely going to try to go out there and get this win, try and give it our all but we don't really think of the negatives yet."

The potential is certainly there, though. Oklahoma lost on its home field last month against Kansas State, and

Texas was beaten at home just last week by West Virginia. Don't forget that the Sooners must travel to face the Mountaineers, and the Longhorns finish the regular season at K-State.

"We can't afford to take any more losses and we can't afford to take any steps backward. We're trying to move forward in everything that we do," Oklahoma defensive end R.J. Washington said.

"But it's Texas. It's going to be high-energy. There's going to be an unruly crowd. Things aren't going to go your way, but you've just got to keep pushing. I think the first couple games we've had have helped us get through that. We've gone through some ad-

versity. We've battled back from that."

The Sooners are coming off of a 41-20 win at previously unbeaten Texas Tech, ending a three-game losing streak in Lubbock.

Before that, they had off weeks bracketing the 24-19 loss to Kansas State, and Stoops thought all the down time stunted the team's development.

"Now, hopefully we can get in a rhythm. ... You really make your improvement, I think, when you're on the field playing in game situations, and hopefully we can take some strides and keep improving," Stoops said.

The Sooners have won the last two games in the series.

TEXANS

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"You know, going in, I had no idea when I would go in," Tebow said. "I just try to be ready at all times."

After Shayne Graham's 42-yard field goal made it 20-7 late in the third quarter, McKnight

got the Jets right back into it with his 100-yard kickoff return — his second of his career — to cut the Texans' lead to 20-14 with 4:38 left in the third quarter.

New York then attempted an onside kick, but the ball went through Chaz Schilens' hands and Shiloh Keo recovered, giving the

Texans the ball with good field position.

"If I caught it, we probably would've won the game," Schilens said. "Huge letdown."

Schaub hit fullback James Casey for 30 yards to quiet the crowd, but the Jets' defense held the Texans to a 22-yard field goal with 13 seconds left in the quarter.

Nick Folk's 21-yard field goal with 11:55 left made it 23-17, but it appeared the Jets would get more.

Sanchez hit Cumberland for 24 yards on first down, and then Jeremy Kerley for 36 yards two

plays later. Then, Tebow came in — with Sanchez lined up as a wide receiver — and rumbled up the middle for 13 yards to make it first-and-goal from the 3. The crowd at MetLife Stadium went wild, sensing a chance at Tebow's first touchdown since being acquired by New York in March.

Tebow stayed in but was stopped for no gain. Then, Sanchez — who has been under fire with many calling for Tebow to take his starting job — had a pass tipped by Watt and then threw incomplete to Schilens in

the end zone on third down.

"We could've won, we should've won," Schilens said. "We got in the way of ourselves again. Sooner or later, we'll fix it."

Foster walked untouched into the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown to give the Texans a 14-7 lead with 11:11 left in the first half. He gained 42 yards on three straight carries on the 67-yard drive.

The Jets threatened late in the half, but Sanchez's pass was tipped by Watt and went off Kerley to Brice McCain, who ran back the interception 86 yards before Kerley caught him at the New York 9. Graham made a 27-yard field goal as the half ended to make it 17-7.

The Texans opened the game by scoring on an efficient 8-play, 85-yard drive capped by a 34-yard touchdown catch by a wide-open Daniels

less than 4 minutes in. Daniels, who earlier gained 14 yards on a screen pass, got wide open behind the secondary as New York's safeties both bit on Schaub's play-action fake.

"It was huge to start fast," Schaub said. "We knew they were going to come out ready to play, fired up, with a lot of energy. We were just trying to take that wind out of their sails."

The Jets tied it late in the opening quarter, taking advantage of an interception by Antonio Cromartie. Four plays later, the Jets tied it for their first points in two weeks — a 27-yard TD catch by Cumberland.

"It was a lot of courage, a lot of effort that we showed," Tebow said. "It wasn't always perfect and we always didn't execute the way we want to, but you can never question our toughness or our effort or our character."



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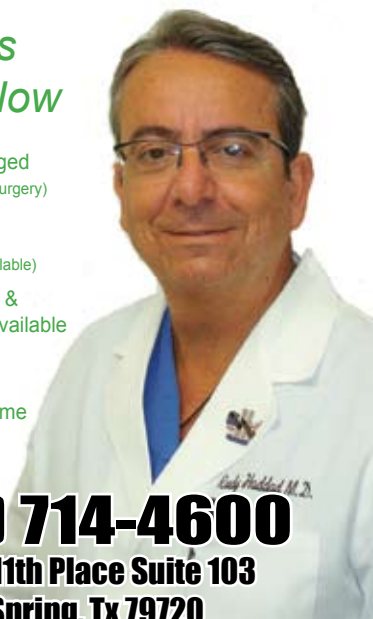


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