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The swings are still and silent as the sun sets in this view from Big Spring State Park. The sunsets are often spectacular from atop Scenic Mountain.

Bookworms, your help is needed for annual sale at county library

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

With the annual Friends of the Howard County Library book sale three weeks away, the group is still soliciting books to sell at the event.

The annual sale will be held Sept. 20-22 at the library, located at 500 Main St.

"If you have books in good condition you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, please take them to

the library Monday through Saturday during regular hours" said Ruth Ann McKay, publicity chairman for the Friends of the Library.

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Gasoline prices remain the same

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have not moved in the past week, averaging \$3.40 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas out-

lets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has increased 4.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.61/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during

the past week, prices Sunday were 25.4 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 7.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 2.4 cents

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SPEAKER SERIES

Fun, uplifting talk planned by rehabbed athlete

□ Tickets are free but must be obtained in advance.

Special to the Herald

Perspective is the key. At least it will be when Derrick Tennant takes the stage at 7 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the fall speaker series. The title of this year's presentation is "The Love Chromosome."

The series is brought to the community through a partnership between Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program.

"The Howard College Foundation is pleased to once again be partnering with Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program to bring yet another amazing speaker to the residents of Big Spring," Jan Foresyth, director of institutional advancement, said.



Derrick Tennant

Twice a year, the Howard College Foundation Speaker Series brings in an individual to inspire and motivate members of the community. This year marks the fifth year and while the basis of the series is still the same, there is a new twist on the type of speaker who will be taking center stage. The event is free, but a ticket is required for admittance.

"Derrick will be delivering a message that will cause the audience to look at the obstacles they face in a new perspective. His story will shed light on the fact that while we may all be fighting our own battles how we come out of

them is strictly up to us and nobody else," Amanda Duforat, SMMC marketing coordinator, said. "We can each overcome whatever obstacle is put into our lives if we choose to do so and anything can be beautiful if we choose to see it that way."

While in previous years

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Public schools' Foundation program proposed rules released to districts

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Commissioner of Education Michael Williams has informed Texas school districts of his intent to file rules that would allow some students completing the fourth year of high school during the 2013-2014 school year to graduate under the new Foundation High School Program established under House Bill 5.

Under the Foundation program, Texas high school students would become eligible for graduation after com-

pleting the following coursework:

- English I, II and III, as well as an advanced English course to be determined by the State Board of Education.
- Algebra I, geometry and an advanced mathematics course to be determined by the SBOE.
- Biology and two advanced science courses to be determined by the SBOE.
- U.S. history, U.S. government and either world history or world geography or a world history/geography combined course.

The Foundation program also allows credit for physical education, foreign and computer languages, fine arts and electives, including business and industry, public services.

The proposed rules will only apply to the small group of seniors who are able to complete the coursework required to graduate under the Foundation program in 2013-2014 and who choose this option. This includes students who complete the required coursework during the summer of 2014, but not thereaf-

ter.

"While the majority of seniors this year will still graduate under the existing Minimum High School Program, Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program, some students may meet the requirements for the new Foundation program and elect to graduate under that program," Williams said.

"Before making a final decision regarding the graduation program they will pursue,

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Police/Sheriff

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

- TRACI MARGRITA HERRERA, 22, of 1605 Oriole, was arrested Monday on charges of no safety seat system for a child less than age 8 or less than 4 feet 9 inches tall – two counts.
- CHRISTOPHER DALE LEDESMA, 30, of 1906 South Nolan, was arrested Monday on charges of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- BOBBY GENE BRICKER, 41, of 1909 Alabama, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction, theft of service greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft less than \$50 – shoplifting.
- ASSAULT reported at the 1700 block of West Third, the 1600 block of East 6th Street and the 1100 block of North Scurry.
- THEFT reported at the 500 block East 17th Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE reported at the 1500 and the 1600 block of East Cherokee.
- FORGERY reported at the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.
- CRYSTAL RAE PARKER was booked by BSPD on charges of minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage and failure to appear.
 - RICKY AARON FIELDS was booked by BSPD on charges of no driver's license when unlicensed, failure to appear and minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage.
 - ODELL HUNTER JR. was booked by DPS on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
 - JUSTIN WILLIAM GONZALES was booked by HCSO on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol and misrepresentation of age by a minor.
 - RIGOBERTO VASQUEZ was booked by BSPD – application to revoke probation capias theft \$50 – \$500.
 - ALEXANDER QUINTANA was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - MOSES JEWRL JARA was booked by BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation and evading arrest or detention with previous conviction and driving while intoxicated.
 - PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ JR. was booked by BSPD for evading arrest detention and criminal

mischief greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- MIGUEL ANTONIO ARENIVAZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GUADALUPE ERIC LOPEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge on charges of pubic intoxication, fail to ID and assault by threat.
- LAUREN MICHELLE BRADLEY was booked by BSPD on a charge of expired registration, failure to appear and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- DORA RODRIUEZ was booked by BSPD on charges of display of fictitious license plates and no driver's license.
- JIMMY ESCOVEDO RODRIQUEZ was booked by HCSO on a charge of parole violation – delivery of a controlled substance.
- ALEXIS RASHEL SMITH was booked by BSPD on charges of theft less than \$50 – two counts.
- QUANITA SAGE BALDWIN was booked by BSPD on charges of theft less than \$50 – two counts.
- ASHLEA MARIE SKIDMORE was booked by BSPD on charges of theft less than \$50 – two counts.
- ANDREW J. CONTRERAS was booked by DPS on charges of violation of probation – possession of marijuana and driving while intoxicated.
- MISTY NICHOLE BOSLEY was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- GARY DON WEEKS was booked by BSPD on charges of failure to yield row at stop intersection and violate promise to appear.
- LUIS MARIO FUENTES was booked by municipal court on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcoholic container.
- JOE LOUIS SANCHEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRACI MARGARET HERRERA was booked by BSPD on charges of capias/safety seat system -child age 8 or less than 4 feet 9 inches tall – two counts.
- ISAAC LOYA was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER LEDESMA was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- BOBBY GENE BRICKER was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of service greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft less than \$50 – shoplifting.
- LONNIE MALCOLM JOHNSON was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention and criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m..

The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and hab-

its, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Take Note

- Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops project is needing addresses for deployed military personnel. All addresses can be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcbglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

- The Chalet is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

- Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program present "The Love Chromosome" featuring Derrick Tennant as the Fall Speaker Series at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for admittance. Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his own life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks. For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call 432-268-4699 or Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.

- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

- Howard County Fair Association is seeking

volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.




- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

- You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help

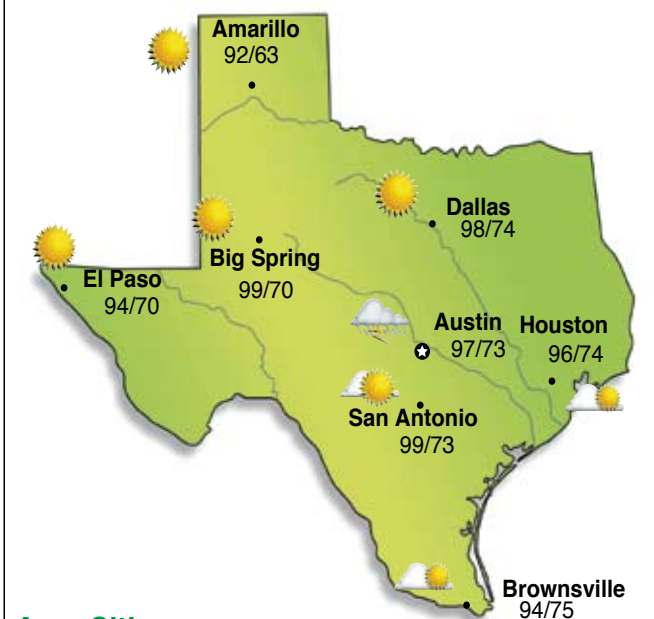
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 9/4	Thu 9/5	Fri 9/6
 99/70 A mainly sunny sky. Hot. High 99F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.	 99/71 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 98/71 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	96	68	sunny	Kingsville	99	74	sunny
Amarillo	92	63	sunny	Livingston	96	71	t-storm
Austin	97	73	t-storm	Longview	96	72	mst sunny
Beaumont	94	73	t-storm	Lubbock	93	63	sunny
Brownsville	94	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	71	t-storm
Brownwood	99	70	mst sunny	Midland	98	72	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	96	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	98	73	mst sunny	Rosenberg	97	74	pt sunny
Dallas	98	74	sunny	San Antonio	99	73	mst sunny
Del Rio	99	78	t-storm	San Marcos	98	73	t-storm
El Paso	94	70	sunny	Sulphur Springs	97	71	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	93	69	mst sunny	Sweetwater	95	68	sunny
Gainesville	95	68	sunny	Tyler	97	73	mst sunny
Greenville	96	70	sunny	Weatherford	97	71	sunny
Houston	96	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	94	64	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	67	t-storm	Minneapolis	82	60	pt sunny
Boston	79	60	t-storm	New York	82	65	rain
Chicago	78	59	sunny	Phoenix	103	84	mst sunny
Dallas	98	74	sunny	San Francisco	67	59	pt sunny
Denver	89	65	mst sunny	Seattle	74	60	rain
Houston	96	74	pt sunny	St. Louis	84	62	sunny
Los Angeles	87	71	pt sunny	Washington, DC	86	65	pt sunny
Miami	89	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 9/4	Thu 9/5	Fri 9/6
10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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 Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

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

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

Area roundup

Exile at Wagner Noel

Live on Stage of the Permian Basin is bring Exile to the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Tickets are \$35 for the performance. Those interested may also purchase season tickets (good for six shows over the next nine months) for \$80.

Exile is a country/pop/rock group that has had several No. 1 hits. Their well-known songs include "Give Me One More Chance," "Crazy for Your Love," "She's a Miracle," "Hang on to Your Heart" and "I Could Get Used to You."

To purchase tickets, go to www.wagnernoel.com or call 1-800-514-3849.

Art exhibit at UTPB

The Betty Monteith and Dave Swenson Art Exhibition runs through Sept. 29 in the Nancy Fyfe Cardozer Gallery in the Visual Arts Studios at UTPB.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

The exhibition is sponsored by UTPB Student Life and the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities. Free and open to the public.

Beginner's genealogy class

GAIL — Come learn the basics of family history research. A beginner's genealogy class is slated for Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center.

The class will cover how to begin, how to stay organized, how to use the internet to find relatives and how to find records at the county level.

This is a repeat of the beginner's class that was taught in June. Participants have a choice to take the class in person or via webinar. Cost will be \$10 for either the webinar or in person. Participants from the June class may repeat the class for only

\$5. Deadline for registration is Thursday, Sept. 5. Webinar participants will need to contact Julie Smith at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu in order to receive their set up instructions. Cost will be \$20 at the door for non-registered participants. Webinar participants must be registered by Sept. 5.

The Historical Commission will provide coffee, iced tea and desserts.

Participants should bring a sack lunch and note-taking materials.

You may email bordencohistory@gmail.com to request an electronic version of the registration form or you may pick up a registration form from the Election Administrator's Office, Room 101, Howard County Courthouse.

Mail your completed registration form and payment to Borden County Historical Commission, c/o Kenny Bennett, P.O. Box 152, Gail, TX 79738

West Texas Fair and Rodeo

ABILENE — Celebrate 50 years of western culture at this year's West Texas Fair and Rodeo, taking place Sept. 5-14 at the Taylor County Expo Center s.

This year's theme, "Remember when...1963," will take a look back at the past 50 years of Texas tradition with weeklong carnival rides, livestock shows, food and special live entertainment. Wednesday, Sept. 11, as a nod to its debut year, tickets will even be sold for the same price as they were in 1963 — 75 cents for adults and 30 cents for students.

The annual parade will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 in downtown Abilene, and gates to the Fair and Rodeo will open about 11 a.m. The weeklong events will conclude with a grand prize giveaway of a 2012 Chevy Spark.

General admission is \$8 on weekdays and \$11 on weekends for adults, \$4 for students (K-college), and

free for anyone with a valid military I.D. Armbands for carnival rides may be purchased separately. There will also be special discount days throughout the week, including \$2 Ride Night on Tuesday, Sept. 10; Senior Citizens' Day on Wednesday, Sept. 11; and Coca-Cola Cantastic Night on Thursday, Sept. 12.

For more information, call the fair offices at 325-677-4376. The Taylor County Expo Center is located at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene.

19th Annual Big Country Balloon Festival

ABILENE — The 19th Annual Big Country Balloon Festival, hosted by the Optimist Club Unlimited, will fly into Abilene Sept. 27-29 at Red Bud Park with a weekend of fun for the whole family. Events will begin Friday with food and craft booths opening at 9 a.m. and tethered balloon flights departing at 6 p.m. Evening musical entertainment by 20 West and Three Shades of Blue starts at 7 p.m.

The festival will continue Saturday with a 10k race at 7:30 a.m. followed by a children's 1k race at 8:45 a.m.

Food and craft vendors, live musical performances, lighted kite demonstrations and tethered balloon rides will be available throughout the day. Children may also enjoy pony rides, rock wall climbing, inflatables, quad jumper and mechanical bull rides starting at 5 p.m. Free Park N' Ride will be available at the Mall of Abilene on Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

For more information, including event times and how to participate in the balloon flights, contact Robin Hicks at robinhicks@bigcountryballoonfest.com or call 325-795-0995. Red Bud Park is located at Ivanhoe Lane, Abilene.

SPEAKER

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speakers have delivered their motivational speeches in a serious tone, Tennant will be bringing a bit of comedic relief. He will be sharing his personal journey with some humor thrown into the mix.

He was once listed as a promising athlete until he suffered an unexpected injury that left him in a coma and resulted in limited mobility of his left side. After spending days in a coma, undergoing brain surgery and having to adjust to life in a wheelchair and rehab, Tennant was able

to bounce back on his feet. While he may not get to see the world from the travels of an athlete, he has taken his life in a new direction and has the opportunity to see the world through his travels as a comedian and motivational speaker.

"I didn't really plan on being a public speaker. It really just kind of happened. After my injury and overcoming my obstacles, I was able to realize that everyone has obstacles to deal with, they may just not be as obvious as mine. I wanted to be able to share the lessons I had learned so that other people could hopefully benefit from what I had gone through," Tennant said.

He was determined to not let his injury stop him from finding success in life. Instead, he worked hard to overcome the physical limitations caused by his injury and continues that fight by helping others overcome their trials.

"The main focus I will be taking is letting people know that they can overcome their obstacles. It's important that you use them as opportunities and focus your energy on loving life instead of letting the bad things get you down," Tennant said.

During his travels as a motivational speaker and comedian, he has spoken to an array of different groups including performances in comedy

clubs, corporations, churches and more. In addition to his motivational speaking engagements, he has formed Bleep Free Comedy, which allows people to attend a respectable, clean act in clubs across the country.

"The biggest lesson I have learned in all of this is that while we may all be dealing with our own obstacles there is no reason that we can't find success or happiness in each of our lives, he said. "It's all about the perspective that we take on things that can really make us or break us. In the end, it's our choice."

Duforat said they hope those attending the show will be able to walk away with a

little inspiration and look at things a little differently than they did when they arrived.

"We are each dealing with something, but that doesn't mean we have to get knocked down and stay down. There is always an option to get back up and sometimes when we choose to get up instead of staying down, we find ourselves coming out even further ahead than we had originally expected," Duforat said.

To reserve your free ticket, call Foresyth at 432-264-5051 or visit www.SMMCCares.com and click on the Healthy Woman tab. Tickets can also be reserved by calling 432-268-4699 or 432-268-4721.

BOOKS

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"Please, no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books."

Books of all categories are needed and will be priced according to size, age and value.

Current hardcover fiction and non-fiction less than a year old will be \$5, those more

than a year old will be \$4. Paperbacks will run anywhere from \$1 to 50 cents, depending on size and age.

Large coffee table and art books will be priced as marked.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support to the library outside the budget furnished by Howard County.

"One of the projects

we support is the library's summer reading program," McKay said. "Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county."

For more information on the book sale, contact the library at 264-2260.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

GAS

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per gallon during the last month and stands 18.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one

year ago. "American motorists faced with slightly higher gasoline prices going into Labor Day weekend still had good reason to be happy as they returned home," said GasBuddy.com Se-

nior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Over just the long weekend, Americans saved nearly \$300 million over what was spent for the four-day weekend last year. The national average was close to 20 cents per

gallon lower this year, and while Syria has dominated the news and so far caused a relatively small blip in gasoline prices, this summer driving season closed with the lowest prices since 2010," DeHaan

said.

SCHOOLS

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I strongly encourage students and their parents to consider the benefits of taking additional advanced math and science courses and to fully research required or recommended coursework for admission to any higher education institution they may have interest in attending," he added.

Williams pointed out that the requirements and performance acknowledgments established under HB 5 have not been yet been determined by the SBOE. As a result, a student who chooses to graduate under the Foundation program in 2013-2014 will earn a foundation diploma only. The student will not have the option

to earn an endorsement, the distinguished level of achievement or a performance acknowledgment.

The SBOE has sole authority to determine the curriculum requirements for all the endorsement options and performance acknowledgments for upcoming classes of students. State board members are working to adopt rules to specify the curriculum requirements for the Foundation program and related components to be fully

implemented in the 2014-2015 school year. Final SBOE decisions are expected in January 2014.

The commissioner will propose rules under authority provided in specific provisions of HB 5 regarding the 2013-14 transition year.

The proposed rules will be filed in the coming weeks and will be subject to public comment. Changes will be made, as appropriate, in response to those comments. The rules will then be adopted as final.



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Kid Scoop Together:

Window Banner

Color this banner and ask a parent to display it in the back window of your car on September 12 to celebrate Freedom Day USA.

September 12, 2013 ★ Freedom Day USA! ★

What is Freedom Day USA?

It is a day when businesses across our nation join together to show their appreciation to active-duty members of our armed services and their families, and our veterans.

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Circle each SERVICE in blue.

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| SUIT JACKET | CAR OIL CHANGE | CUP OF COFFEE |
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- Taking a veteran's kids to the park to play
- Spending time playing a game with a veteran
- Picking up some groceries for a military family

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the importance of community.

Who started Freedom Day USA?

This national event was founded by Dr. Robert Martino, owner of Wilson Martino Dental in West Virginia. He has asked other dentists around the country to start Freedom Day USA projects in their communities.

Is there a Freedom Day USA in my town?

To find out if there is a Freedom Day USA happening in your community, visit www.freedomdayusa.org. Find out how YOU can help make it a special day for local veterans.

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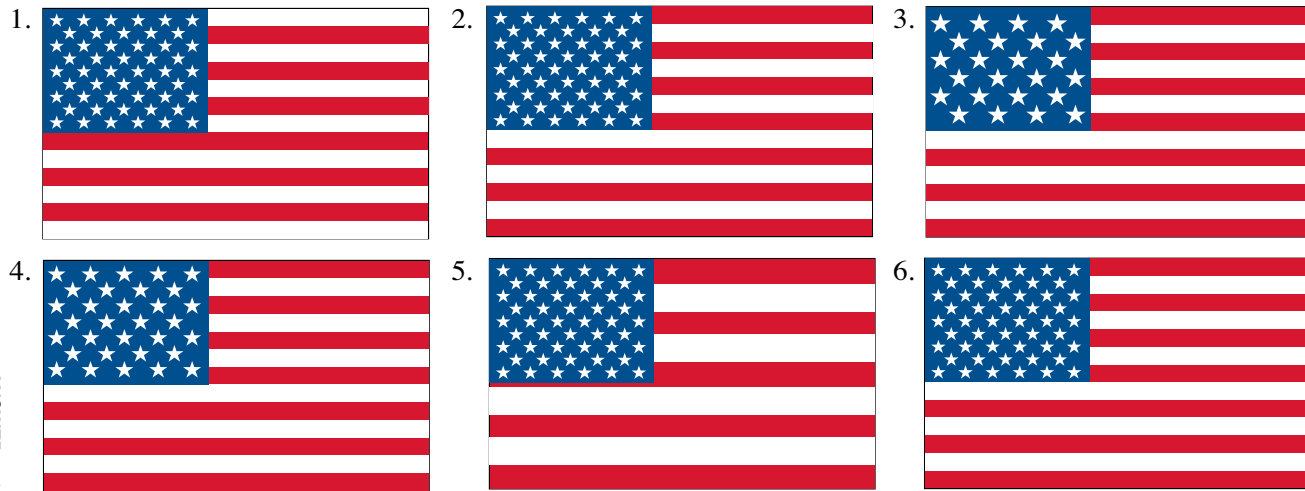
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P.O. Box 1802
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We will make sure it gets to a person who is currently serving in the Armed Forces, or who has retired.

Let's Talk!

Talk with a parent about all the different kinds of jobs people do in the military. Have people in your family served in the military? Interview a relative or neighbor who is a veteran.

Look closely at the flags below. Only two of them are correct depictions of today's American flag. Can you find them?



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra! Freedom Finder

Read the Bill of Rights. Then, look through the newspaper for stories or photos that show people exercising one of these freedoms.

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

ANSWER: 2 & 6

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Match each name to the best address for it on the envelope.

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Tim Burr

Anna Conda

10 Cold Harbor Ln.
Frozen North, WI

Homer Runn

84 Fryer Street
Cooktown, CA

246 Grand Slam Dr.
Outathere, NY

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

The Online Scoop

Find some cool facts about veterans and the flag, and join in some games and activities. Go to www.kidscoop.com/kids.

Double Double Word Search

SEPTEMBER VETERANS NATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDE ACTIVE COFFEE FORCES THANK LOCAL CARD FREE NEWS

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

L S T S L C A R D H
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O U R P T F V A E R
I D F O O E R H L V
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A E C T T I R B W C
N E A E Y N D S E E
S E V I T C A E N R

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **APPRECIATE**
The verb appreciate means to be grateful for something.

We appreciate the work done by our military to keep us safe.

Try to use the word appreciate in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Heroes

Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and articles about heroes, past and present. Make a “Heroes” poster. Tell the reason why each person is considered a hero.

Standards Link: History: Understand the importance of individual actions and how heroes make a difference in others' lives.



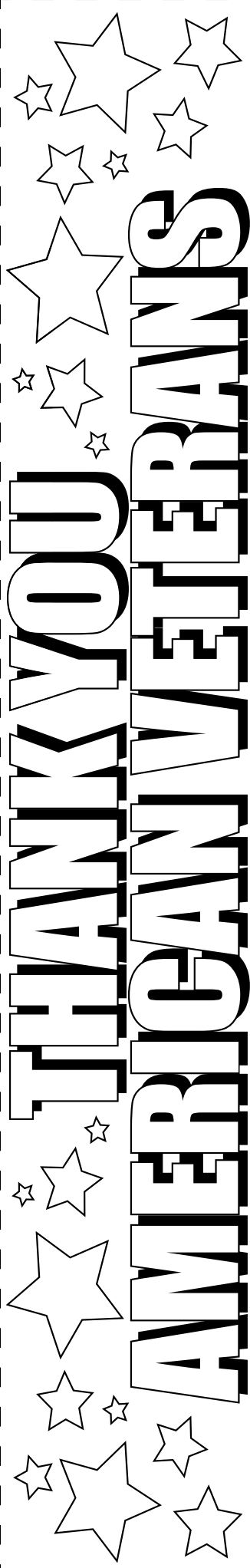
Why did the baker decide to stop selling donuts?

ANSWER: He was tired of the hole business.

Write On!

A Special Memory

Tell about a special memory. Remember to include details such as who, what, when, where and why.



Bird Poop: Waiting for a rescue

Every August was the same. Trying to time his vacation to avoid the fledging, or leaving the nest, of a particular group of young raptors, the game warden hoped to escape endless phone calls.



BEBE McCASLAND

Trips to various residences and businesses in a two to three county area always exhausted his gasoline allotment for a month. He could not have known, however, that this particular year, the birds of prey had delayed their nesting. Returning from a restful departure from the usual numerous rescues, he thought his evasive maneuver had saved him once again from more mileage and paper work.

Early in September, his phone rang ominously. Unable to reach the game warden in her county, a police dispatcher had pleaded

with him for assistance. When a familiar, gruff voice called to ask if we'd head northeast, I asked for details. During a routine morning of examining small animals, a veterinarian had asked a vet tech to see what all the commotion was about outside in the dog pens. Frenzied, barking, bouncing dogs in one kennel had been alerted to a strange presence. Others had then joined the chorus.

At the far corner of one chain-link fence barrier stood a young hawk. Unaccustomed to its newfound freedom, the roving youngster had glided down into the pen. Corraling the two dogs that had started the ruckus, the tech ushered them out of the enclosure and into another holding facility. After grabbing a pair of gloves, she reentered the kennel and walked toward the bird. Although spreading its wings defensively, the hawk did not deter her from encompassing it inside the leather protection. Soon, Art and I were headed to West Texas

Animal Clinic in Snyder, while our game warden drove on to another call in the far west corner of Martin County. In both cases, fledglings had been found in dangerous situations.

Perhaps their parents had chosen to abandon them because they could not find enough food for themselves and their offspring. Maybe the fledglings had just been adventuresome. In either case, the youngsters faced possible starvation. Without the stamina or skills to hunt and find prey, the hawks could only learn from adults the prerequisites for survival and their long journey south.

The debut of fledgling Mississippi kites every summer was, and is, one of the most exasperating aspects of wild bird rescues. Finding themselves in some of the most bizarre situations, the youngsters are located under parked cars, in alleys, and even on a chaise lounge on a lady's back porch.

Some twenty years later, in 2012, the previous game warden had

retired. The new officer was experiencing the same late summer events.

Helping both of us were the officers in our city's Animal Control. When their dispatcher called one afternoon, I answered, "another kite?"

After saying an officer would bring it to us, she added that the fledgling had landed in a yard with two huskies. It was "dèjà vu" all over again.

Whether one of the dogs might have hurt the bird was my thought as I removed it from the metal container on the Animal Control truck. After the officer said it wouldn't fly, I hurriedly felt the length of both wings. There seemed to be no problem.

A week passed as we waited to see if any more fledgling kites would be found. The phone was quiet. Then a trip to Lubbock, so the raptor could join several adults and juveniles, proved me wrong.

When the kite didn't join the others in short flights in the barn, Gail Barnes took it for x-rays. In one wing, between the elbow and wrist, the larger of two bones, the ulna, had been fractured.

Due to its forced inactivity with us, the bird



Courtesy photo
With a white head streaked with black, a young Mississippi kite has a creamy breast marked with rusty-brown hues that contrast sharply with its gray wings and darker primaries. Its parents' heads would be a light gray accented with dark eye patches and red eyes.

had been given the time needed for the bone to begin to calcify. It was on its way to recovery. Its companions in Lubbock, however, could wait no longer and were released.

By mid-September, the Mississippi youngster was flying. With no companions, adult or juvenile, for it to travel with and teach it the finer aspects of soaring, gliding, and hunting, the kite was transported to another rehabber much further south. Adult kites would still be in the area, and insects were plentiful. It had a chance for camaraderie and migration.

The game warden I worked with for 25 years had often laughingly jested that Mississippi kites were some of the dumbest birds on earth. When confronted with getting them out

of garages and from behind dumpsters, I had to agree.

While watching the young and their parents practice catching thermals in a September sky, however, I came to an opposite conclusion. The more difficult offspring were abandoned and left for caring citizens, game wardens, Animal Control officers, and rehabbers to find and nurture. In spite of a few casualties, a good percentage of them reached adulthood, only to return to this same area where, hopefully, someone would always be waiting to rescue the errant few. Such is evolution in these modern times.

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

Memories

Have you ever run across a memory? That's what happened to me recently as I was looking through an old picture album; I ran across a memory! Now I know that's a strange way of looking at a picture but that's exactly what pictures are, memories. They are memories of a time in the past, whether yesterday or a collection of many yesterdays.



DARRELL RYAN

The memory I discovered from my album was of my grandpa telling me a story. That picture brought back to my mind many other pictures and a collection of memories of many stories. These pictures and stories I call my personal picture collection. We all have these collections. They can be both good and bad but I prefer to remember the good ones.

I also have to ask myself what picture collections have I helped develop for my kids and grandkids. How do I use the opportunities

I have to connect with my children during the ordinary moments of each day?

A few days ago, I noticed my youngest son, now 18 years old, with a jar of pickles. As I watched him eating them I was reminded of how he has always loved pickles, and after eating them he'd wipe his hands in his hair. Of course the pickle juice would make his hair stick straight up in pointed spikes. It was an incredible sight to see!

My son beamed when I told him this story. He has now added that picture to his personal collection. I discovered that by telling him this "you were so cute" story it let him know that I love him. What we say or the stories we tell about our children demonstrates how we feel about them.

If we tell a friend or relative about the bad thing that our child did, the bad mark he got at school, the awful thing he did to his brother, and the child is within earshot, he gets the feeling that we don't think very highly of him. This is not the impression we desire and it's certainly not the picture collection we wish to leave him. Just for the sake of

developing a memory, go through a photo album and see a picture of a happy moment. Take it out and put it in a visible location. Let the photo remind you to tell the right kind of stories and remind your kids how much you love them. Life may be hectic but you can bless your child in mere moments and impact their lives with wonderful picture memories that will last a lifetime and strengthen the bond between you and your child.

Remember the saying, "Belief is the thermometer that regulates what we accomplish." When we know we are loved for who we are and not for what we've done, we are armed with the ability to be more than we've been and do more than we've done!

May we bless our children with pictures and stories that enable them to realize that we think they are the greatest and thusly prepare them for being the greatest. Keep in mind the phrase: If things go wrong, don't mind it, for each day leaves behind it a chance to start anew."

Darrell Ryan is director of school safety for the Big Spring Independent School District.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The City of Big Spring will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 12.3 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th St.

The second public hearing will be held on September 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th St.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Larry McLellan, Marcus Fernandez, Carmen Harbour, Glen Carrigan, Bobby McDonald, Raul Benavidez and Marvin Boyd
AGAINST:	None
PRESENT and not voting	N/A
ABSENT:	N/A

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the city of Big Spring last year was \$40,563 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.865043 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$350.89 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older.)

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Big Spring this year is \$42,341 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.762733 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$322.95 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.85664 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$362.71 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older.)

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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LUBBOCK — The National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration hosts the 25th Silver Anniversary event Sept. 5-8 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

New attractions include performances by Waddie Mitchell, R.W. Hampton and Mary Kaye. Historical sessions on "Outlaws and Lawmen" will be scheduled throughout, and other 25th anniversary activities include a reunion luncheon Friday and a special session for all performers Saturday.

The Chuck Wagon Roast Coffee will be featured and for sale during regular show hours in the Exhibit Hall booth and Chuck Wagon area, and at the Chuck Wagon Breakfast on Sunday of the event.

The event features more than 100 performers and presenters including cowboy and cowgirl poets, musical acts, storytellers, authentic chuck wagon cooks, special presenters and exhibit spaces filled with the best in western art and goods.

The show is open to the public.

Event details and additional information may be found at cowboysymposium@suddenlink.net or www.cowboy.org.



New Moon Countdown

You may not fall naturally into contemplation, but some deliberate thoughtfulness will serve you well before Thursday's new moon. What exactly is it that you hope to do to improve your health and the health of the planet? What if you stopped drinking out of plastic containers or brought your own bags to the store? What if everyone did?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you want is constrained by other people, people you must influence in order to obtain your desired outcome. Consider carefully the many approaches available to you, including charm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stimulating circumstances make for a happy occasion, and yet there's a point of diminishing returns. Cross that threshold, and discomfort sets in, followed by displeasure. Get out while the gettin's good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When is it a good time to tell others what you expect of them? Either from the start, or just as soon as they have crossed one of your boundaries. If you wait, it will get awkward. Do not write a note.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Happiness is a room of your own and a stretch of uninterrupted time when it's occupied only by you. Your beauty or your mess, your noise or your silence; you need it this way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your cat nature comes through as you metaphorically stretch, pounce and climb. This doesn't have to take you anywhere or add up to anything. There's value in going off purpose or not having one to begin with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The thing



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that just doesn't feel right deserves some attention. You'll likely need to take a step back and carefully separate your identity from another person's idea of who you should be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Is it wise or foolish to make long-term projections? The winding staircase to the future can only be climbed one step at a time, and yet today brings an accurate feeling about where it will lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll feel that someone is telling you something with their eyes -- a secret of the heart that no one else knows. Indeed, you're getting the signal right, though it may be some time before you get the rest of the details.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Given the number of responsibilities you have and the fixed amount of hours in a day, of course there's a limit to how many people you can have a quality relationship with. Be judicious in this regard this afternoon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may feel like the role you've accepted isn't a good fit and possibly never was. Good news: You can always change the script. An easy way to start is by changing the costume.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If only you had the authority to grant some of the wishes you and your loved ones have today. Don't worry. Through perseverance, you will accomplish what you couldn't make happen through power.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You and your love will do as poet Khalil Gibran suggested: "Stand together, yet not too near together: For the pillars of the temple stand apart. And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 3). Family celebrates you, and friends promote you in unexpected ways. Brainstorm and network your way through professional challenges, and you'll come out the other side richer. You'll become an expert on something new in the next 10 weeks. You'll adventure through November and July with a travel companion. Leo and Aries

people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 3, 24, 9 and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I made a mistake in letting him go. I know that now. But how do I convince him? He's seeing someone else, but I don't think it's serious. He's a Taurus, I'm a Virgo, and she's a Pisces."

Are you sure you're not wanting him back now because someone else has him? That wouldn't make you a bad person; it's human nature to respond to cues of scarcity. The threat of missing out can be a powerful motivator. The only decent thing to do is to be very sure of your motives. Think about why you broke up with him in the first place. Those reasons are probably still valid, and you're just not focusing on them now that the Pisces has entered the picture.

Getting a Taurus to change his mind after he's made it up is difficult but not impossible. The key is in appealing to his senses, not his intellect. Do not provide reasons for why you two should get back together. But if you are still friends and the time you spend together happens to be appealing on a sensory level (good food, good music, soft light, etc.), at some point the good feelings will override the bad, and he'll be susceptible to influence.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Stefan Kendal Gordy, a.k.a. Redfoo, co-founded the electronic act LMFAO with his nephew and proceeded to rule the pop charts with a winning combination of family, beats and humor. This hard-working Virgo was born when the moon and Venus were in entertaining Leo. His Mercury, Uranus and Pluto are in the sign of partnership, Libra. Though on a break now, the stars indicate that LMFAO will reconvene.

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Annie's Mailbox

ing and stress in our marriage. He feels that because he doesn't physically touch me, he is not abusive in any way. But he is mentally and emotionally hurtful.

All of his friends think he is such a nice guy. But his friends have plenty of affairs, and some are on their third or fourth marriages. Although my husband says he has never had an affair, it is hard to believe him when he takes in so much alcohol with his cheating friends.

How do I convince him that his marriage is more important than the social partying? We have attempted counseling, but he manipulates the conversation to the point where I am the only one with an issue and he is a perfectly good guy. Do I continue to worry myself sick, or

do I push for counseling again even though it doesn't do any good? I don't want a divorce, but I also cannot continue to let him do whatever he pleases while I sit home getting worked up about it. — *Hurt and Alone*

Dear Hurt: We think there is a disconnect between your expectations and your reality. Presumably, your husband has been a social drinker with the same types of friends for 25 years of marriage. Without children around to occupy your time and thoughts, you seem to be more focused on your husband's shortcomings.

If you think he's cheating, go back for counseling, either with him or without him, and gain some perspective on your choices. If he is constantly drunk, can-

not function or becomes belligerent toward you, contact Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org). But if your problem is that he seems to be having fun while you are sitting at home fretting, we strongly urge you to get involved in activities that interest you, make some new friends and live your life the way you want it to be.

Dear Annie: My daughter is a bridesmaid for a sorority sister's fall wedding. She bought her dress, and the bridal shower is planned.

The bride's younger sister is her maid of honor. Since she is under 21, she will not be able to get into bars. So the bride decided she wants to go out of state for the bachelorette party for two days. The cost is \$350 per person, but it doesn't include meals or gasoline for the 11-hour car trip that no one has offered to drive yet.

Needless to say, this is

way over her budget, but my daughter feels she has no alternative. I've heard that other bridesmaids also feel this is excessive but won't speak up at this late date. Isn't this asking a lot? Are there no limitations to expenses once you agree to be in the wedding party? — *Not Made Out of Money in Maryland*

Dear Maryland: Brides have been known to go overboard with their financial demands on attendants. Your daughter should have spoken up early on. Now, her choice is to pay up, back out of the bachelorette party or back out of the obligation to stand up altogether, allowing the bride to choose someone more eager to part with the money. Once she speaks up, the others may, too.

Dear Annie: I read the complaint from "Frustrated," the woman whose friend does not drive. In our

area, transportation services are offered at low cost. The services in the Los Angeles area are Dial a Ride and Access. Both are great. "Frustrated" can then offer her driving service on her terms. It also will give her friend the feeling of independence. — *Been There in California*

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KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I have been married for 25 years to a husband who provides well for his family. We are now empty nesters. However, my husband feels he has to be a social butterfly with everyone on the golf course or in a bar.

When he drinks, he doesn't know when enough is enough, and it leads to major fight-

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Sands senior Devin Spivey picks up yards on the Mustangs' opener against Lorenzo at ASCO Football Madness in Midland. Sands won 62-14. The Grady Wildcats and Garden City Bearkats also opened with victories, as Grady topped Ropesville 42-28 and Garden City routed Tioga 57-0. The Stanton Buffaloes fell to Denver City on the road, 33-7.



Forsan takes 2nd in Midland

By BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Defending 1A cross country state champions, Forsan is ranked No. 1 in the state. And it hasn't gone unnoticed. At the Tall City Invitational in Midland over the weekend, FHS Coach Robert Hillger realized the other schools were gunning for his squad.

"We realize we will have a target on our backs every week," Hillger said. "But it was a great starting point for us."

As a team, the Buffaloes finished

in second place with 55 points, eight points behind first place Sundown.

Jeremy Cervantes, who finished in third place overall in the state came in second in the invitational, while Tyler Evans — who finished fourth in state — placed third at the first meet of the year. Matthew Mims came in fifth and Justin Goff came in eighth.

Other Buffs running Saturday included Cody Tanis (61), Zach Martino-Corum (74), Josh Evans (76), Granger Newton (85), Zane Sanders (90), Jesse Cervantes (96)

and John Broughton (98).

"After our top four runners, all the others are high school cross country rookies," Hillger added. "We know the work we have to do to repeat as champs and we are up to the challenge."

Next up for Forsan X-country will be the Plains Presort Services Invitational at Mae Simmons Park on Saturday.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

Rangers lose opener to A's as AL West knots up

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Lance Berkman has returned to the Texas Rangers for a stretch run he knows will be wild. Consider the pesky opponent: Defending division champion Oakland.

Coco Crisp hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the fifth inning that was confirmed by a video review, and Texas fell into a first-place tie atop the AL West with 4-2 loss to the Athletics on Monday.

"I don't think either of us is going to run away with it over the last 25 games," Berkman said. "It's going to go down to the wire."

Berkman started at DH and went 0 for 4 one day after Texas activated him from the disabled list. He had been out since July 7 with

left hip inflammation and a sore surgically repaired right knee.

Unlike early September last year, the Rangers and A's are neck and neck.

Yoenis Cespedes homered leading off the second inning and Chris Young added an RBI single in Oakland's fourth straight win. David Murphy hit a tying two-run shot in the Texas fifth for his first homer since Aug. 1. But the Rangers loaded the bases against Dan Otero with one out in the sixth and couldn't deliver.

They missed chances in the seventh, eighth and ninth, too.

"We gave ourselves opportunities and we didn't take advantage

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Local Sports Calendar

TODAY

- Volleyball**
• Frenship at Big Spring, varsity, 6:30 p.m.; 9th and JV, 5 p.m.
• Coahoma at Jim Ned, varsity, 6 p.m.; JV, 5 p.m.

- Tennis**
• Shallowater at Big Spring.

FRIDAY

- Football**
• Big Spring at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
• Coleman at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m.
• Plains at Forsan, 7:30 p.m.
• Morton at Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
• Garden City at Borden, 7:30 p.m.
• Grady at Ira, 7:30 p.m.
• Hermleigh at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

- Volleyball**
• Big Spring at Midland Christian, varsity, 5 p.m.; 9th, 4 p.m. (no JV).
• Coahoma at Post Tournament (through Saturday), TBA.

SATURDAY

- Cross Country**
• Big Spring at Bill Libby Invitational, McMurry University, Abilene.
• Forsan at Plains Presort Services Invitational, Mae Simmons Park.

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Big 12 off to shaky start with losses to FCS teams

(AP) — The Big 12 is 0-2 against the Missouri Valley Conference, and it took a late touchdown by West Virginia to avoid another opening-weekend loss to an FCS team.

"That's the story of the opening week of the season, is who gets beat by somebody they shouldn't," Texas coach Mack Brown said Monday. "There's always a couple, and this year there were a lot more than that."

Nationwide, there were eight FCS teams that beat FBS opponents. That was twice as many such upsets as the opening week of 2012.

But that's not supposed to happen to a league like the Big 12, which going into this season was 103-3 against non-FBS teams. The conference in its 18th season almost matched that loss total in one weekend.

"It will grab your attention. Luckily, we were able to get tested and be able to overcome that," said West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen, whose team escaped with a 24-17 win over William & Mary. "At the end of the year, it really doesn't matter what the score was. It's about getting the wins."

Defending co-Big 12 champion Kansas State failed to do that against two-time defending FCS champion North Dakota State, then Iowa State lost to Northern Iowa. (Baylor beat Wofford 69-3 in its FCS matchup).

The only other FBS leagues with two losses to lower-tier teams were the American

Athletic Conference (former Big East) and Sun Belt. The Sun Belt losers were South Alabama, in its first season as a full-fledged FBS team, and Georgia State, a team still making that transition.

Not exactly the company the Big 12 wants to be in when the goal is break the SEC's string of seven consecutive national championships.

"It's all about the final product and how we finish the year, not how we start the year," Holgorsen said. "There's going to be a lot of positive things happen in the Big 12, there's going to be a lot of great games to be played, and at the end of the year, we'll see how we stack up."

Big 12 teams have three more games against FCS teams this week, including Kansas playing South Dakota in its season opener. Texas Tech plays coach Kliff Kingsbury's home debut against Stephen F. Austin, and TCU hosts Southeastern Louisiana.

West Virginia goes to Oklahoma for the first game this season for the first in the Big 12 standings. The Sooners and Texas don't play any FCS opponents this year.

"There's always talk in the first week or the second week about who's the best conference," Brown said. "I think you need to look at the end of the season at the body of work."

Kansas had an early

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Jets sign Brady Quinn to add depth at QB

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Brady Quinn is the newest member of the New York Jets' quarterback carousel.

The Jets signed the veteran Monday to give them an experienced backup behind rookie Geno Smith, who appears likely to start the season opener against Tampa Bay on Sunday.

Quinn, a first-round draft pick of Cleveland in 2007, was cut by Seattle on Saturday. His signing also clouds the future of Mark Sanchez, who is sidelined with a shoulder injury and could miss at least the first few weeks of the season.

Quinn was on the field at practice with the other quarterbacks, while Sanchez was off to the side on the media bike during the 30-minute window the media were allowed to watch.

"It's a great opportunity," Quinn said. "The Jets are a historic organization. I think just to be able to work with a guy like (QB coach) David Lee and coach (Marty) Mornhinweg, is a great opportunity for me."

Sanchez appeared in good shape to win the starting job over Smith, the team's second-round pick, until he took a hard hit to his right shoulder from the Giants' Marvin Austin late in the fourth quarter of the third preseason game.

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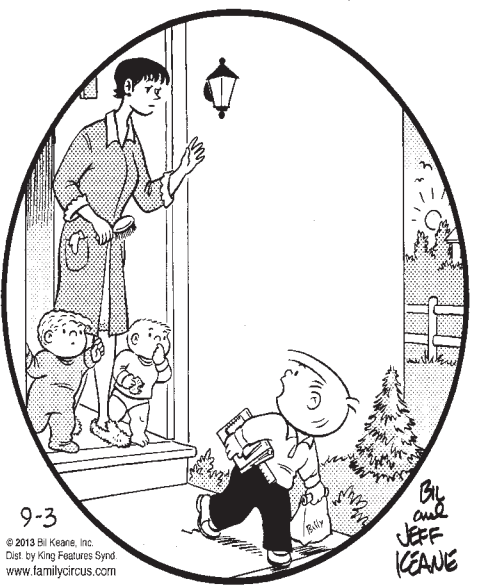
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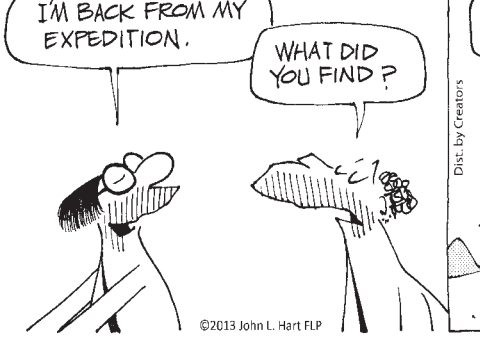
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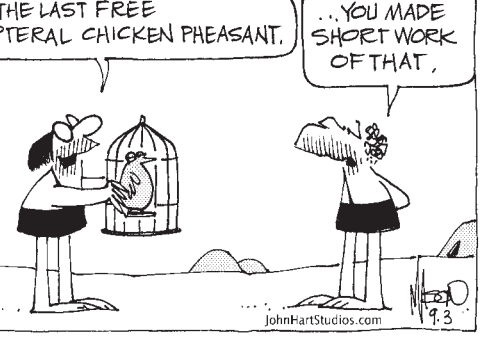
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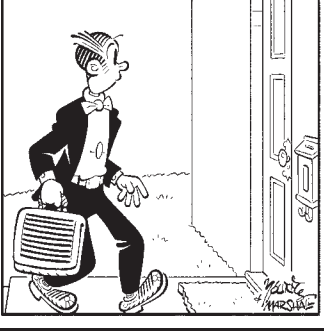
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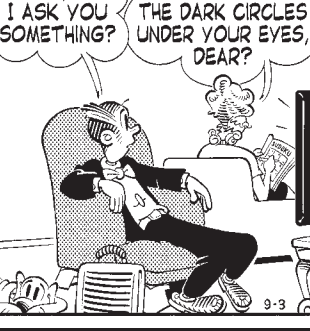
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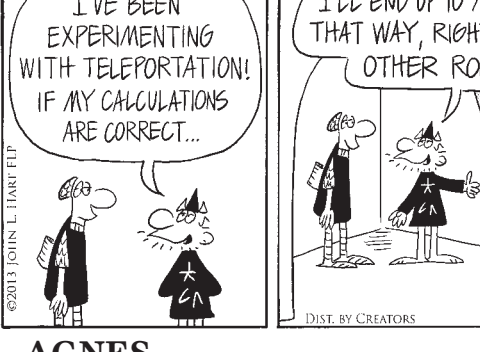
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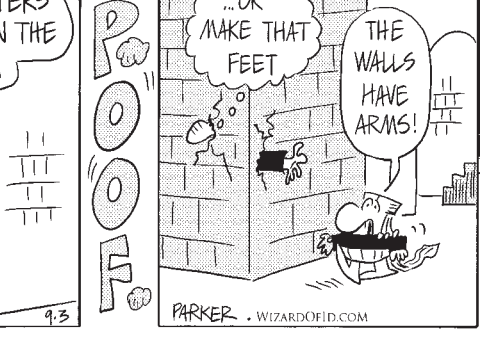
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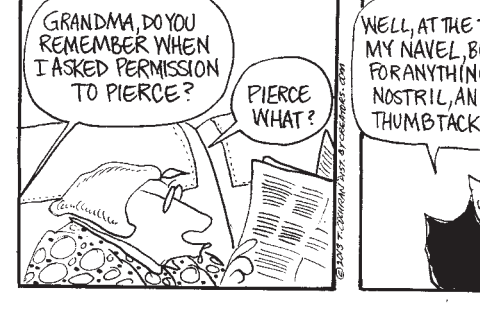
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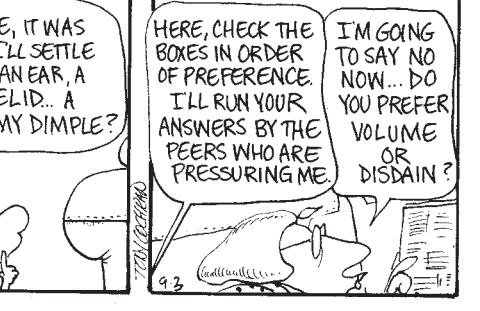
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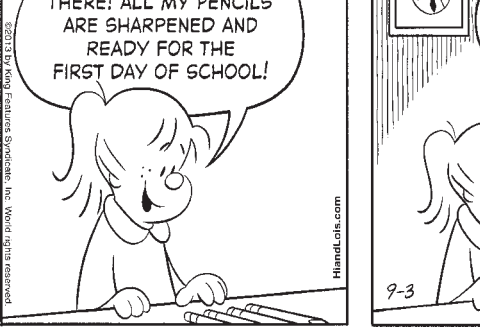
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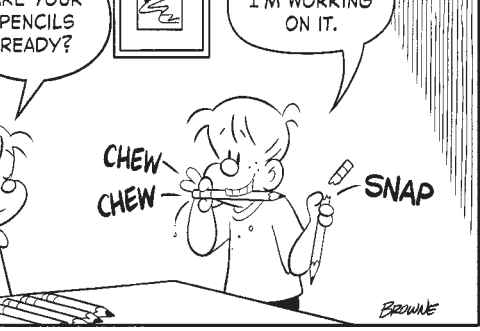
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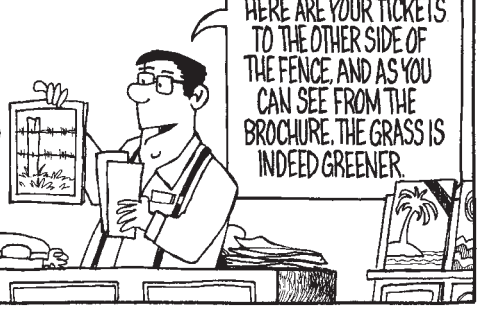
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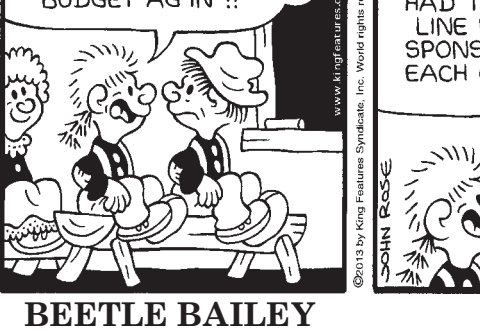
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 3, the 246th day of 2013. There are 119 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 3, 1943, Allied forces invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italian officials signed a secret armistice with the Allies.

On this date:

In 1189, England's King Richard I (the Lion-Hearted) was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1658, Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England, died in London; he was succeeded by his son, Richard.

In 1783, representatives of the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War.

In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate forces invaded the border state of Kentucky, which had declared its neutrality in the conflict.

In 1868, the Japanese city of

Edo was renamed Tokyo.

In 1923, the United States and Mexico resumed diplomatic relations.

In 1939, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

In 1951, the television soap opera "Search for Tomorrow" made its debut on CBS.

In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu (nwen van too) was elected president of South Vietnam under a new constitution. Motorists in Sweden began driving on the right-hand side of the road instead of the left.

In 1972, American swimmer Mark Spitz won the sixth of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics as he placed first in the 100-meter freestyle.

In 1976, America's Viking 2 lander touched down on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface.

In 1999, a French judge closed a two-year inquiry into the car crash that killed Princess Diana, dismissing all charges against nine photographers and a press motorcyclist, and concluding the accident was caused by an inebriated driv-

er.

Today's Birthdays: "Beetle Bailey" cartoonist Mort Walker is 90. Actress Anne Jackson is 88. Actress Pauline Collins is 73. Rock singer-musician Al Jardine is 71. Actress Valerie Perrine is 70. Rock musician Donald Brewer (Grand Funk Railroad) is 65. Rock guitarist Steve Jones (The Sex Pistols) is 58. Actor Steve Schirripa is 59. Actor Holt McCallany is 49. Rock singer-musician Todd Lewis is 48. Actor Charlie Sheen is 48. Singer Jennifer Paige is 40. Dance-rock musician Redfoo (LMFAO) is 38. Actress Ashley Jones is 37. Actress Nichole Hiltz is 35. Actor Nick Wechsler is 35. Actor Garrett Hedlund is 29.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

TWO-WAY STREETS by Billie Truitt

- ACROSS
- 1 Spanish house
 - 5 Lose one's footing
 - 9 Foot's curve
 - 13 Stop, as a launch
 - 15 Flimsy, as an excuse
 - 16 Notorious Roman emperor
 - 17 Substantial
 - 18 Cash dispensers, for short
 - 19 High-school sci. course
 - 20 T-bone alternative
 - 22 Despise
 - 23 View from the beach
 - 24 Act rebelliously
 - 26 Edinburgh native
 - 29 Give a name to
 - 32 Musical ability
 - 33 German cars
 - 35 Family dinner entrée
 - 37 Big fuss
 - 40 Little Christmas gift
 - 43 That female
 - 44 Map detail
 - 45 Allotted spot
 - 46 Gun, as a motor
 - 47 "Ouch!"
 - 49 Boats like Noah's
 - 50 Makes certain
 - 54 Dine
 - 56 Luau neckwear
 - 57 Don't move
 - 63 Cell phone message
 - 64 Mexican snack

- DOWN
- 1 Video recorders, for short
 - 2 Aid in a crime
 - 3 Fly high
 - 4 Creatively skilled
 - 5 Wooden strip
 - 6 Overdue
 - 7 "That makes me angry!"
 - 8 Most annoying
 - 9 Ship securer
 - 10 Back-to-health treatment
 - 11 Largest Greek island
 - 12 Comfy-cozy
 - 14 Do keyboarding
 - 21 Feeling blue
 - 25 Stopped slouching
 - 26 Wide belt
 - 27 Adorable
 - 28 Unpleasant smell
 - 30 Caterer's coffeepots
 - 31 4 on a par 3
 - 34 Slalom racer
 - 36 Concerning
 - 37 Way off
 - 38 Package of cards
 - 39 Metallic rocks
 - 41 Stockbroker's client
 - 42 Driver's headache
 - 46 Steal, as cattle
 - 48 Get hitched
 - 50 Make changes to
 - 51 Look after
 - 52 Early rising hr.
 - 53 Theater platform
 - 55 Aide: Abbr.
 - 58 Real estate measure
 - 59 Christmas carol
 - 60 "Are you ___ out?"
 - 61 Volcanic flow
 - 62 Untruths

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QUINN

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The Jets have said only that Sanchez is "day to day," but Quinn's arrival could indicate that there are concerns about Sanchez's short-term availability.

The move could also be insurance for Smith, who had an up-and-down preseason and showed he was still quite raw.

"It was just an opportunity for us to get a good football player," coach Rex Ryan said.

Quinn said he wasn't sure what his role with the Jets will be, but added that he wasn't told anything definitively about the status of Sanchez or who would be starting the

season opener.

The Jets also cut recently signed quarterback Graham Harrell, and released quarterback Greg McElroy with an injury settlement. McElroy, dealing with a knee injury, had cleared waivers and reverted to the team's injured reserve list. The only other quarterback on the team is the inexperienced Matt Simms, who had a terrific preseason but has never thrown a pass in a regular-season NFL game.

Quinn was once considered the quarterback of the future for the Browns, but has bounced around the league while never living up to those expectations. He has 12 touchdowns and 17 interceptions.

BIG 12

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practice Saturday before coach Charlie Weis spent the rest of the day watching games, even paying \$10 to watch the online broadcast of South Dakota's win over UC Davis.

The Jayhawks also had a team meeting Sunday. The first words from Weis to his players were the same both days after all the FCS upsets.

"It was a great teaching tool," Weis said during the Big 12 coaches' weekly conference call. "The first words being uttered, did you pay attention, did you see what

just happened. This isn't any big surprise here fellas. This is what can happen. I think that game (Kansas State) glaringly got our players' attention."

Every loss by Big 12 teams last season was against an opponent that went to a bowl game. The league was 8-0 against FCS teams, winning those games by an average margin of 44 points. (That was still 38 if not counting Oklahoma State's 84-0 win over Savannah State).

Kansas State, after losing its first opener since coach Bill Snyder's debut with the Wildcats in 1989, plays Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday.

Asked how he was doing, Snyder

responded, "Well, I've had better days."

Still, Snyder said the message to his team is unchanged in that the goal is to get better every day.

"We've got a lot of improvement to make," he said. "I think that's pretty obvious."

Iowa State has to wait an extra week before another game, with an open date before playing in-state rival Iowa on Sept. 14.

"We were distraught, I'll put it that way," Cyclones coach Paul Rhoads said, describing his team's mode after the loss.

Oh, and guess which FCS team is on Iowa State's schedule next season. North Dakota State.

RANGERS

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of them at all. It's a game of opportunities and we need to take advantage of ours. One hit at the right time today would have made a difference," manager Ron Washington said. "We're not going anywhere. We're right here in Oakland and we'll

show up and play."

Crisp set a career high with his 17th homer that stayed just fair of the left-field foul pole, topping his 16 for Cleveland in 2005.

He homered for the third straight game to help the A's (79-58) move a season-best 21 games over .500.

He didn't think it would stay fair. Texas starter Derek Holland

(9-7) thought it was foul, but accepted the call on a day he was more frustrated with his season high-tying five walks.

"It got reviewed, it hit the pole. Give credit to Coco," he said. "Five walks is not acceptable. There's no reason for it. I didn't execute my pitches. It was all around terrible by me."

A's lefty reliever Brett Anderson, pitching at home for the first time since April 29, worked a 10-pitch seventh, helped by Ian Kinsler's inning-ending double play. Ryan Cook worked out of a jam in the eighth and Grant Balfour finished for his 36th save in 38 tries as the Rangers left the tying run at second.

Oakland won for the seventh time in eight games and is hoping for

another strong September like its 17-11 showing last year on the way to the West crown on the final day.

The Rangers — stunned in Game 162 last year — fell out of sole possession of first place for the first time since Aug. 9, the last time the A's shared the lead.

"I expect it to go all the way down to the end. Division champs over there," Washington said. "I don't expect them to go away and I certainly don't expect us to go away. Everything goes through Oakland. Doesn't matter where positioned in the standings right now."

The Rangers had their three-game road winning streak snapped with just their third defeat in the last 15 games away from Arlington.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3



By Steve Becker

The Art of Card-Reading

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2
WEST
♠ 6
♥ A 10
♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ K 10 9 5 3
EAST
♠ K
♥ K Q J 8 6 5 4 3
♦ J 10 6
♣ Q
SOUTH
♠ A J 10 8 5 4
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 7
♣ J 8 4

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1♥ 1♠ 2♦
2♠ 4♥ Pass Pass
4♠ 5♥ Pass Pass
5♠ Pass Pass Dbie
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
The ability to count out a hand is the greatest single asset in declarer's bag of tricks. Counting is not really difficult — you never have to go beyond the number 13 — but for some reason many players seem to look upon it as something beyond their reach.
Yet observe how easy it is in this hand where South wound up in five spades doubled. You might not agree with the bidding, but that's the way it went.
West led the king of diamonds
Tomorrow: Sylvia shines on defense.
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and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed and cashed the ace of spades, felling the king. In alternating order, he then trumped three hearts in dummy and two diamonds in his hand, ending in dummy after the last heart ruff.

By this time, dummy consisted of one trump and four clubs, while South had two trumps and three clubs. Then came the key play — a low club from dummy. East won with the queen and, having only hearts left, was forced to lead one.

This allowed South to dispose of his remaining club loser as the heart was ruffed in dummy, so he made five spades doubled. Note, though, that if he had led the ace and another club at the crucial point, he would have gone down one.

The particular South in this case was well-versed in the art of counting. The play to this point had revealed that East started with one spade, eight hearts (since West had shown out on the third heart lead) and three diamonds (since East had shown out on the fourth diamond lead).

With 12 of East's cards accounted for, it was certain that he had started with exactly one club. The low club play was made in the hope that East's lone club was the singleton K, Q or 10, in which case one defender or the other would have to commit hara-kiri on the next lead.

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