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**U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, left, presents Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan with a United States flag. Neugebauer was in Big Spring on Tuesday to meet with constituents on a variety of subjects.**

## Syria, Obamacare, government, topics U.S. Rep. addresses here

By **Andreia Medlin**  
 Staff Writer

If anyone was wondering what U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer has been up to, they had an opportunity to find out at the town hall meeting "Listening Session" held Tuesday morning.

With his little red wagon in tow, Neugebauer addressed several issues submitted by his constituents at the meeting — including Syria, gun control, healthcare and government intervention.

As there is growing unrest in Syria and speculation of its use of biochemical weapons, much of the town hall meeting was focused on the role of the U.S. in that country's civil war. Neugebauer presented his opinion of the situation as being against any uninformed action.

"I'm not overly interested in getting the U.S. involved



in civil wars," Neugebauer said. He elaborated on the situation by saying, "If Syria bombs Israel that will escalate the U.S. response."

The congressman said that he is "proud" that Washington agreed to receive feedback on the issue from

Congress before making a decision and made his stance clear by saying that he thinks that the U.S. should not be the police department for the whole world.

"We pushed Egypt into

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## Arsonist strikes a second time, marshal says

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray is asking for the public's assistance in catching an arsonist he believes is responsible for setting two fires at a home in the 1700 block of Benton.

The first fire occurred late Thursday and resulted in minor damage to the outside of the house, a recently vacated rental property. Then, in the early morning hours of Monday, someone gained forced entry into the house and started a fire which caused moderate damage to the dwelling's interior.

Condray said there is no doubt the fires were deliberately set.

"Somebody is obviously targeting this house or its owner and we need to determine who it is," he said. "So we're turn-

ing to citizens for their help." Condray said there are several "persons of interest" officials want to speak to about the fires, but no main suspect has been identified.

As fire marshal, Condray has always considered arson a despicable crime and these recent events only served to reinforce that belief.

"We're tired of it and I'm sure the residents are sick of it as well," he said. "There is a criminal element in this town which is plying its trade and residents can't tolerate it anymore."

Persons with information into the suspected arsons are encouraged to contact Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (263-8477). Their identity will remain anonymous, Condray said.

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

## Darby announces he'll seek re-election

Herald Staff Report

State Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, announced Tuesday he will seek re-election to represent House District 72 in the Texas House of Representatives.

Darby currently serves as chairman of the House Redistricting Committee, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Business and Economic Development, and Regulatory agencies, and on the House Higher Education Committee.



Darby

"It is a privilege and honor to represent West Texas families and businesses that provide the fuel, food and fiber to Texas and the nation," said Darby. "There is more work to do and I'll continue fighting to make sure your state government never forgets the values and priorities of this region."

In the most recent legisla-

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## DON'T FORGET! Speaker series resumes

Herald Staff Report

Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program present "The Love Chromosome" featuring Derrick Tennant at the Fall Speaker Series at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tickets are free, but required for admittance.

Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks.

For more info or to reserve a free ticket, call 432-268-4699.

## Bicycles incentive to keep kids in school

Herald Staff Report

Go to school and win a bicycle.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club is hoping to boost student attendance at all four elementary schools in Big Spring — Goliad Elementary, Marcy Elementary, Moss Elementary and Washington Elementary.

Beginning this week, boys

and girls who have perfect attendance by the end of the fall semester will have an opportunity to win a bicycle. One boy's bike and one girl's bike will be given away at each school.

The key to qualifying for the bike drawing, organizers say, is to attend school.

Bicycles will be on display in the office of each school during the semester.

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**Obituaries**

**Robin Douglas Orr**

Robin Douglas Orr, 61, died Sept. 1, 2013, in Lubbock, Texas, at the Lubbock Heart Hospital as a result of complications following bypass surgery. Robin was born Aug. 30, 1952.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar Ray "Pete" Orr.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Kaye Graham Orr of Big Spring, Texas; his mother, Faye Orr of Plano, Texas; his brother and sister-in-law, Brad and Joni Orr of Little Elm, Texas; his sister-in-laws, Gennie McAferty and husband Tom of Gastonia, N.C. and Margaret (Becky) Graham Winkles and husband Billy of Bay City.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Robin graduated from Plano Sr. High in 1970 and from Baylor Law School in 1976. He moved to Bay City, Texas, to practice law from 1976 to 2000. He married Kaye Graham on June 4, 1977, in Bay City, Texas. Robin served as the assistant district attorney for the 118<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, including Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties for more than 13 years.

Visitation will be held Friday, Sept. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Taylor Brothers Funeral Home in Bay City, Texas. The funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, 2321 Ave. F, (Hwy. 60) Bay City, Texas. Burial will be at Cedar Vale Cemetery on Golden Ave. in Bay City, Texas.



Pallbearers will be Ken Culbreth Jr. of Corpus Christi, Texas; Terrell Friedrich of Bay City, Texas; Jim Rider, Ted Seymore, Tommy Tune, and Hardy Wilkerson, all of Big Spring, Texas. Honorary pallbearers are William A. Orr and Dr. Ken Culbreth of Bay City, Texas; David Orr of Van Vleck, Texas, and Noel Orr of Sweeny, Texas.

Memorials in his name may be made to Victims Services, P.O. Box 2137 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2137.

*Paid obituary*

**Police/Sheriff/EMS**

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

- LONNIE MALCOLM JOHNSON, 37, of 1406 East 6<sup>th</sup> B, was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest/detention and criminal mischief \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- BOBBY LEE AGUERO JR., 31, of 1402 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- CLARA RAMIREZ RANGEL, 34, of 1902 South Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 and a warrant from another agency.
- JAMES LESLIE INGRAM, 45, of 1100 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest/detention, violation of protective order – goes to or near residence/employment/school and criminal trespass – habitation or shelter.
- JUAN GRAJEDA-ALVARADO, 40, of 8624 Guadalupe, El Paso, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH LEDFORD, 35, of 1505 Bluebird, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.
- JASON KYLE WOODS, 42, of 1202 Centerpoint Road, was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- THEFT was reported at the 800 block of West FM 7700 and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1400 block of Johnson and the 700 block of Goliad.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 1000 block of East 11<sup>th</sup> and the 4000 block of Dixon.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1700

block of West Third.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1000 block of Johnson.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 3300 block of East Interstate Highway 20.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1700 block of West Third.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported at the 2700 block of Gregg.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.
- BOBBY LEE AGUERO JR was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH LEDFORD was booked by HCSO to begin 15 day sentence for charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.
- JAMES LESLIE INGRAM was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention, violation of protective order – goes to or near residence/employment/school and criminal trespass – habitation or shelter.
- JUAN FRANCO GRAJEDA-ALVARADO was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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

- TRAUMA was reported at the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 1100 block of Sycamore. One patient transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 200 block of East Third. One patient transported to SMMC.

**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 habits, 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. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SATURDAY**

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

**SUNDAY**

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

**MONDAY**

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

**Don Roman**

Don Roman, 75, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept.3, 2013, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

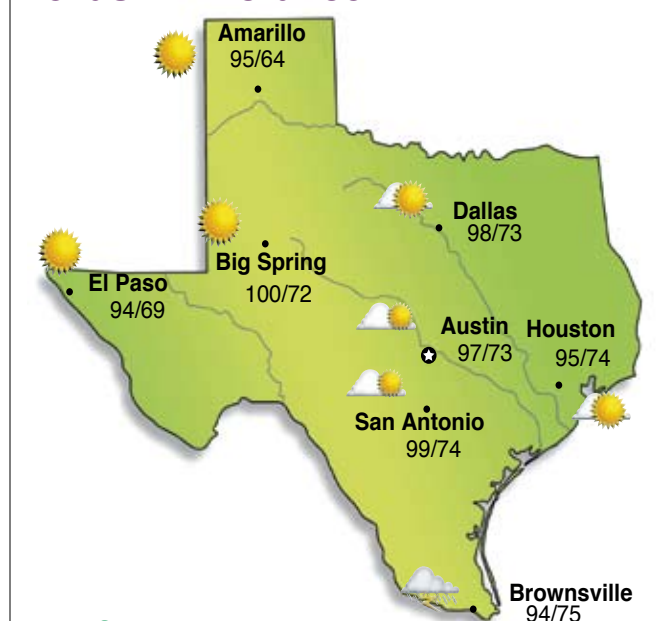
**Today's Weather**

**Local 3-Day Forecast**

Thu 9/5	Fri 9/6	Sat 9/7
<b>100/72</b> A mainly sunny sky. Very hot. High around 100F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>97/71</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>96/72</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:06 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:05 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:03 PM



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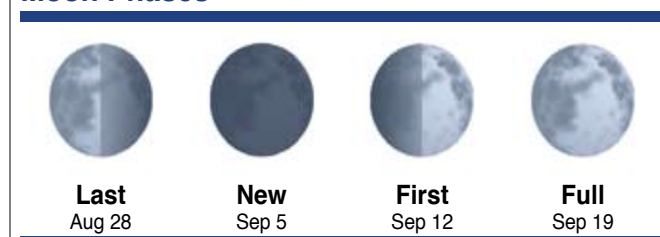
**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	98	70	sunny	Kingsville	98	75	mst sunny
Amarillo	95	64	sunny	Livingston	96	70	mst sunny
Austin	97	73	pt sunny	Longview	95	69	mst sunny
Beaumont	93	73	t-storm	Lubbock	95	65	sunny
Brownsville	94	75	t-storm	Lufkin	95	69	mst sunny
Brownwood	100	71	sunny	Midland	99	73	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	96	74	mst sunny
Corsicana	98	71	mst sunny	Rosenberg	95	74	mst sunny
Dallas	98	73	mst sunny	San Antonio	99	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	99	77	mst sunny	San Marcos	98	73	pt sunny
El Paso	94	69	sunny	Sulphur Springs	97	67	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	95	70	sunny	Sweetwater	97	70	sunny
Gainesville	96	69	mst sunny	Tyler	96	70	mst sunny
Greenville	96	68	mst sunny	Weatherford	98	72	mst sunny
Houston	95	74	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	97	68	sunny

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	66	mst sunny	Minneapolis	83	54	pt sunny
Boston	81	61	sunny	New York	82	67	sunny
Chicago	85	61	sunny	Phoenix	103	83	mst sunny
Dallas	98	73	mst sunny	San Francisco	66	59	pt sunny
Denver	89	64	pt sunny	Seattle	76	61	cloudy
Houston	95	74	mst sunny	St. Louis	88	66	mst sunny
Los Angeles	90	72	sunny	Washington, DC	85	67	sunny
Miami	89	80	t-storm				

**Moon Phases**



**UV Index**

Thu 9/5	Fri 9/6	Sat 9/7
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Very High	Very High	Very High

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## ► 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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.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](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us)
- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- 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 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, de-

- liveries 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, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters

- concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.
- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.
- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for info.
- 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. To purchase tickets, go to [www.wagnernoel.com](http://www.wagnernoel.com) or call 1-800-514-3849.
- The Betty Monteith and Dave Swenson Art Exhibition runs through Sept. 29 in the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier 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.

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democracy and then they went and elected somebody we don't like," said Neugebauer. With no definitive proof that Syria used biochemical weapons, but has made threats to potential opposition, Neugebauer said that any decision made by the federal government should be an informed one. Neugebauer opined on the environment of wars being fought now are different than those of the past.

"There is no frontline anymore," he said. "We used to know who the enemy was, who we were fighting. Now they're all over and they're infiltrating our borders."

"Casualties have increased," he said, and spoke about U.S. soldiers being ill prepared for such a conflict.

"Being politically correct is not effective in war," he said. "We are not helping our soldiers protect themselves."

A "top secret" briefing concerning Syria is expected to be sent to the representative Monday.

Other issues addressed included gun control, on which Neugebauer specified that although he supports the second amendment, he believes that with gun ownership comes great responsibility.

"Gun owners have a responsibility to keep arms secure," he said. "That woman in Connecticut (referring to Sandy Hook Elementary where 16 people were killed including 12 children) was a legal gun owner. But, if I had a son that was unstable, it would be my responsibility to keep my guns secure, at least for my own safety."

Government intervention and involvement in the lives of private citizens has grown, a fact Neugebauer says he opposes, citing the Constitution and the original intentions of the founding fathers.

"The people pulling the wagon are looking

back and seeing people who don't need to be there," said Neugebauer. "We need to get people who need to be there on the wagon."

Neugebauer said there is a consensus that many who are on government aid are unable to get a job because they are unable to pass the drug test, thus inferring that getting on a government program is easier than getting a job — making the point that the requirements for such programs should be as strict as those required to gain employment.

"They should have to pass a drug test to get on government programs," he said.

The issue of healthcare was touched on and summed up as "A big mess," by Neugebauer who said its contents were largely unknown until it was passed. "Nancy Pelosi said 'We'll have to pass it before we will know what's in it.'"

"Washington thought that the states would just roll over and take

intrusion was again addressed with Neugebauer pointing out that the founding fathers "never intended for government to be this big."

Reminding those present that as a member of Congress he is a servant of the people, he inferred that D.C. has a skewed opinion of the American people.

"This administration thinks 'separate but equal' but they also think, 'but we're better.'"

To conclude the meeting, Neugebauer made the promise that his vote is with the best interests of the people in

Growing government

his district in mind and that his decisions are his own.

"Nobody influences me," he said and still says he believes "This is the best country on the planet."

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## DARBY

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ative session, Darby is credited for leading legislation that eliminated more than \$200 million in annual fees and surcharges, including the System Benefit Fund fee

on all electric bills, delivering on truth in budgeting and truth in taxation priorities. Darby also took a key role in reducing diversions from the State Highway Fund, creating a state water infrastructure fund, while also restoring the cuts made in the previous session


to state parks and public schools.

Texas House District 72 is made up of Coke, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling, and Tom Green counties.

Rep. Darby has served in the legislature since 2007,

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# Opinion

## Remembering the 'good old days'

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### DAILY PRAYER

Let us raise our voices to praise you on high, dear Lord.

Amen

Administer friend of mine, Dr. Lamar Vest, shared a story with me many years ago that has remained securely embedded in my memory and I have been thinking a lot about its subject matter recently. An elderly lady addressed him after he had finished what he thought was one of his best sermons and what she said shook him up pretty good. She said, "That was pretty good preaching, but it sure wasn't like we heard back in the good old days." It hurt his feelings and he became determined to find out when those proverbial "good old days" were and discover what made them so special.

He said he asked his grandfather, who was also a preacher, what people talked about way back in his early days. His grandfather told him they talked about how much they missed the good old days. He went to the Bible and everywhere he read, people were talking about the God "of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Dr. Vest finally concluded that the only good old days that ever existed surely must have been pre-apple days back in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve walked and talked with God.

I'm at that age and time in my life where I embrace and cherish many wonderful memories from my childhood, youth and even my adult years. However, after serious consideration of the matter, I have decided that I am in complete agreement with Franklin P. Adams who said, "Nothing is more responsible for the good old days than a bad memory." Because the truth is, even though the past holds many dear remembrances for all of us who have lived as long as I have, every generation has been a blending of "good and bad old days."

Although I wasn't hatched until 1950, I have always had a love for the music, clothes, movies

and cars from the 40s. But whenever I mention that to anyone who actually lived through the 40s, they remind me it was an era that was marked by, among other things, a horrific World War and the lingering results of the Great Depression. Life expectancy for women was 68.2 years and men only 60.8 during that decade. Very few average working Americans lived under conditions we would classify as good by today's standards.

The 50s ushered in great change, but it would still be a stretch to call them anything less than a combination of good and bad days. It was the decade that brought us an immunization vaccine for polio, the first successful ultrasound test of the heart activity, the first solar power cell was developed, and the world's first nuclear power plant in Obninsk near Moscow.

Nowadays, I think the average family must own at least a couple of big screens, but the 1950s is still known as The Golden Age of Television. Sales of TV sets rose tremendously during this time and by the end of the 50s, 4.4 million families in America had a television set. Americans began devoting most of their free time to watching television broadcasts and it has now become nothing short of an obsession. Television revolutionized the way Americans viewed themselves and the world around them and it became a major influence on all aspects of American culture. When I was a youngster in the late 50s, I remember sitting in front of our old black and white set idolizing Ricky Nelson, Roy Rogers, Mickey Mantle, and later falling head over heels in love with "Mary," Donna Reed's daughter, played by Shelly Fabares. I don't guess she ever knew.

While much of the culture of the 50s was positive, when put in perspective, the moral standards of the 1950s included racism, segregation, sexism, hysteria about communism, the Korean War, and much more that could be considered less than ideal living conditions.

The 60s, the decade that took

me through high school and into my first year of college, was definitely a conglomeration of the good, the bad and the ugly, which coincidentally, was a popular movie title in 1966 starring Clint Eastwood. Lots of good music emerged during this time slot in history, but so much of the good of the 60s was overshadowed by assassinations, war, political unrest, as well as widespread moral and social decline.

The 70s, 80s, 90s and the 2000s were all basically no different when one wants to calculate a balance between good and bad. In fact, every generation since the beginning of time has experienced the same thing, events and statistics that could be classified as good and bad.

So, here's what I think about it. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the Present. So much of what we remember about our own personal "good old days" is the collection of memories we created ourselves, regardless of the political or social climate of the day. We just simply chose to look at the positive and, as much as possible, ignore the negative. I say the best "good old days" aren't old, but may yet be waiting to be lived as we begin every day with the realization that every breath is a gift from God and we are going to use every one of them wisely.

I readily acknowledge there are plenty of discouraging, even depressing, things happening in our world today, but let me leave you with a quote by Hubert H. Humphrey, who said, "The good old days were never that good, believe me. The good new days are today, and better days are coming tomorrow. Our greatest songs are still unsung." Mr. Humphrey, I like your way of thinking on that one.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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## Freeing inmates is criminal

Why would someone who opposes draconian federal mandatory minimum sentences oppose efforts to cut California's prison population by about 9,600 inmates? Because the federal system and the California system are two different animals.

U.S. prosecutors have been known to throw the full weight of the federal government toward putting low-level, non-violent offenders away for decades.

In California, the focus has been on violent and serious offenders. In the past several years, Sacramento has reduced the state prison population by about a quarter, or more than 40,000 inmates. Gov. Jerry Brown's 2011 "realignment" plan diverted nonviolent, non-serious and non-sex offenders to county jails or programs.

Now, apparently, Brown has hit his limit. "The proverbial low-hanging fruit, they're gone," California Department of Corrections spokeswoman Terry Thornton noted. "The people who still come to prison are serious and violent and sex offenders."

Now Brown wants to put the brakes on the inmate exodus. Alas, in 2009, a panel of three federal judges ordered the state to reduce its prison population to 137.5 percent of capacity. Please note that 100 percent capacity means one inmate per cell; by this definition, every prison is overcrowded. No worries: The judges also concluded that

overcrowding is "criminogenic" — or likely to produce criminals. So they ordered the inmate reduction, which Brown clearly fears would be truly criminogenic.

"If you let 10,000 people out, what happens if they decide not to go to church every Sunday and instead commit serious crimes?" Dao Gov noodled during a news conference. They will have earned their way back to prison, but thanks to the judges' inmate cap, there will be no room at the inn. Before freeing inmates, Brown argued, do-gooders should ask, "How many people will pledge not to commit crimes that will get them back in?"

"Politically, (Brown has) been with the releases all the way down the line," observed Kent Scheidegger of the tough-on-crime Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, which opposed Brown's realignment plan.

Now that Brown wants to stop an inmate release, he added, "I do think he genuinely believes that releasing another 10,000 would indeed increase crime."

Brown fought the three-judge panel all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court. But he lost. (So much for the Roberts court's being conservatively activist.) With a Dec. 31 deadline looming, the Democratic governor has been left with two choices — free thousands of inmates who are likely to reoffend or find more prison beds. Here "find" means "build them or buy them."

The governor reached out to Assembly Speaker John Perez, Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway and state Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff to put together a bipartisan package to place state prisoners in

privately owned facilities. To pay for the program, Sacramento will have to raid budget reserves to the tune of about \$415 million per year.

"I always tell the governor," Conway later quipped, "I love it when he channels his inner Republican." For their part, Conway and Huff had to hold back the temptation to criticize Brown for not spending some of the \$7.4 billion in bond funds approved in 2007 to build more prisons.

Perez has the thankless task of standing with Brown and GOP leaders as state Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg pushes an alternative plan that screams the sort of soft-on-crime thinking that drove up crime in the Golden State until voters approved a three-strikes ballot measure in 2000. Steinberg proposed spending \$200 million per year on drug treatment and mental health programs; in exchange, prison inmate attorney Donald Specter might agree to a legal settlement that would give the state three years to reduce the prison population, not four months.

If an attorney for inmates might agree to keep some 10,000 inmates in prison, that says two things: The prisoner lobby can live with the status quo, and maybe it's afraid of what happens if too many inmates go free. As Scheidegger blogged, "if you release prisoners in order of dangerousness, the danger to the public safety per prisoner released increases as you go along."

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# Why not check this out? At the library

I have become sort of addicted to the fan-fic offshoot of Jane Austen. I am embarrassed to tell you how many I have on my Kindle and how many times I have read them! But I have always wondered what happened at the end of "Pride and Prejudice," "Mansfield Park" or "Sense and Sensibility."



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Several authors have written books about the "after" of "Pride and Prejudice." Abigail Reynolds, Sharon Lathan, Jack Caldwell and Rebecca Ann Collins are the authors of the following books we have just acquired.

Many of the "alternative" books can only be found as e-books, but you can find them at Barnes and Noble or from Amazon. Some of them do branch off and follow the other characters — Kitty, Charlotte, Georgiana, Anne de Bourgh and follow Elizabeth and Darcy as they enjoy married life. Even the odious Miss Bingley finds a happy life in "The Three Colonels: Jane Austen's Fighting Men" (F CAL) by Jack Caldwell as the wife of Colonel Brandon, who is mentioned in "Sense and Sensibility."

"Expectations of Happiness" (F COL R) by Rebecca Ann Collins follows the three Dashwood daughters as they are all grownup, with Marianne married on the rebound from Willoughby and Elinor married to Edward Ferrar. Margaret is engrossed in her studies; will she find someone will appreciate her education and desire

for learning or will she become a teacher? In "Mr. Darcy's Undoing" (FREY A) by Abigail Reynolds, Elizabeth Bennett has accepted Mr. Covington's proposal of marriage after Darcy has convinced himself that he cannot ally himself with such a family as the Bennett's. Darcy's jealousy will consume him, but can it change his mind? In Sharon Lathan's volume, she follows Georgiana Darcy to Austria where she will have two suitors who will engage her heart as "Miss Darcy Falls in Love" (F LAT S).

Book 2 of the Angelus Trilogy by Jon Steele is in. In "Angel City" (F STE J) it has been almost three years since the terrible battle that left detective Jay

from a terrible beast. The first book was "The Watchers," now read "Angel City," book two. Some Westerns are in: "Wayne of the Flying W" (LP W GOO A) by Arthur Henry Gooden, tells the story of trouble between King Cole, who owns a million acres of grazing land and a vast herd of cattle. Of course he has a beautiful daughter who rides like the wind and there is a handsome young man who hates her father and so on and so forth. Read the story of the K-C Bar Ranch and Wayne of the Flying W to see how it all pans out.

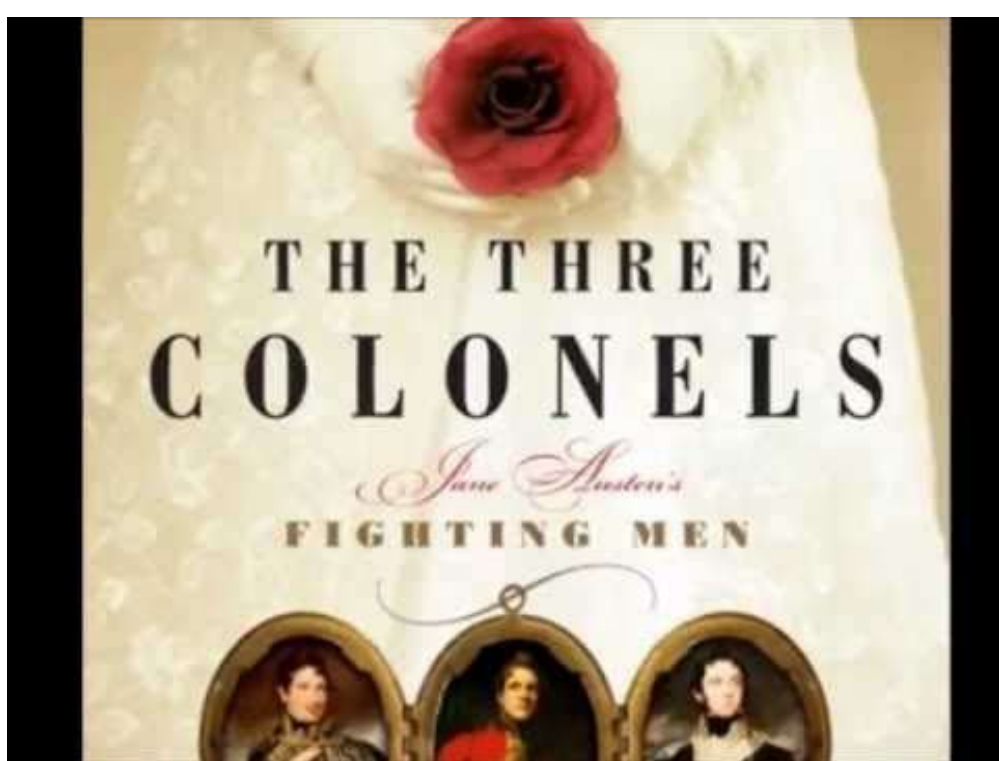
Another one from Max Brand: "Old Carver Ranch" (LP W BRA M) appears for the first time in hardback.

After 10 years of wandering and living the life of a desperado, Tom Keene comes home to his dying father who only has a Bible to leave him. Tom turns to the good, but then bad things happen and he turns bad again. This time, he is determined to avenge the wrongs and it will be a long and tense chase for Tom as



Harper and the high-priced escort Katherine Taylor on the steps of the Lausanne Cathedral bruised and beaten. Katherine has retreated to a rural retreat in Washington State. Jay is living in Paris, haunted by voices in his head, and bone tired after what has turned out to be 2.5 million years on earth. They are not safe, though. Katherine's baby Max has unwittingly stirred the interest of devilish spirits and it will be up to Jay and Katherine to protect him from a defrocked priest named Astruc whose face has been marred by claws

he trails the man who double-crossed him. "Border Breed" (LP W RAI W) by William MacLeod Raine was a great writer, as he was posthumously inducted in the Hall of Great Westerners of the National Cowboy and Western heritage Museum in Oklahoma City in 1959. He was born in London in 1871 and after his mother died, his family immigrated to the U.S., settling in Arkansas. In 1894, after graduating from Oberlin College, Macleod left Arkansas and headed west. He became the principal of a school, while contributing columns to a local news-



paper. Later he moved to Denver, where he worked as a reporter and editorial writer for local periodicals. At this time, he began to publish short stories, eventually becoming a full-time free-lance fiction writer, and finally finding his literary home in the novel. After spending time with the Arizona Rangers, Macleod shifted his focus and began to utilize the American West as a setting. The publication of "Wyoming" in 1908 marks the beginning of his prolific career,

during which time he averaged nearly two western novels a year until his death in 1954. Twenty of his novels have been filmed. Though he was prolific, he was a slow, careful, conscientious worker, intent on accurate detail, and considered himself a craftsman rather than an artist. "Border Breed" was first written in 1935 and is a story of the western code: Men protect the helpless, even at great cost to their self. Dan Clifford will protect Milly Sutherland and

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## Texas news in brief

### At least 1 injured in stabbing at high school

SPRING, Texas (AP) — A 16-year-old boy has been airlifted from a high school in suburban Houston with stab wounds suffered in an altercation at the campus.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says it responded about 7 a.m. Wednesday to Spring High School to a report of a stabbing. Spring is about 20 miles north of Houston.

A dispatcher for the air ambulance at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center in Houston confirmed the boy was transported shortly before 8 a.m. CDT.

Media reports say multiple students were involved in the altercation.

Dozens of emergency vehicles were seen at the entrance to the school as parents and others gath-

ered nearby. They were kept back by yellow police tape that stretched across the front of the school, which is under lockdown.

### Austin-area administrator to lead El Paso ISD

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas school district recovering from a testing scandal that sent an educator to federal prison has hired an attorney as its superintendent.

The El Paso Independent School District board of managers on Tuesday approved a contract with Juan Eduardo Cabrera Jr., the El Paso Times said in a report published Wednesday. Cabrera most recently was chief legal adviser and an executive cabinet member at the Eanes Independent School District in the Austin area, where he earned a base salary of \$182,000.

Cabrera, who was the lone finalist for the West Texas job, starts Monday. His salary in El Paso wasn't immediately released pending his signature on the deal.

The El Paso district hasn't had a permanent superintendent since Lorenzo Garcia was suspended in late 2011 and pleaded guilty to fraud in a scam to bypass federal accountability standards. Garcia was sentenced to more than three years in federal

prison.

The Texas Education Agency announced it would create a new investigative division after a state audit released Friday highlighted serious flaws in how the agency monitors its more than 1,000 school districts.

### Dallas police seek suspected serial rapist

DALLAS (AP) — Police have announced the search for a suspected serial rapist blamed for at least seven attacks in South Dallas since June.

Police on Tuesday night announced details of the search for a gunman in the sexual assault of women who were walking in the early morning hours.

Police say five attacks happened in the last two weeks and the man usually tries to rob the women before the sexual assaults. The latest rape was Sunday.

Maj. Jeff Cotner advises the public to use care when walking in the target area near Fair Park, where the State Fair of Texas runs Sept. 27 through Oct. 20.

Patrols are being increased.

Crime Stoppers has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest or indictment of the man.

## In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### New Moon Eve

This is a fine time to set goals regarding nutrition and exercise. The Virgo new moon eve promises to prep us for tomorrow's bout of good fortune, which will visit the realm of health and vitality. Willpower will be strongest when you support yourself with tweaks to your environment that make healthy choices also the easiest choices.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have an advantage, but you won't press it. You don't like to see greed in others, and you despise it in yourself. That's why you'll wield just enough power to get what you want and no more.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). People will try to tell you who you are because it's a quirk of human nature to incorrectly assume this kind of knowledge. But they don't really know. Remember that you are the hero of a story no one else has ever lived.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A series of small actions will add up to something remarkable, but that's not why you do what you do. You are simply responding to a voice inside that is urging you forward, nudging you toward greatness.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Kindness will be your top priority. Because your nearest and dearest have shown you both their best and their worst, it's sometimes easiest to be nice to those you don't know well.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's easier to set boundaries and expectations when you're starting fresh with people than to try to change a current relationship dynamic. The bottom line is that people will treat you the way you let them treat you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pride is a function of placing a high value on what you've done and who you are. Vanity is putting effort into the way you want others to see you. Both will matter to the outcome of today's business.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't rewrite yesterday's loss, but tomorrow is yours to win if you plan well enough. Your future-vision is clear today. Think about what could go wrong, and address each scenario.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Can a person protect his or her own innocence? Just knowing that there's something more to know puts a crack in the protective eggshell of the innocent. At least you can still protect another person's innocence, and so you will.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may not be able to decide what's best for you until after you've made a few mistakes. That's just what it takes to get to know yourself. The better you know yourself the more often you'll get it right the first time.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some suggest



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that there are only two choices: to do it the way it's been done, or to revolt. You'll find a third choice, though, and it's the best one: Do it the way it's been done, but with a twist.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Nobody should live in a vacuum, nor should they live without a vacuum. Being aware of the whole picture will be just as important today as cleaning the small picture of your own home.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people don't listen. So if you listen very well, you'll find that you learn enough to stand out in a very positive way with the ones you've heard and understood.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 4). You'll play a key role in someone's happiness over the next six weeks. Your handling of confidential matters earns you trust and money. You'll apply your maturity and experience to win a prize in October. November and May bring your best financial opportunities. A legal arrangement is finalized in June. Leo and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 49, 38, 6 and 20.

**TODAY'S NUMEROLOGY**: Today's numerology can be found by adding up each number in today's date: 0+9+0+4+2+0+1+3 = 19. Then add the 1+9 for a result of 10. Lastly, 1+0 results in a final outcome of 1.

"One" days are fueled by beginner's luck. The beginner has no knowledge of the rules and limitations and is therefore free to win with approaches that the expert wouldn't think of. The new arrangements life presents us with on "one" days make it easy to think like a beginner or, more precisely, not to think too much but to process information more viscerally.

But what if your "one" day doesn't seem to be presenting anything new to you and in fact seems very much like the usual routine? You will be luckier if you still approach it from the mindset of a beginner. That is to say, if you don't care whether you win or lose or do things the so-called "right" way, it will take some of the pressure off of you to perform well and will increase your chance of happening onto some capricious good fortune.

If you were born on a "one" day, you are luckiest when you take initiative, react quickly and trust your instincts.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES**: According to one Vogue magazine cover, the world is ruled by Beyonce Knowles. That may sound like a lot of pressure for one person, but Knowles may be cut out for the role with her sun in hardworking Virgo and ambitious Mars in entertaining and royal Leo. But the prevalent energy in her natal chart is Libra, signifying that her greatest strength is in working cooperatively with others.

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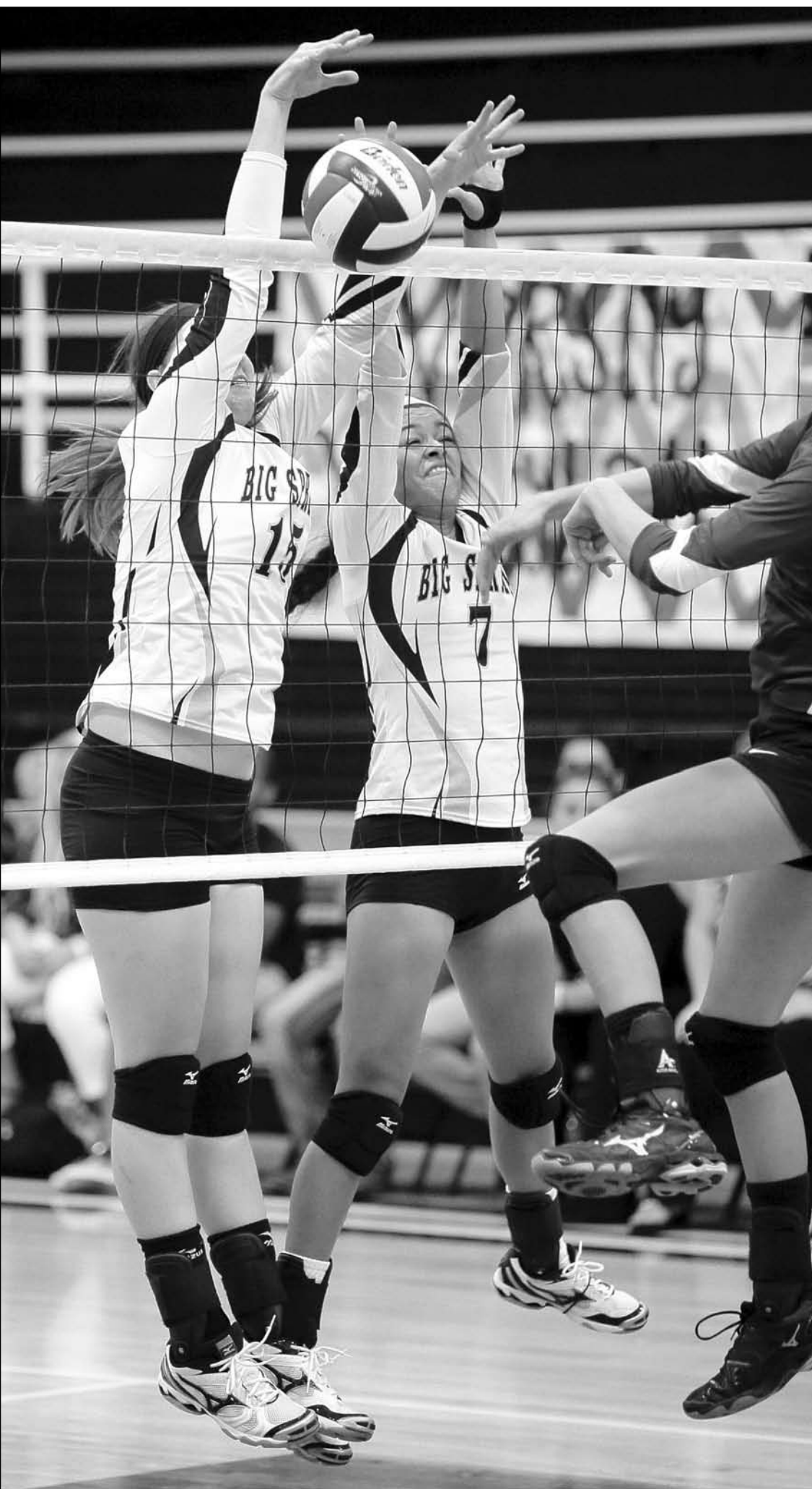
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**Big Spring's Kelsie Guinn (left) and Ebony Zavala team up for a block during Tuesday's game against Frenship at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers were defeated 25-27, 16-25, 14-25. BSHS is 17-7 in predistrict play. Varsity and 9th grade will be on the road Friday against Midland Christian. JV will be at the Lamesa Tournament. Coahoma's game against Jim Ned Tuesday was cancelled. The Bulldogettes will resume action Thursday at the Post Tournament, with the first match coming against Knox City at 9 a.m.**

## Rangers defeat Oakland to take sole possession of AL West

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — After getting a taste of a pennant race as a late-season call-up last year, Martin Perez looks nothing like a rookie this time around.

Perez allowed one run in seven innings to win his sixth straight start and Mitch Moreland homered to move the Texas Rangers back into sole possession of first place in the AL West with a 4-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

"He's grown leaps and bounds really," manager Ron Washington said. "It's maturity. The experience he had last year up here helped him tremendously. He realized he can pitch up here and he just goes out there and pitches. Right now a lot of good things are happening for him."

Perez made six appearances after being called up last September and lost twice to the A's to help Oakland steal the AL West title from Texas. Perez (9-3) is doing his best to win that title back this year.

After falling into a tie for first with the A's when they lost the series opener, the Rangers bounced back and are assured of leaving Oakland for the final time in the regular season with at least a share of the division lead.

"When you come the first time, you don't have too much of an idea, how the game is here," Perez said. "It's the same ball, but a lot of guys have more experience than you. I just tried to learn last year and this year too. Every day you learn something new. You have to have a plan for the game. ... I just want to continue."

Bartolo Colon (14-6) allowed three unearned runs in the fifth inning following his own error and missed an opportunity to become first pitcher to reach 20 career wins against Texas. Colon is winless in five starts since July 26 with a DL stint in the middle of that stretch.

The highlight of the game for Oakland came in the sixth in-

ning when third baseman Josh Donaldson raced across the vast foul territory at the Coliseum and leaped over the tarp to make a backhand catch to rob David Murphy.

"You're not going to see too many plays better than that," manager Bob Melvin said.

That spectacular play came after a poor decision earlier in the game that squandered a prime scoring chance for Oakland. Donaldson was on second with two outs when Yoenis Cespedes hit a grounder into the hole between third and shortstop.

Jurickson Profar got to the ball but held onto it as he had no play at first. Donaldson ran through coach Mike Gallego's stop sign and was easily thrown out at home despite barreling into A.J. Pierzynski.

The Rangers struck for three unearned runs in the fifth inning to take a 4-1 lead with help from two comebackers that Colon could not handle. The rally started when Craig Gentry reached on an error with one out when his grounder popped out of Colon's glove. Gentry scored on Profar's double into the right-field corner that rookie Michael Choice bobbled.

Ian Kinsler followed with another comebacker that hit off Colon's glove and was ruled an infield single. Adrian Beltre added a run-scoring groundout and Pierzynski bloomed an RBI single.

Alex Rios added a leadoff homer in the eighth to make it 5-1.

Perez followed up his perfect August by winning again to start September, shutting Oakland down and scored on a sacrifice fly in the first.

Perez became the first Texas pitcher to win six consecutive starts since Kenny Rogers won eight straight in 2005. His last four wins have come against All-Star pitchers, outdueling Seattle's Felix Hernandez twice and Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox once.

## Local Sports Calendar

### 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.; JV at Lamesa Tourney (through Saturday).
  - Coahoma at Post Tournament (through Saturday), TBA.

### SATURDAY

- Cross Country**
- Big Spring at Bill Libby Invitational, McMurry University, Abilene.
  - Forsan at Plaimns Presort Services Invitational, Mae Simmons Park.
- Tennis**
- Big Spring at Andrews Tri-match, Lubbock.

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## San Fran tops AP power rankings

NEW YORK (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers top the AP Pro32 power rankings as the NFL begins its 2013 season.

Losers in the Super Bowl last February to Baltimore, the 49ers earned nine first-place votes and 379 points Tuesday from a nationwide panel of 12 AP Pro32 members who cover the league.

"The NFL's most physical team expects to be playing at the Meadowlands in February," Ira Kaufman of the Tampa Tribune said.

But Charean Williams of the Fort Worth Star Telegram warned:

"Colin Kaepernick will have to be

more accurate than he was the last three regular-season games of 2012 if the 49ers want to stay here all season."

Denver, which also lost to the Ravens in the postseason, and Seattle were tied for second with 358 points. The Broncos drew two first-place votes and the Seahawks, who will compete with the 49ers for the NFC West title, received the other.

West Manning has enough weapons to outscore most teams until (suspended linebacker) Von Miller gets back," said Pat Kirwan of SiriusXM and CBS Sports.

Rounding out the top five were At-

lanta and New England. The Ravens finished eighth in the final preseason poll.

"With Anquan Boldin (trade) and Dennis Pitta (injury) gone," Rick Gosselin of the Dallas Morning News said,

"Joe Flacco is without his two top receivers from 2012. He needs to find those 126 receptions and 11 touchdowns elsewhere in 2013."

At the bottom are the Oakland Raiders with a mere 20 points. Oakland was 32nd on eight ballots.

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## Tide finds much to improve before facing A&M

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama center Ryan Kelly said the postgame mood in the locker room was subdued and players were upset with their performance in the season opener.

Never mind that the top-ranked Crimson Tide beat Virginia Tech 35-10 Saturday night. It wasn't pristine or dominant enough, especially on offense, to satisfy the two-time defending national champions.

"Obviously we're 1-0 but we knew as a team afterward that we didn't make

them quit," he said Tuesday night. "We felt like they walked away with a better sense that they didn't let Alabama take control of them. I think that's what everybody was disappointed about. We should have played a lot better."

The offense did sputter at times during the game, when two touchdowns came on special teams and one on an interception return. The Tide likely won't be able to afford such uneven offensive play in next week's grudge match against Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel

and No. 7 Texas A&M in College Station.

Alabama has an extra week to prepare to face the only team to beat the Tide last season.

The circumstances are decidedly different from last season, when Alabama was fresh from a down-to-the-wire win over LSU with a week to prepare for Manziel and the Aggies' fast-paced offense.

Texas A&M jumped ahead 20-0 after the first quarter en route to a 29-24 victory.

Coach Nick Saban said the Tide won't start work-

ing on Texas A&M until Thursday's practice, giving them two extra days "which is usually the most we do on a team."

"But we have a lot of work to do as a team to be able to play the way we're going to need to play to have any chance of being successful when we play out there against Texas A&M," he said.

Cornerback John Fulton said Tide players have been hearing about this game "since we lost" last year's meeting. Have

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Legals

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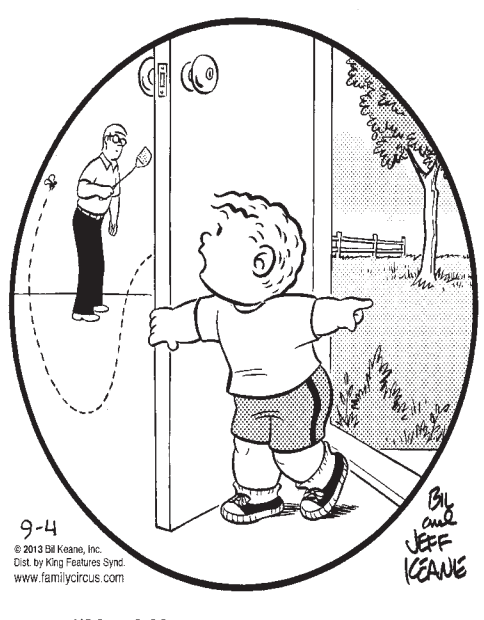
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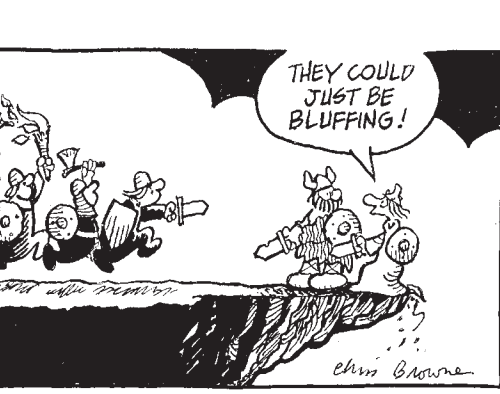
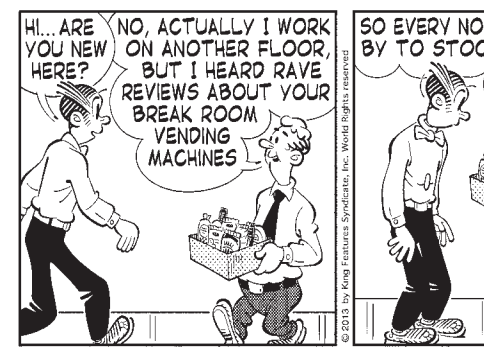


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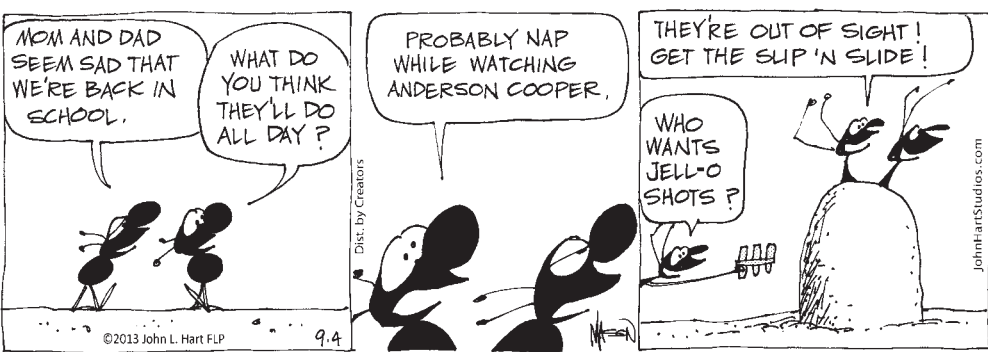
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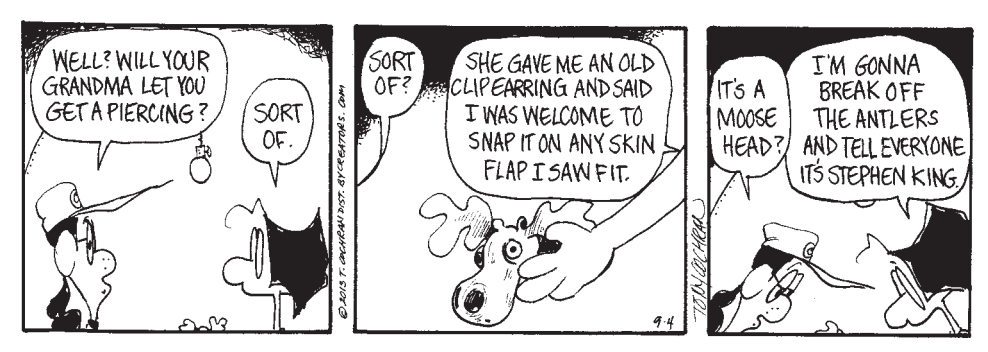
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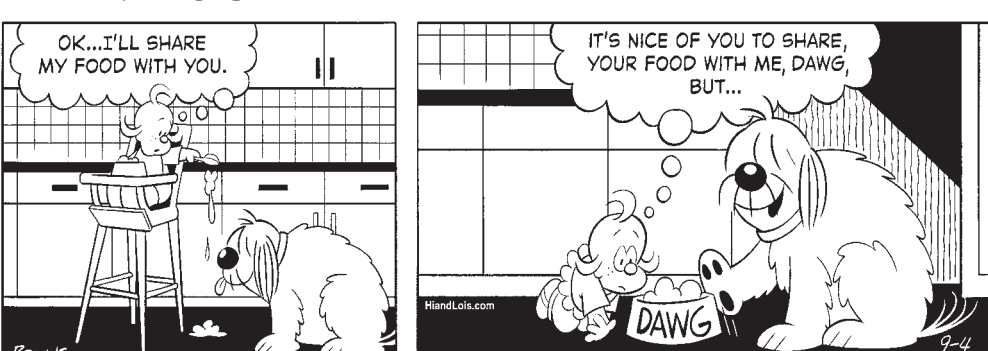
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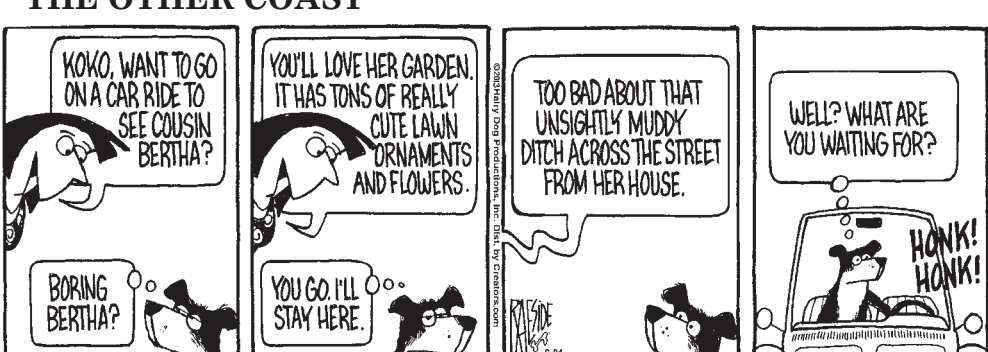
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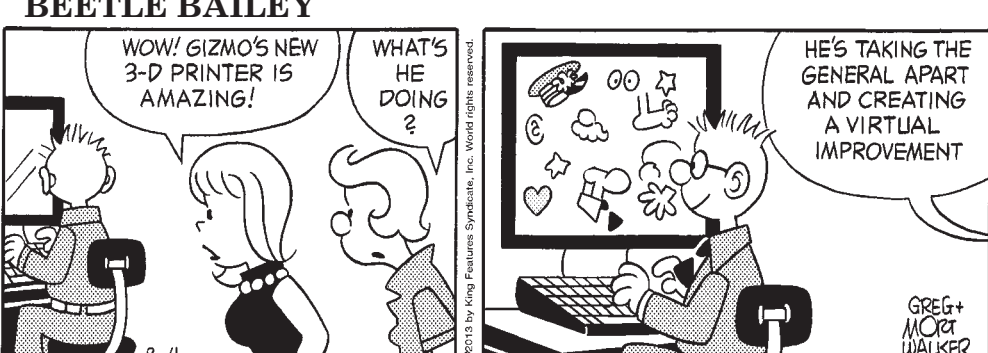
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2013. There are 118 days left in the year. Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On September 4, 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."
- On this date: In 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers under the leadership of Governor Felipe de Neve.
- In 1886, a group of Apache Indians led by Geronimo (also known as Goyathlay, "One Who Yawns") surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.
- In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess.
- In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.
- In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands abdicated after nearly six decades of rule for health reasons.
- In 1951, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.
- In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.
- In 1962, The Beatles, with new drummer Ringo Starr, recorded "Love Me Do" at EMI Studios in London. (The more familiar version with substitute drummer Andy White and Starr on tambourine was recorded a week later.)
- In 1963, a Swissair Caravelle III carrying 80 people crashed shortly after takeoff from Zurich, killing all on board.
- In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.
- In 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz won a seventh gold medal at the Munich Olympics, in the 400-meter medley relay. "The New Price Is Right," hosted by Bob Barker, premiered on CBS. (The game show later dropped the "New" from its title and expanded from a half-hour to an hour.)
- In 1998, Internet services company Google filed for incorporation in California.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 82. Actor Kenneth Kimmins is 72. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 71. World Golf Hall of Famer Raymond Floyd is 71. Actress Jennifer Salt is 69. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 64.

Answer to previous puzzle

CASA	SLIP	ARCH
ABORT	LAME	NERO
MEATY	ATMS	CHEM
STRIP	STEAK	HATE
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ROME	REEL	ERAS

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Hawaiian "hi"
- 6 Reach across
- 10 Monk's hood
- 14 Methods
- 15 City on Hawaii
- 16 Cookie found in ice cream
- 17 Derisive sound
- 18 Colonizing insects
- 19 "Auld \_\_\_ Syne"
- 20 Stopped moving
- 23 "Little piggies"
- 24 Units of wt.
- 25 More malleable
- 29 Co. bigwig
- 30 Bank convenience
- 33 Competent animal
- 37 Courage, so to speak
- 39 Do a Friar's job
- 42 Reach
- 43 Stretch out on a sofa
- 44 Filleted fish
- 45 Feminine suffix
- 46 Not yet filled, on a sched.
- 48 Gen-Xer's parent
- 50 Fella
- 51 Clicked image
- 53 Wore down gradually
- 59 Port of Egypt
- 60 Graph line
- 61 Humdrum
- 63 Strait-laced
- 64 Dry cleaner's target

DOWN

- 1 Pro-\_\_\_ (some tours)
- 2 Lasting a while
- 3 Redolence
- 4 Cylindrical sandwich
- 5 Mentally sharp
- 6 Parasol's offering
- 7 Ale servings
- 8 Choir part
- 9 "The deal's off!"
- 10 Coke and Pepsi
- 11 Spoken
- 12 Took one's turn
- 13 Nautical record
- 21 Designer Kamali
- 22 Cold War concern
- 25 Looie's subordinate
- 26 Bassoon cousins
- 27 Alternative to high heels
- 28 Examination
- 29 Hive compartment
- 30 Self-evident truth
- 31 Car owner's document
- 32 Stephenie who wrote Twilight
- 35 Pac-12 sch.
- 36 Zodiac beast
- 38 Roughly
- 40 Find the sum of
- 41 Jostle
- 47 Go around
- 49 With money at stake
- 50 Doodad
- 51 Figure of speech
- 52 Social rank
- 53 Remedy
- 54 Prince Charles, for one
- 55 Trade fair
- 56 New Haven school
- 57 Quote book abbr.
- 58 Carton sealer
- 59 Hot-tub locale
- 62 Suffix for star

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# 20 NFL players suspended for opener

NEW YORK (AP) — Denver All-Pro line-backer Von Miller is among 20 NFL players suspended for the beginning of the NFL season. Miller will be out for six games for violating the league's substance abuse policy. He will miss Thursday night's

opener between Super Bowl champion Baltimore and the Broncos. Two players are suspended for eight games: Ravens defensive back Asa Jackson and Cincinnati defensive end DeQuin Evans, under the performance-enhancing drugs policy.

None of the 20 players has been suspended for violating the personal conduct policy, although Jets running back Mike Goodson was arrested in New Jersey in May on drugs and weapons charges and will miss four games.

Also suspended under the substance abuse policy for four games each were: Jacksonville WR Justin Blackmon, Indianapolis WR LaVon Brazill, New York Giants safety Will Hill, Washington LB Rob Jackson, Arizona LB Daryl Washington, and Baltimore safety Christian Thompson.

Also barred for substance abuse, but with lesser suspensions, were: Minnesota full-back Jerome Felton (three games), Cleveland WR Josh Gordon (two), San Francisco TE Demarcus Dobbs (one), Rams RB Isaiah Pead (one) and Chiefs OL Rokevious Watkins (one).

Suspended four games for using performance enhancers were: Seattle LB Bruce Irvin, St. Louis LB Jo-Lonn Dunbar, Oakland receiver Andre Holmes, Washington DL Jarvis Jenkins and Minnesota tackle DeMarcus Love.

## GRUDGE

Continued from Page 7

they heard too much about it?

"We won the national championship last year," Fulton said, "so we'll be all right."

The offense produced only 206 yards against the Hokies, who also had four sacks.

Kelly said there were some first-game jitters among the three new starting offensive linemen.

"We played hard. We didn't always play physical at times," Kelly said. "This week is very important, because we can get back to what an offensive line is about, and that's being physical and making the D-line quit. I think that's

what we're going to bring to Texas A&M."

The team did have some drama on Tuesday.

Saban said he gave wide receiver Kenny Bell a "personal day" from practice on Tuesday but expected him to miss only one day.

Bell had posted on his Twitter page Tuesday afternoon that "it's been a nice run but I'm hanging up my cleats," saying he wanted to focus on taking care of his kids.

Later, though, he posted an update, referring to quarterback AJ McCarron: "I'm back with the team!! Just needed time to myself for a day but I couldn't leave my boy @10AJMcCarron we ended this run together."

### Sudoku Answer on Page 3

## 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.

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Sylvia Shines on Defense

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K Q  
 ♥ 5 2  
 ♦ A 6 4  
 ♣ K J 10 8 6 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ J 9 6 5 2  
 ♥ 9 7 3  
 ♦ Q 5  
 ♣ A 7 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ A 3  
 ♥ J 10 8 4  
 ♦ J 10 9 8 2  
 ♣ Q 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 10 8 7 4  
 ♥ A K Q 6  
 ♦ K 7 3  
 ♣ 9 5

The bidding:  
 North 1♣ East Pass South 1♥ West Pass  
 2♠ Pass 2NT Pass  
 3NT

Opening lead — five of spades.

Eventually, there came a day when Sylvia could no longer be classed as a dub. We had seen her start from scratch, when she barely knew the meaning of the word "finesse." We had also watched her follow the bumpy road all beginners must traverse and, just like them, commit mayhem in the bidding and play of many hands.

But what distinguished Sylvia most was that although she committed the same errors newcomers usually make, she also invented a few of

her own that had never been seen before. She had a way of turning the simplest problems into highly complex ones, often producing results that were utterly unpredictable.

The peculiar aspect of all this was that her deviations from the norm worked out in her favor far more often than anyone would have expected. Furthermore, these aberrations continued even after she had become a fairly experienced player.

For example, take this deal where, if you look at all four hands, it seems impossible to stop South from making three notrump. Declarer seems likely to lose two clubs and two spades, but no more. But Sylvia, sitting East, managed to find a way to defeat the contract!

She won the spade lead with the ace and returned a spade to dummy's king. Declarer then crossed to the heart ace and led the nine of clubs, West playing the four, dummy the three and Sylvia the deuce! South then led another club, West producing the seven, dummy the ten and Sylvia the surprise queen. Dummy's clubs were now dead as a doornail, and so was the contract. South won the diamond return, struggled a while and finished down two.

Sylvia was, of course, right not to take the first club, but no one will ever know for sure whether she did it because of her newly found expertise or simply because she was Sylvia.

Tomorrow: Reducing the risk factor.

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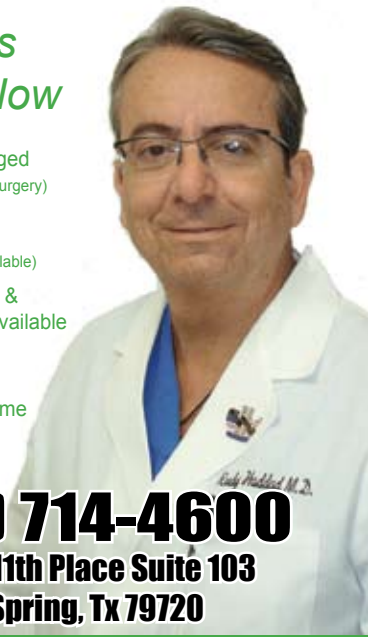
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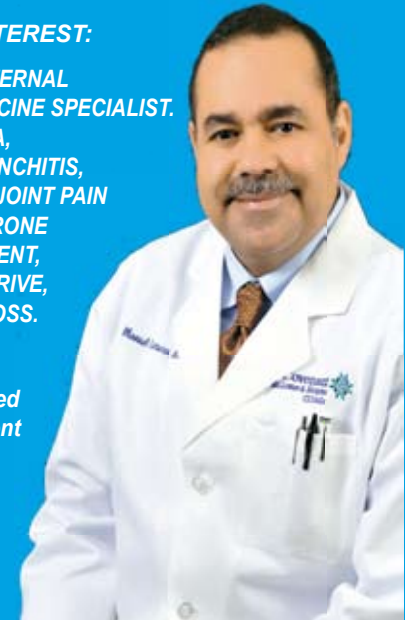
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