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Emergency responders with the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS prepare to transport a person to Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a traffic accident near the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane shortly before 3 p.m. Monday. Details on the accident — including the condition of the man being transported — were not available at the scene.

Man faces drug, theft allegations

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

An Odessa man has been arrested and charged with theft and drug possession following the search of a local property where a number of stolen items — including a large quantity of oil-field equipment — were recovered.

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"Deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Office responded to 101 Broken Bow Rd. in Howard County at approximately 11:36 a.m. Friday in reference to a fire," Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker said. "Upon arrival, deputies discovered the fire was contained in a large pit in the ground. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that two large spools of copper wire were burning in the pit."

Parker said firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene.

"Firefighters responded to the scene and extinguished the fire," Parker said. "Upon further investigation, several items were discovered on the property that were reported stolen"

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CISD trustees to sign off on state testing resolution

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — School trustees here are expected to join with a majority of Texas public school districts in supporting a resolution calling for changes in the state's high-stakes testing system.

Coahoma Independent School District trustees will consider the



Jacobs

resolution when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today in the administration building board room.

CISD Superintendent Amy Jacobs said the current testing system, which evaluates student learning in English/language arts, math,

science and social studies, does not adequately gauge how effectively modern students are being taught in schools today.

"The tests gives a good measure of the four core subject areas, but they don't take into account other areas," Jacobs said. "There's just so many minute areas we're

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Make safety top treat this Halloween

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Before the first goblins and ghouls can make an appearance this Halloween season, parents and children alike will have to pick out a costume, a decision local officials say buyers should look at closely when it comes to safety.



Condray

According to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, the desire to wow friends and family with a great costume — whether it's bought from a store, online or made at home — should always take a back seat to how safe the attire is.

"You want it to be a fantas-

"Having an authentic-looking costume is nice, but it's never worth it to sacrifice the safety of our children."

Carl Condray
 Big Spring Fire Marshal

tic costume, but you shouldn't forget about safety," said Condray. "One of the most overlooked issues, especially with homemade costumes, is whether or not the costume is flammable. You need to make sure that the costume will not catch fire if the material comes in contact with a flame, even for a very brief period.

"Keep in mind that your

children will be going up on porches with pumpkins that have a lit candle. Children can brush against a pumpkin with long, flowing costumes. Using a non-flammable material is really essential."

Ease of movement and visibility should be two major concerns when choosing a costume, according to Condray.

"Make absolutely sure that

the child can move freely and see well. Remember that children will be climbing steps and walking through yards," said Condray. "Make sure your child can be seen. Select costumes that are bright colored. If that is not possible be sure to decorate the costume with reflective tape or reflective fabric paint.

"Reflective tape can be incorporated into the costume."

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OTHER VIEWS

Budgetary gimmickry

A multibillion-dollar stack of IOUs awaits state lawmakers when they return to Austin next year, and it's a pile of their own making, the fruit of budget tricks that would leave Penn and Teller both speechless.

Gov. Rick Perry has a righteous gripe when it comes to the Legislature's fiscal gymnastics. That part of his stepped-up "truth in budgeting" campaign has merit, but other parts we have a major problem with.

When lawmakers adjourned their session last year, they left a nearly \$5 billion Medicaid tab uncovered and scheduled a late aid payment to schools to balance the books. Then there is their slippery practice of siphoning off taxes dedicated for one purpose and pouring them into the general fund.

The granddaddy of all diversions is the big grab out of the highway fund, where fuel taxes and fees are supposed to go for road- and bridge-building. More than \$1 billion of that money will be spent this budget cycle on other uses. North Texas, meanwhile, is forced to build major highways with toll financing.

Last week, Talmadge Heflin, budget specialist with the Texas Public Policy Foundation, testified to lawmakers that "even people with advanced degrees have trouble tracking funds in the budget, let alone the average taxpayer or legislator."

In this light, Perry's truth-in-budgeting call is a good one, yet we wonder why his mind blanked when he signed the state's current smoke-and-mirrors budget 16 months ago, saying, "I am proud Texas will continue to live within its means."

The governor now is talking up a push for a constitutional amendment on spending to bind lawmakers' hands in future sessions, and he has legislative leaders, including Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, climbing on his bandwagon. The idea is to limit spending to a measure of population growth and inflation, but that strikes us as putting important decisions on auto-pilot instead of relying on elected lawmakers for judgment calls. Irresponsible is one way to put it. Political gimmickry is another.

Support for artificial checks on spending assumes the state is at an optimum level now, but it's not. Ask principals who had to lay off teachers. Or drivers who feel gouged by monthly toll bills for their daily commutes.

— *Dallas Morning News*

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Leave the driving to it

Driverless cars are on the horizon, and we can all start feeling ancient now. The youngest among us will remember the days when we had to keep our hands on the steering wheel and foot near the brake. Joining "icebox" and "fire stable" will be such terms as "behind the wheel," "pedal to the metal" and "in the driver's seat."



FROMA HARROP

Hipsters yet to be born will laugh at worried talk of "blind spots" and complaints of "backseat drivers." Windshields with suction-cup marks from primitive GPS devices may become wall art, just as those old blue-glass Delco batteries now hold sunflowers.

I can't wait. The notion of dropping into some soft leather seat, saying, "Take me to the movie theater" (if there still are movie theaters), then pouring a nice glass of cabernet is most appealing. There will be no such thing anymore as drunken drivers because there will be no drivers. Drunken passengers, sure.

Radar will detect objects, including pedestrians and brick walls. Cameras will record lane lines, and infrared versions will see better at night than a raccoon. Some of the newer driverless models go 70 miles an hour.

There will be fewer traffic jams because the computer-run cars will know not to smash into their neighbors. Most accidents

are caused by human error, explains traffic expert Tom Vanderbilt in *Wired* magazine. The driverless car's computer "is better than human in every way."

Driverless cars will reduce the need for new pavement. Did you know that vehicles take up only 5 percent of the road surface on even the most congested highways? "Hyperalert and algorithmically optimized" cars should be able to safely cruise bumper to bumper, according to Vanderbilt.

I keep using the future tense, but actually, some driverless cars are already on the roads.

A fleet of Google driverless cars now ply the byways of the San Francisco Bay area. They have signs on them saying "self-driving car," lest a shocked driver think he's encountered a vehicular headless horseman.

California recently legalized driverless cars, following the lead of Nevada and Florida. Bear in mind that driverless cars were never officially banned — for obvious reasons.

A legal question for the 21st century: If your driverless car does get in an accident, whom is to blame, you or the software developer?

A philosophical question: Are driverless cars computerized vehicles or computers on wheels? Clearly, Google believes in the latter. But the auto industry is hard at work making its case. Traditional cars are already highly computerized. Some advanced features, such as automatic parallel parking, involve driverless movement. Several

major carmakers have research centers in Silicon Valley.

So go forth, motorists: Write text messages till your thumbs turn blue. Gesticulate wildly as you argue on the phone. Play around with your 2,000 stations. Neck in the backseat — or the front seat, for that matter. You are no longer in charge, which means the driving time is all yours.

Ooooh. But what's going to happen to that time????? The utopian side says the hours our eyes were glued to the road will be spent in leisure or intellectual pursuits. The dystopian side says that the effort the technology saves us will create more time for work. Have smartphones freed up your day?

The possibilities are endless. Children will take themselves to clarinet lessons. The elderly will no longer worry about losing their ability to drive.

On a sour note, computer hackers will be able to commit crimes against passengers yet unimagined.

But this part of our future is inevitable: Everyone will have a chauffeur and leave the driving to it.

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Reverse Bush's failed third term

After reading transcripts of Obama's recent campaign stump speeches and watching his interview with ABC News' Diane Sawyer, I am even more convinced he is every bit as clueless as he appeared in that fateful debate but also very deceitful.

The money quote in Obama's interview with Sawyer, who asked him what happened in the debate, was:

"It's not the first time I've had a bad night. But I think what's important is that the fundamentals of what this race is about haven't changed. You know, Gov. Romney went to a lot of trouble to try to hide what his positions are, because he knows that those ideas have been rejected. They won't work."

This is just more of the same. Obama is saying that our ongoing economic problems are still President Bush's fault and that Romney wants to go back to the Bush policies that caused all this — as if the four years we've just experienced never occurred and as if he and his party weren't more responsible than Republicans for the policies that led to the housing and financial collapse.

It is true that the fundamentals of the race haven't changed. Obama wants to stay on the course of his failed policies, and Romney wants to reverse course. But Romney is not trying to hide his positions; Obama is lying about what those positions are.

Indeed, it's not just Democratic operative Stephanie Cutter who is making the embarrassingly false claim that Romney's tax cuts would cost \$5 trillion.

With this administration, almost everything, including Benghazi-gate, starts at the top. Obama repeated the claim to Sawyer and added that Romney's cuts would be skewed toward the rich.

No, the rich, by losing exemptions and deductions, would benefit less than lower-income

groups, something that I, as a supply-sider, am not too pleased about, but it's nevertheless true. And the cuts would not cost \$5 trillion, because those cuts would be offset by the elimination of the exemptions and by the economic growth the cuts would help generate.

But where Romney would most substantially deviate from the Bush policies is that he would severely cut spending, both in the short and long term — in the latter with comprehensive, structural entitlement reform. And he would roll back Obama's unprecedented regulations that, along with Obama's taxing and spending policies, are smothering the private sector.

So let's summarize Obama's main argument for his re-election:

- Republicans caused the policies that led to our economic problems.

- Obama has put us on a path to recovery, and he would continue on that exact path, whereas Romney would reinstate the Bush policies that caused the problems.

He's wrong on every count. After Bush's tax cuts, his economy was mostly strong until the final year of his second term — sustained economic growth, low unemployment and negligible inflation.

Bush spent too much, though less than Democrats would have if they'd gotten their way (including on education and prescription drugs), but his deficits were still only a fraction of what Obama's have been — despite Iraq and Afghanistan. Democratic policies (affordable housing, etc.) led to the economic collapse.

Bush tried to get Democrats to roll these back, but he was ridiculed and rebuffed by the likes of Democratic Rep. Barney Frank.

Obama also rails against Wall Street bailouts in his stump speech, but he became a key player in the TARP bailouts, not to mention the auto industry bailout or Dodd-Frank, which could someday lead to big bank bailouts on steroids.

Further, Obama, instead of

putting us on a path to recovery has implemented recklessly wasteful spending policies, oppressive regulatory policies and punitive tax policies, which have led to the worst recovery and longest period of high unemployment in 50 years.

He has blocked GOP entitlement reform proposals and has submitted none himself.

He is by far the biggest-spending president in American history by any rational measure.

We will be in national bankruptcy and financial collapse if he wins re-election and stays the course, which he is promising to do.

He and his Justice Department have also shaken down banks to pressure them to start making the very types of uncreditworthy loans that caused the housing collapse in the first place.

Romney would, like Bush, cut taxes (with modifications on deductions), but he would implement spending and entitlement reform, including repealing Obamacare.

His administration would be a friend to businesses and not an outright enemy as the Obama administration has been.

So yes, President Obama, the choice couldn't be clearer.

You would continue your failed policies of growing the government and killing the private sector, ensuring the perpetuation of an anemic economy and ultimately national bankruptcy, and Mitt Romney would dramatically roll back the government to let the American people and their businesses unleash a robust recovery, the likes of which we've rarely seen.

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Kid Scoop Together:

FUNNY FILLER

Ask a friend to give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read your silly story aloud.

The Creature

Dr. Alexander de Cay has performed a lot of _____ ADJECTIVE experiments in his _____ NOUN.

He once combined a pumpkin and a _____ ADJECTIVE NOUN and brought it to life one very _____ evening. ADJECTIVE

As _____ PLURAL NOUN crashed, he laughed and exclaimed, “I have done it! I have created the world’s first _____ ADJECTIVE NOUN!”

But soon his creature escaped and began to _____ VERB towards town. All of the town’s _____ PLURAL NOUN were terrified of the _____ ADJECTIVE creature.

The creature began to make _____ PLURAL NOUN with people and before long, the creature became quite happy.

The creature now works at the local school as a _____ ADJECTIVE NOUN. The kids are very glad about that and they bring the creature a lot of _____ PLURAL NOUN as treats. PLURAL NOUN

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

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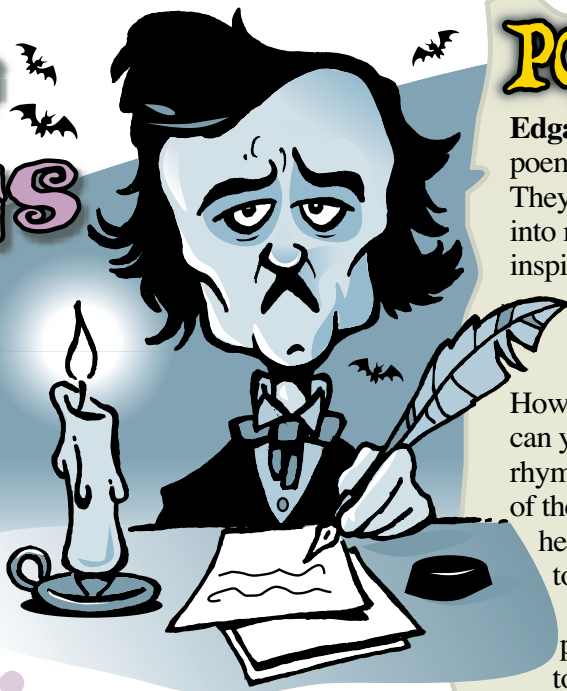
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BATS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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SILLY SCARY STORIES

With Halloween just around the corner and a chill in the air, it's the perfect time to write a funny, spooky tale by letting your imagination run wild!

How many bats can you find on this page?



POE-ETRY IN MOTION

Edgar Allan Poe (1809 - 1849) wrote many creepy poems and stories that are still popular today. They've been made into movies and inspired countless other writers, too.

How many words can you think of to rhyme with each of the things shown here? Use them to write a great Halloween poem to read to your class.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify words that rhyme.



ATTACK OF THE THESAURUS!

Even though it sounds like some kind of dinosaur, a thesaurus is filled with lots of great words to spice up your stories.

With a thesaurus, she lived in a big, scary house transforms into she dwelled in a gigantic, forboding mansion. Nice!

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Use a thesaurus.

Read each sentence. Then draw a line to the word that has the same meaning as each of these circled words. If you get stuck, use a thesaurus for help!

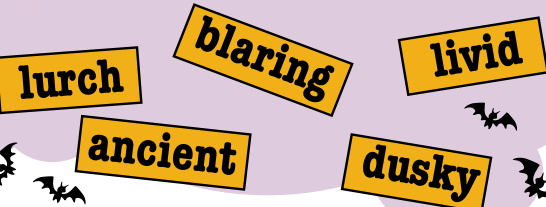
The creature knocked down the old castle wall.

As the sun rose, the vampire looked angry.

The full moon was covered by dark clouds.

The werewolf had a loud howl.

The mummy began to walk towards me.



Find the two identical jack-o-lanterns.



Extra! Extra!

Story Starts in the Newspaper

Look through the newspaper for:

- five nouns
- five verbs
- ten adjectives
- a rhyme
- a vehicle
- a food

Use all of these words in a spooky story.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

DR. BOOKER NOVELS INCREDIBLE STEAM-POWERED STORY GENERATOR

Having a hard time coming up with a silly, scary story idea? Use this awesome device to choose a character, location and plot. Mix and match to create lots of story ideas!

CHARACTER

- A dancing dinosaur
- A seasick werewolf
- A powerful penguin
- A sleepy vampire
- An unraveling mummy
- A very nervous spider
- A zombie duck

LOCATION

- on another planet
- in a spooky swamp
- in a fancy hotel
- in a crumbling castle
- in a frozen forest
- next door to you
- in a chilly cave

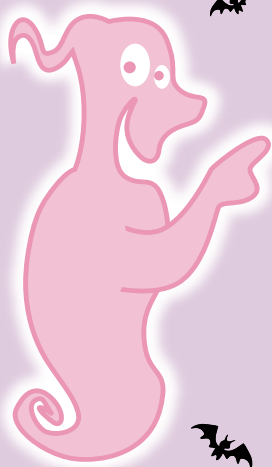
PLOT

- builds a cheese-powered rocket.
- digs a tunnel to a distant city.
- becomes principal of your school.
- discovers how to turn invisible.
- wins a motorcycle stunt competition.
- explores the ocean in a submarine.
- becomes a country music star.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Ghostly Mildred is planning a Halloween party but she got a bit carried away with her shopping list. Cross out the items that don't really seem correct for Halloween fun.

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| COBWEBS | FAKE SPIDERS |
| CANDY CANES | CANDY CORN |
| EGGNOG | FLASHLIGHTS |
| HAMBURGER | SWIMSUITS |
| PUMPKIN | BALLOONS |
| AMERICAN FLAG | CAULDRON |
| TURKEY | MISTLETOE |
| ICE CREAM | FOG MACHINE |
| CANDY EGGS | POLKA MUSIC |
| LEMONADE | VAMPIRE TEETH |



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

Double Double Word Search

- CHARACTER
- THESAURUS
- SENTENCE
- WRITERS
- DEVICE
- CREEPY
- POEMS
- SPICE
- RHYME
- EDGAR
- DUSKY
- WILD
- PLOT
- TALE
- READ

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

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D	I	R	D	N	Y	E	S	S	S
T	W	G	O	C	R	R	I	K	E
E	A	S	M	E	O	P	S	Y	H
R	E	T	C	A	R	A	H	C	T

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

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Guess My Costume

Look at the ads in the Classified Ad section of the newspaper. Write an ad about who or what you are going to be for Halloween. Give your ad to a pal and see if he or she can guess what your ad represents.

Standards Link: Writing: Describe and summarize concepts.

What happens to ghosts who get lost in the fog?

ANSWER: They are mist.

Write On!

STRANGE HOUSE

They claimed the house was haunted, but it looked okay to me. So ...
Finish this story!

The bird who came in from the cold

Sometime during the night, cold, blustery winds heralded the arrival of the first "blue norther." By dawn, gray skies had cast a pall on any outdoor plans.

Having hurried to get her morning paper, the woman was glad to be back inside and away from the piercing winds. After walking through the house

to a back window, she opened the drapes. Once again, her bird feeder had been emptied by migrating flocks of birds.

As she opened the door leading to her back porch and yard, a noisy flurry of wings carried both large and small travelers to the trees above. The discordant harmony of their mass exodus was deafening.

Having taken care of their needs, she hurried toward the house and its promised warmth. As she glanced back to see how quickly the birds descended from her trees, she noticed a small, brownish-gray bird underneath her towering yaupon.

After closing the door against the northeast wind, she continued to watch the huddled mass of feathers. She detected no movement.

Promising herself that she would check on the bird after a few sips of coffee, she sat down to read her paper. Distracted by her husband and their

need for breakfast, she forgot about the little bird until he noticed its presence under the shrub.

By noon, the couple's concern prompted a phone call. Accustomed to having several different species of doves at their feeder, the woman related how this dove-like bird was much smaller than the white wings and mourning doves. "It still hasn't moved," she added.

Since the bird may have flown into something and could be stunned, the woman agreed to wait a little longer for it to recover. Two hours later, she called again.

Since the bird was still passive and had made no effort to move, the woman had decided to get it off the ground. As quietly as possible, she had started to crawl toward the bird. Getting under the lower branches of the large plant had been harder than she expected.

Even with her exertion and crunching of the mulch surrounding the shrub, the bird didn't move. Extending her arm through the trunks at the base of the plant, she was able to grab the bird. There was little resistance as she brought it through the woody maze and wrapped it in her apron.

In a deep, narrow cardboard box, the woman had placed an Inca dove.

The dark edges of its perfectly layered feathers gave it a scaly appearance.

Extending its wings to check for any fractures exposed the distinctive rust color that is one of its identifying features.

As I spread its tail, its outer white tail feathers were highlighted. On such a slender and petite Inca, its coloration and size were expected.

After driving home, the woman continued to watch for any other Inca doves in her yard. Later in the day, she called. "That's the only one. I even checked with the neighbors, and they don't have any."

Having seen this specie feeding and traveling in flocks made us wonder why this Inca was suddenly a solitary figure. Its need for social interaction with others of its specie was enviable.

In previous years, we had watched Incas as they sought shelter in our live oak trees and on the sills of our back porch windows. In both places, the small birds had started a feathery pyramid. Four or five Incas on the bottom supported the next row of three, topped off by one or two as they shared body heat and huddled against the cold of a wintry day.

Resting with its head pulled in against its breast, this bird ignored the food and water we offered. Only the lowest roost was finally accessed.

Late on the second day, it stood beside the food dishes.

At least if it drank it would ingest the food supplement I had added to its water.

Around noon of the third day, we noticed it kept repositioning its feet on one of the roosts.

Then it jumped down to the floor and walked about with the rhythmic bobbing back and forth of its head. Scat-



Courtesy photo

About eight inches long and weighing less than two ounces, the Inca is one of our smallest doves. Often called a scaled dove, the bird builds a cup-like structure for a nest

tered seeds at least indicated its interest in the available food.

To access the highest roost at the end of the container, the bird had to fly.

Late that afternoon we found it perched at that elevation. We also noticed the ample supply of grains had been depleted.

For the next two days, the bird ate, drank, flew and perched. Droppings

were normal and it was displaying the anxious avoidance of people whenever present.

The woman who had recognized a problem with the bird's behavior had removed it from any danger until it could recover.

Releasing it in a known area frequented by Incas and mourning doves, we felt comfortable knowing that our neighborhood would be

supportive of the needs of this bird and others.

Although we, and the woman, would never know what had brought about such an encounter, we had all benefited from the Inca's unexpected visit.

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What we have not as important as what we leave behind

I recently spent the weekend visiting my 91-year-old aunt who lives in Bryan, Texas, and as we visited, I was reminded just how short our time on this earth really is.

Ninety years seems to be a long time and yet, as she said, looking back it seems like yesterday and that final day may be much closer than we would like to think.

It's sad to think when our days come to a close there will be no more sunrises or sunsets; no more blue skies or

cloudy days.



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It will not matter what we owe or what we are owed.

Our plans, hopes and ambitions will disappear, but so will our

All the things we have collected will pass to someone else. Our wealth, fame and power will shrivel into irrelevance.

grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. Those things just won't matter anymore.

What will matter is how the value of our days will be measured. It won't matter what we bought, but it will matter what we build.

It won't matter what we've got, but it will matter what we gave.

It won't matter what we learned, but it will matter what we taught.

Our successes will no longer matter, but our

significance will live on, as will our integrity, compassions and sacrifices that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate our example.

Our competence will no longer matter, but our character will.

The number of people we have known will no longer matter, but the people who will feel a lasting loss at our passing will.

Our memories will no longer matter, but the memories we gave to those that remain will change lives.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident; it is not a matter of circumstance but a matter of choice. Our life will soon pass but the choices we make that touch the lives of others will continue to bless or haunt those we leave behind.

I would choose to be remembered, as will my aunt, as one who enriched and blessed the lives of those whom my path crossed and I would hope that those I leave behind would smile each time they thought of me instead

of being complacent or glad that I'm gone.

Now I'd like to change the atmosphere of this writing to a lighter note.

A friend of mine once told me something I still can't figure out. He said: I feel more like I do today than I ever have.

I wonder if he still feels that way and, if so, I wish he'd explain it to me.

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

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Record jump provides collective moment

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — Felix Baumgartner stood poised in the open hatch of a capsule suspended above Earth, wondering if he would make it back alive. Twenty four miles be-

low him, millions of people were right there with him, watching on the Internet and marveling at the wonder of the moment.

A second later, he stepped off the capsule and barreled toward the New Mexico desert as a tiny white speck against a darkly-tinted sky. Millions watched him breathlessly as he shattered the sound barrier and then landed safely about nine minutes later, becoming the world's first supersonic skydiver.

"When I was standing there on top of the world, you become so humble, you do not

think about breaking records anymore, you do not think about gaining scientific data," Baumgartner said after Sunday's jump. "The only thing you want is to come back alive."

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Big Spring Team Captains (from left) Carl Green, Diamond Bailey, Joseph Morelion and Max Pappajohn walk to the center of the field for the coin toss Friday prior to the Abilene Wylie game at Memorial Stadium. The Steers (5-1), lost for the first time this season, 42-24, to the No. 2 ranked Bulldogs and will travel to Snyder on Friday to resume district play.

Time management cause for concern for Cowboys after loss

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas — For all the Dallas Cowboys did right, they botched the ending.

After recovering an onside kick and benefiting from a pass interference call, the Cowboys were at the Baltimore 34 with 26 seconds left and a timeout remaining.

From there, they managed only a 1-yard pass play before Dan Bailey missed a 51-yard field goal attempt.

“We left too much meat on the bone there. We needed to get more than 1 yard when we had one timeout and 26 seconds,” coach Jason Garrett said Monday after reviewing the 31-29 road loss against the Ravens.

“It starts with the play call that I had and then it really goes from there.”

There should have been plenty of time to try to get a few extra yards.

Instead, on a play when Miles Austin and Kevin Ogletree had vertical routes on opposite sides of the field, Tony Romo threw a 1-yard pass to Dez Bryant.

With precious seconds ticking away, Bryant appeared to be urging the referee for a better

spot while Ogletree and Austin showed no apparent urgency with only slow jogs to get back to the line for another play.

“I know Miles and I both feel bad about what happened, because we know the outcome,” Ogletree said. “We know we missed the field goal and how close that was and how precious yardage was at the end of the day. So getting back to the line of scrimmage, maybe getting the play called, I think this will all be great for us going forward in learning a lesson.”

Austin declined to talk to reporters in the locker room Monday, refusing even when asked to offer any explanation about what happened.

Garrett said the receivers have to understand the situation and get back to the line as quickly as possible. But Garrett said coaches also have to communicate things better, and it has to be communicated better in the huddle as well.

“This is not an excuse. It’s not an explanation. But crowd noise can be a factor in that,” Garrett said. “It starts with me.”

This was the third time in the past 10 games that the Cowboys

had time management issues at the end of games that were losses.

With everything out of whack in Baltimore, the timeout was finally called with 6 seconds left to set up the field goal attempt. Bailey’s kick had enough distance, but drifted just left of the upright.

Garrett spent more than 11 minutes Monday, the first portion of his media briefing, discussing how the final half-minute played out in Baltimore.

The Cowboys (2-3) scored on Romo’s 4-yard touchdown to Bryant with 36 seconds left. But Bryant, who had 13 catches for 95 yards and two scores, couldn’t make the play for a tying 2-point conversion.

Dallas recovered an onside kick, and Ogletree drew a pass interference penalty on first play. That stopped the clock and moved the ball 20 yards to the Ravens 34 before the 1-yard gain to Bryant.

“We had tried to work on these situations a number of different times with our team (in practice),” Garrett said. “We didn’t

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Defense: making a comeback in the Big XII?

LUKE MEREDITH

AP Sports Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Few teams in the Big 12 go into a league game expecting a defensive slugfest.

But old-school defense is making a comeback, at least among teams with realistic shots at the league title.

All five Big 12 teams that won Saturday held their opponents far below their season average for points. In fact, none of them allowed the opposition to score more than 21 points.

That includes Texas Tech, which grabbed everyone’s attention and jumped back into the rankings by stuffing high-powered West Virginia in a 49-14 blowout win.

“We play hard. (Defensive coordinator) Art Kaufman and his coaches have done a

good job of sticking with fundamentals,” Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said. “For the first six games we haven’t done anything exotic. We just teach the same things each week and we’ve gotten better at it.”

The 18th-ranked Red Raiders (5-1, 2-1) are flourishing under Kaufman, a newcomer to the coaching staff who has worked wonders with a unit previously marked by instability.

Kaufman is the fourth defensive coordinator in four years at Texas

Tech and the third new one in a row for Tuberville. But the Red Raiders have been strong on defense all season, and on Saturday they held quarterback Geno Smith to a completion percentage of 52.7 — nearly 30 points lower

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Volleyball

• Sweetwater at Big Spring, Freshmen, J.V., 5 p.m.; Varsity, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football

• Big Spring (5-1) at Snyder (2-4), 7:30 p.m.
• Stamford (6-1) at Forsan (5-2), 7:30 p.m.
• Coahoma (1-5) at Sonora (4-2), 7:30 p.m.
• Stanton (3-3) at Crane (4-2), 7:30 p.m.
Open — Grady (5-2), Sands (4-3), Garden City (1-6).

Volleyball

• Big Spring at Snyder, Freshmen, Varsity, 5 p.m.; J.V., 6 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

Local golf news

Comanche Trail G.C.

LGA news

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association held its weekly couples playday Thursday. Taking first place at the event with 5-under par were Joe and Patsy Sharpnack and Linda and Nick Dewaters. Coming in second were Forrest and Gayle West, Ron and Daury Booth and Trish Gabbard with 4-under par and rounding out the top three were John and Gus Leonardi and Ray and Sue Russell with 3-under par.

Landing closest to the pin on Hole No. 6 was Gayle West.

The Ladies Golf Association is always looking for more members. Interested couples

may simply show up at Comanche Trail Golf Course any Thursday — weather permitting — at 4 p.m. to join the fun.

WGA to host Guys and Gals Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club Women’s Golf Association will be hosting a Guys and Gals Scramble on Saturday and Sunday with a shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$150 per team plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome.

Fee includes lunch Saturday and a meal following play Sunday. Practice rounds will be available Friday. Field will be flighted by first round score.

For more information, contact the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Country Club to hold 6-6-6 tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a 6-6-6 tournament (Six holes scramble, 6 holes low ball and six holes modified alternate shot) Saturday, Oct. 27 through Sunday, Oct. 28. Entry fee is \$80 per player plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day. Barbeque will be served on the course Saturday. Field will be flighted by first round score.

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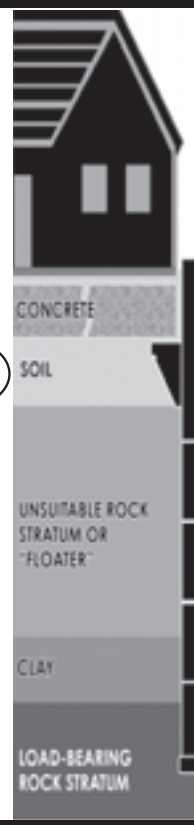
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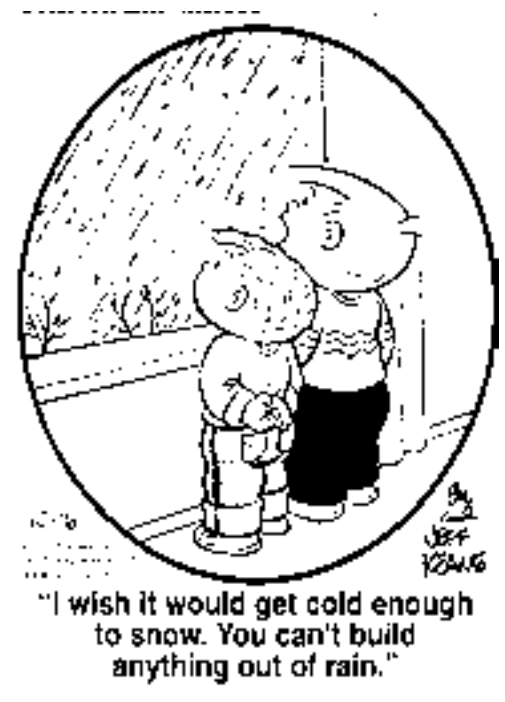
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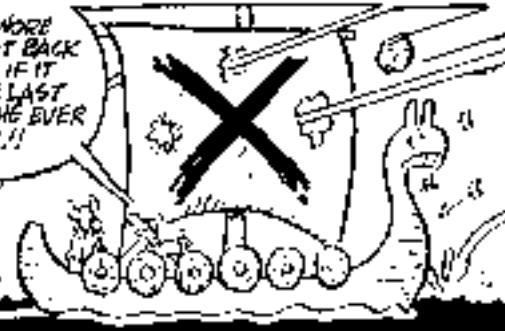


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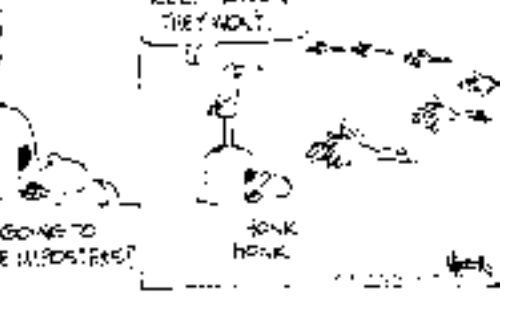
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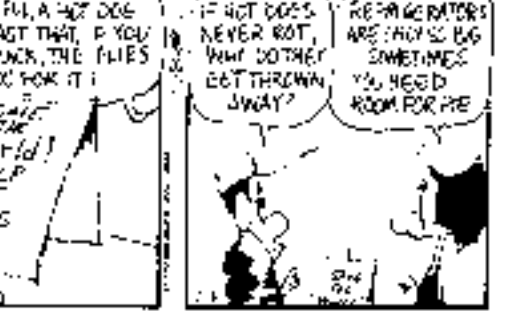
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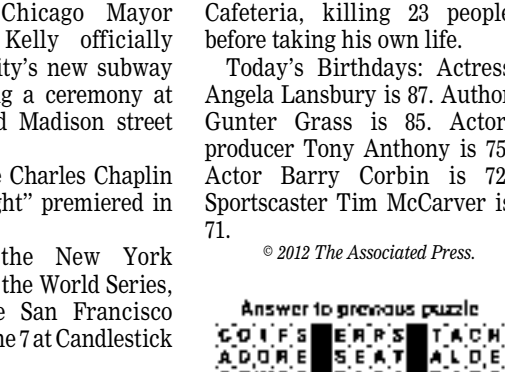
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Humbled texans look to improve after first loss

HOUSTON (AP) — After sailing through five games with a perfect record, the first setback for the Houston Texans came in stunning fashion.

The Green Bay Packers controlled every aspect of a 42-24 blow-out win that exposed a bevy of problems Houston has to fix quickly before Sunday's game against Baltimore, a team that has beaten the Texans three times in the past two seasons.

Coach Gary Kubiak said the Texans have to be better if they expect to beat the Ravens, who improved to 6-0 against Houston with a win in the second round of the playoffs last season.

"Some undisciplined things that we did, that's our biggest concern today," he said. "But I think across the board all three phases wasn't good enough. Today we've got a lot

of corrections to make and lots of soul searching to do, especially with this team we've got coming in here this week. It wasn't one thing. It was a bunch of things."

Though Kubiak has challenged every member of the team to improve this week, his biggest concerns are special teams, the running game and protecting quarterback Matt Schaub.

He's been disappointed with the play of the special teams for a while and Sunday night's performance was no different. The unit gave the Packers a first down twice because of penalties on fourth down plays, which both eventually led to touchdowns.

"We gave them two possessions with a couple of penalties, lack of discipline type penalties," Kubiak said. "Something's got to get

better. If our football team is going to get better, (special teams are) going to have to get a (whole) a lot better."

The Texans weren't able to establish their running game on Sunday and Arian Foster and Ben Tate combined for just 76 yards on 20 carries. Kubiak acknowledged that those numbers were partly because Houston got down early and had to throw more, but didn't want to use that as an excuse.

"The end result is we're not running the ball very good at all," he said. "It's not going to change how we believe and what we think we have to do to win ... we've just got to look really hard at it and hopefully change it this week."

The Ravens are also 5-1, but their defense has struggled this season and is giving up more than 136 yards rushing a game.

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than his average over his first five games.

Texas Tech is second in the Big 12 at 16.3 points allowed per game, an astounding 23 points better than last year.

"One thing that he's brought to the table is just a sense of patience and understanding of you can only go so far in a short period of time," Tuberville said of Kaufman.

"He teaches hand placement. He teaches how to play with our eyes and he teaches gap control. And we haven't gone beyond that."

TCU (5-1, 2-1) has the league's top defense. It bounced back Saturday from a home loss to Iowa State with a surprisingly easy road victory over Baylor and its explosive offense.

The Bears racked up 432 yards in just over 18 minutes of possession. But the Horned Frogs forced six Baylor turnovers, including four interceptions of Bears senior Nick Florence, in a 49-21 victory.

The Red Raiders and Horned Frogs are among five Big 12 teams allowing fewer than 18 points per game.

It's no surprise that league leader Kansas State (6-0, 3-0) is also on that list.

The Wildcats have allowed just 21 points in their last six quarters. After shutting out rival Kansas in the second half of a 56-16 thrashing, Kansas State held Iowa State to just seven points in the second half on Saturday and

stuffed the Cyclones on fourth-down tries twice in the final five minutes.

Kansas State also held the ball for more than 40 minutes against Iowa State. Such a discrepancy in time of possession might be the key to slowing down Heisman Trophy hopeful Smith and the Mountaineers when they host the Wildcats this weekend.

"Their offense was productive as well, and consequently West Virginia didn't get its hands on the ball as much as they had in previous ballgames," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said about Texas Tech's performance against West Virginia.

Oklahoma fell off the national radar a bit after it lost at home to Kansas State a few weeks back. The Sooners seem to have sorted things out in part because of a defense strengthened by the arrival of defensive coordinator Mike Stoops.

Oklahoma (4-1, 2-1) allowed just 20 and 21 points respectively in wins over Tech and Texas, and that includes three touchdowns let up by the Sooners backups in garbage time.

West Virginia has put up some dizzying numbers, but there was always going to come a day when the Mountaineers would need to lean on their defense. It came Saturday — and West Virginia let up 676 yards.

"I don't think anybody across the country in the history of football is able to put up the kind of numbers that we were on a very, very, very consistent basis," coach Dana Holgorsen said. "We've got to be able to win some games on other areas of the field as well, such as special teams and defense."

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respond well enough to

that situation, getting back quickly enough or using the timeout and changing the circumstances in dealing with that type of situation."

Ogletree said the team has rehearsed similar scenarios and that they are "a major emphasis right now just because of how that went."

The ending spoiled what had been a solid performance for the team, and what Garrett called a lot of positive things to build on moving on in the season.

The Cowboys rolled up 481 total yards, their most in two years, including 227 yards on 42 rushing attempts. They ran 79 offensive plays,

matching the most in a single game in franchise history.

And still, they lost for the third time in four games since their season-opening win at the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants. Dallas plays Sunday at Carolina.

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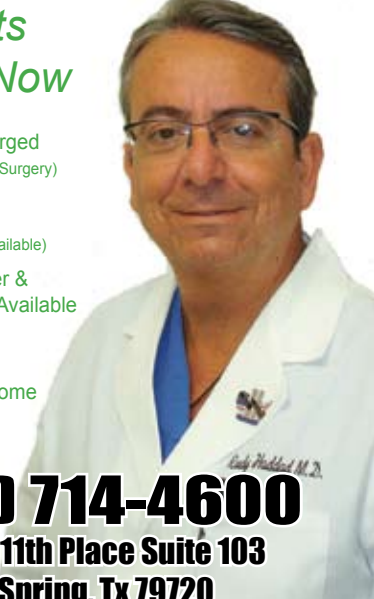
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