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**Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department and EMS respond to a residential house fire early today in the 2500 block of Cindy Lane in the Kentwood Addition. The house was engulfed in smoke and flames were visible at the front entrance. Further information about what started the fire and whether there were injuries were unavailable at press time.**

## Not unexpectedly, enrollment down at Howard College

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

A simple rule of thumb still holds true for Howard College — when the economy is up, enrollment is down.

Preliminary enrollment numbers for the fall 2013 semester show what college officials expected — enrollment at the junior college district is down 9 percent from this time last year and an increase in energy sector hiring is the major reason why.

Total enrollment for the district is 4,167 students. Individual campus figures are 1,495 for Big Spring (down 10 percent), 2,374 for San Angelo (also down 10 percent), 165 for SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (up 7 percent) and 133 for Lamesa (down 2 percent).

While unwelcome, those numbers were not unexpected.

“We analyze these numbers very carefully and we

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## Opera star Graham to open Symphony season Saturday

Special to the Herald

Susan Graham, internationally known opera diva, will be the guest artist Saturday when the Big Spring Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Keith Graumann, begins its 32nd season.

Graham will be performing some of the most popular operatic arias from Carmen, the Marriage of Figaro and the Merry Widow. She'll sing in



Graham

both halves of the program, before and after the intermission and she'll close the concert.

“We're fortunate to have such a distinguished personality to open this year's season,” said Graumann, symphony conductor.

“She brings a lot of excitement to the stage.”

The Saturday performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. A handicapped entrance is on the east side of the building. Tickets will be available at the door. Prices are \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors. There is no charge for students 8 to 18.

In addition to Graham, the audience will hear music from the Barber of Seville and Pomp and Circumstance.

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## Gasoline prices take 7-cent dip

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.29 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the na-

tional average that has fallen 4.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.54/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 35.3 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 11.2 cents

per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 2.7 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 31.6 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

“The national average has seen some downward

## BOOK SALE BEGINS FRIDAY



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Friends of the Library member Joann Staulcup sorts through books in preparation for the group's annual book sale. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the basement of the library, located at 500 Main St.**

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## Disturbed contract worker behind shooting rampage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deadly attack at the Washington Navy Yard was carried out by one of the military's own: a defense contract employee and former Navy reservist who used a valid pass to get onto the installation and started firing inside a building, killing 12 people before he was slain in a gun battle with police.



Alexis

investigators said. But a profile of the lone gunman, a 34-year-

old Aaron Alexis, was coming into focus. He was described as a Buddhist who had also had flares of rage, complained about the Navy and being a victim of discrimination and had several run-ins with law enforcement, including two shootings.

U.S. law enforcement officials told The Associated Press that Alexis had been

suffering a host of serious mental issues, including paranoia and a sleep disorder. He also had been hearing voices in his head, the officials said. Alexis had been treated since August by the Veterans Administration for his mental problems, the officials said. They spoke on condition

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## Obituaries

### Carlene Barron



Carlene Barron, 73, of Seabrook, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Carlene was born March 1, 1940, in Big Spring, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Barron of Seabrook; one daughter, Sheryl Swinney; and one son, Keith Barron.

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

### Bonnie Foster

Bonnie Foster, 93, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take Note

• Stanton United Methodist Church will present Acappella at 6 p.m. Saturday on the church lawn. Tickets are free. A love offering will be accepted. For more information, call 432-756-2303.

• K-C Steak & Seafood is the featured Dine Out Days sponsor through Tuesday. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2014 campaign to support the 17 member agencies. To be a Dine Out Day sponsor or find out how to contribute to the campaign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

• The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m. at Crispy's Cafe, 1904 S. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Sissy Jones at (432) 213-4452 or 2309 Lynn Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

• The Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, in partnership with Alon USA, is holding a \$300 gasoline voucher fund-raiser. Tickets can be obtained from any Lions Club member or by calling 432-263-4295. Proceeds will go toward Lions Club programs including eye exams for students, vision screenings and scholarships.

• Big Spring High School Student Council is encouraging local businesses to decorate their window fronts for homecoming. The theme is "The Future is Bright for Big Spring Steers." Home coming is Friday, Sept. 13 and area businesses, groups and individuals are invited to also participate in the parade, which will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 11th and Donely. Lineup will be held at 4 p.m. To participate in the parade or for more information, call Haley Lefever at 432-264-3641, ext. 1469.

• 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 Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

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

• 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.

• 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

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 9/18	Thu 9/19	Fri 9/20
<b>90/68</b> Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms possible. High near 90F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>91/68</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>87/68</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:31 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:49 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:46 PM



### Texas At A Glance



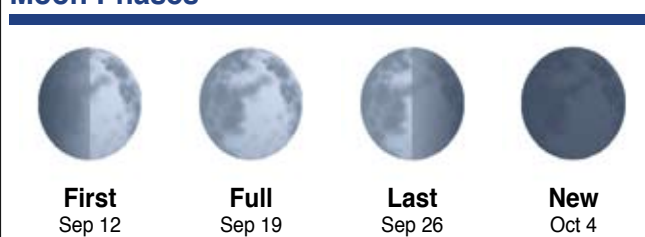
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	70	t-storm	Kingsville	89	75	t-storm
Amarillo	85	64	mst sunny	Livingston	95	69	cloudy
Austin	92	71	t-storm	Longview	94	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	95	73	pt sunny	Lubbock	85	64	t-storm
Brownsville	87	75	rain	Lufkin	96	70	cloudy
Brownwood	95	70	cloudy	Midland	87	69	t-storm
Corpus Christi	89	77	t-storm	Raymondville	87	74	rain
Corsicana	96	73	cloudy	Rosenberg	94	73	cloudy
Dallas	96	75	cloudy	San Antonio	91	72	t-storm
Del Rio	89	73	t-storm	San Marcos	93	70	t-storm
El Paso	82	64	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	94	72	cloudy
Fort Stockton	85	66	t-storm	Sweetwater	91	68	t-storm
Gainesville	94	71	pt sunny	Tyler	94	72	cloudy
Greenville	94	71	pt sunny	Weatherford	95	72	cloudy
Houston	94	74	cloudy	Wichita Falls	93	70	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	63	pt sunny	Minneapolis	71	60	mst sunny
Boston	62	44	sunny	New York	67	52	sunny
Chicago	72	58	pt sunny	Phoenix	100	81	sunny
Dallas	96	75	cloudy	San Francisco	65	58	pt sunny
Denver	82	57	mst sunny	Seattle	63	55	rain
Houston	94	74	cloudy	St. Louis	77	65	cloudy
Los Angeles	80	61	sunny	Washington, DC	73	55	sunny
Miami	84	76	rain				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 9/18	Thu 9/19	Fri 9/20
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
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.

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.

• 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.

• 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.



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## Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- ORALIA MOJICA, 26, of 1506 Wood, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication, failure to appear and expired motor vehicle inspection.
- CLYDE JAMES NORTHCUTT JR., 51, of 1303 Colby, was arrested Monday on a charge of terroristic threat against a public servant.
- BRYAN DILWORTH HARP, 36, OF 533 North Keithly Street, Garden City, Texas, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- FERNANDO KYONG ARRIAGA JR., 37, of 606 Northwest 8<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- GENEAN M. LARO, 52, of 702 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tucson, Ariz., was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass of property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 600 block of Scurry.
- THEFT was reported at the 600 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Apache Street, Coahoma, Texas, the 3800 block of South Service Road.
- HARRASSMENT was reported at the 2900 block of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1200 block of East Third Street.
- FORGERY was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported at the 700 block of West Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Drive.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.
- ORALIA MOJICA was booked by BSPD on charges of violate promise to appear - two counts, public intoxication and failure to display or expired motor vehicle inspection.
- CLYDE JAMES NORTHCUTT was booked by BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat against a public servant.
- BRYAN DILWORTH HARP was booked by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.
- FRANKLIN NOEL HAMILTON was booked by BSPD on a charge of no driver's license when unlicensed.
- FERNANDO KYONG ARRIAGA JR. was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid - previous conviction.
- GENEAN MARIE LARO was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

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

- MEDICAL was reported at the 600 block of Scurry. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 2700 block of Gregg. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 2200 block of Alabama. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported at the 200 block of West FM 700. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 1900 block of Simler. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at the 2600 block of Neill Road. No transport.

## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### 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.

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Firefighters battle a residential fire this morning in the 2500 block of Cindy Lane.

*In the area*

**Genealogical workshop set**

ODESSA — Susan Ball, president of the San Angelo Genealogical Society, will be the main speaker for the Permian Basin

Genealogical Society 2013 workshop, set from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday here.

The workshop will be held in the First United Methodist Church's Fay Rodman Hall, 217

W. Fifth St.

On-site registration will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and is \$30 at the door.

Registration includes a barbecue lunch.

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of anonymity because the criminal investigation in the case was continuing.

The Navy had not declared him mentally unfit, which would have rescinded a security clearance Alexis had from his earlier time in the Navy Reserves.

Family members told investigators Alexis was being treated for his mental issues.

The officials also said there has been no connection to international or domestic terrorism and investigators have found no manifesto or other writings suggesting a political or religious motivation for the shooting.

Monday's onslaught at a single building at the highly secure Navy Yard unfolded about 8:20 a.m. in the heart of the nation's capital, less than four miles from the White House and two miles from the Capitol.

It put all of Washington on edge. Mayor Vincent Gray said there was no indication it was a terrorist attack, but he added that the possibility had not been ruled out.

"This is a horrific tragedy," Gray said.

Alexis carried three weapons: an AR-15 assault rifle, a shotgun, and a handgun that he took from a police officer at the scene, according to two federal law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation. The AR-15 is the same type of rifle used in last year's mass shooting at a Newtown, Conn., elementary school that killed 20 students and six women.

The weapon was also used in the shooting at a Colorado movie theater that killed 12 and wounded 70.

For much of the day, authorities said they

were looking for a possible second attacker who may have been disguised in an olive-drab military-style uniform. But by late Monday night, they said they were convinced the shooting was the work of a lone gunman, and the lockdown around the area was eased.

"We do now feel comfortable that we have the single and sole person responsible for the loss of life inside the base today," Washington police Chief Cathy Lanier said.

President Barack Obama lamented yet another mass shooting in the U.S. that he said took the lives of American "patriots." He promised to make sure "whoever carried out this cowardly act is held responsible."

The FBI took charge of the investigation.

The attack came four years after Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Hasan killed 13 people at Fort Hood in what he said was an effort to save the lives of Muslims overseas. He was convicted last month and sentenced to death.

In addition to those killed at the Navy Yard, eight people were hurt, including three who were shot and wounded, according to the mayor. Those three were a police officer and two female civilians, authorities said. They were all expected to survive.

The dead ranged in age from 46 to 73, according to the mayor. A number of the victims were civilian employees and contractors, rather than active-duty military personnel, the police chief said.

At the time of the ram-

page, Alexis was an employee with The Experts, a company that was a Defense Department subcontractor on a Navy-Marine Corps computer project, authorities said.

Valerie Parlave, head of the FBI's field office in Washington, said Alexis had access to the Navy Yard as a defense contractor and used a valid pass.

Alexis had been a full-time Navy reservist from 2007 to early 2011, leaving as a petty officer third class, the Navy said. It did not say why he left. He had been an aviation electrician's mate with a unit in Fort Worth.

A convert to Buddhism who grew up in New York City, Alexis had had run-ins with the law over shooting incidents in 2004 and 2010 in Fort Worth and Seattle and was portrayed in police reports as seething with anger.

The Washington Navy Yard is a sprawling, 41-acre labyrinth of buildings and streets protected by armed guards and metal detectors, and employees have to show their IDs at doors and gates. More than 18,000 people work there.

The rampage took place at Building 197, the headquarters for Naval Sea Systems Command, which buys, builds and maintains ships and submarines. About 3,000 people work at headquarters, many

of them civilians.

Witnesses on Monday described a gunman opening fire from a fourth-floor overlook, aiming down on people on the main floor, which includes a glass-walled cafeteria. Others said a gunman fired at them in a third-floor hallway.

Patricia Ward, a logistics-management specialist, said she was in the cafeteria getting breakfast.

"It was three gunshots straight in a row — pop, pop, pop. Three seconds later, it was pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, so it was like about a total of seven gunshots, and we just started running," Ward said.

Todd Brundidge, an executive assistant with Navy Sea Systems Command, said he and co-workers encountered a gunman in a long hallway on the third floor. The gunman was wearing all blue, he said.

"He just turned and started firing," Brundidge said.

Terrie Durham, an executive assistant with the same agency, said the gunman fired toward her and Brundidge.

"He aimed high and missed," she said. "He said nothing. As soon as I realized he was shooting, we just said, 'Get out of the building.'"

Officials announced early Tuesday that streets around the Navy Yard that were closed after the shooting were re-opened for the morn-

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believe several factors at play," HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "First, we've instituted a new admissions placement test, which has concerned potential students, especially those in dual credit courses. Secondly, the bacterial meningitis vaccination requirements also have caused some concern. Also, of course, there's the economy."

College enrollment figures have, historically, traveled an opposite path from the economy. In 2009, when this area was feeling the effects of a recession, the district started experience record enrollment growth. However, as the economy has recovered, enrollment has been heading downhill.

District enrollment peaked at 4,852 in 2011, just as the hiring boom in the oil sector was beginning to surface. Since then, the college has seen two straight years of enrollment decline.

"We saw this trend beginning last year," Sparks said. "The opportunity to work in the energy sector has positively impacted our economy. As a result, we're seeing the traditional decision by students to join the workforce."

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**GRAHAM**

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direction in the last week, but the best is likely yet to come," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While there certainly are a few issues that could impact gasoline prices on our plate, the switch over back to winter gasoline has begun, and I do expect that gas prices may continue to move downward this week for most of the United States.

"California, however, does have some recent refining kinks that may mean it joins the lower price party a bit later, but by Halloween, my expectation is the national average will stand five to 15 cents per gallon lower than where it is today," DeHaan said.

ing commute.

As emergency vehicles and law enforcement officers flooded the streets Monday, a helicopter hovered, nearby schools were locked down and airplanes at Reagan National Airport were grounded so they would not interfere with law-enforcement choppers.

In the confusion, police said around midday that they were searching for two accomplices who may have taken part in the attack — one carrying a handgun and wearing a tan Navy-style uniform and a beret, the other armed with a long gun and wearing an olive-green uniform. Police said it was unclear if the men were members of the military.

But as the day wore, police dropped one person and then the other as suspects. As tensions eased, Navy Yard employees were gradually released from the com-

plex, and children were let out of their locked-down schools.

Adm. Jonathan Greenert, chief of naval operations, was at the base at the time the shooting began but was moved unharmed to a nearby military installation.

Anxious relatives and friends of those who work at the complex waited to hear from loved ones.

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Wayne Wilcox, 82, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 4:00 PM Tuesday at Gail Cemetery.

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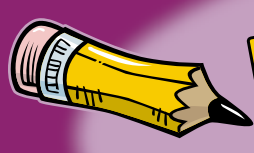
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# ROCKET SCIENTISTS!

## Rockets Big and Small

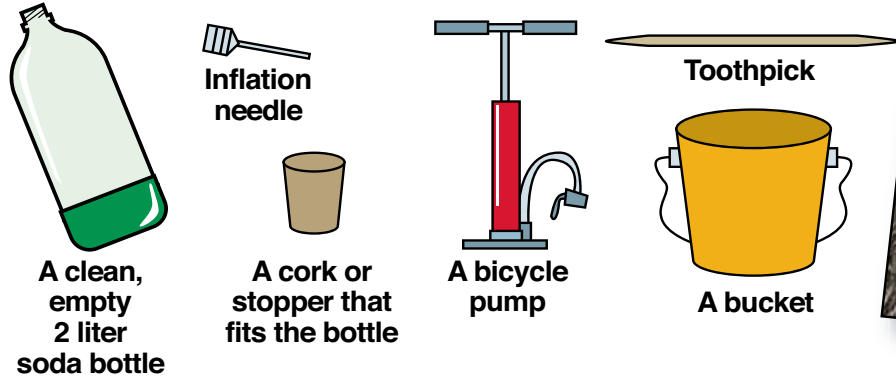
Whether it's a small model rocket or a giant rocket to Mars, the science behind how rockets work is the same.

A rocket needs a **propellant** – fuel to push it up into the air. NASA rockets use fuels such as liquid hydrogen. But to launch a soda bottle rocket, air pressure does the trick!

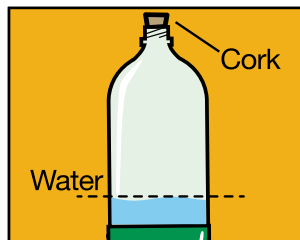
**Standards Link:** Physical Science: Students know when force is applied to an object, it will speed up or change direction.

## How to Make a Bottle Rocket

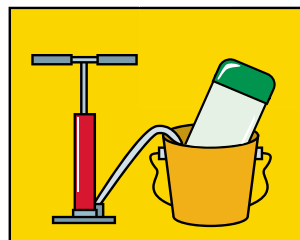
### STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



**1.** Use the toothpick to make a small hole in the cork, just large enough for the inflation needle to fit through.



**2.** Fill about 1/3 of the bottle with water. Insert the cork firmly into the mouth of the bottle.



**3.** Insert the inflation needle through the cork. Place bottle in bucket facing away from you.



**4.** Start pumping air rapidly into the bottle. Countdown to lift off has begun!



**5.** The air wants to escape from the bottle and it pushes the water against the stopper. The rocket will take off when the stopper can no longer withstand the pressure in the bottle.

The force of the water powers the rocket into the air.

**Standards Link:** Science Inquiry: Conduct simple experiments.

## Scientist's Journal

**QUESTION:** Does adding more water affect the rocket?

**HYPOTHESIS:** Your thoughtful guess about what you think might happen.

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**Standards Link:** Science Inquiry: Conduct simple experiments.

**OBSERVATION:** Describe what happened when you added more water to your bottle rocket.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSION:** Was your hypothesis correct?

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**Extra! Extra!**

## Onomatopoeia

Words like *buzz* and *boom* sound like the noise they describe.

These words are **onomatopoeias**. Can you find others in today's newspaper?

**Standards Link:** Phonic Awareness: Distinguish initial sounds in words.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

To safely land this rocket on the planet's surface, find the correct path. The correct path is the one that increases by **three** each step of the way.

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Solve problems with addition.

## Double Double Word Search

**DEFINITION**

PRESSURE  
PLASTIC  
ROCKETS  
BOTTLE  
BUCKET  
LAUNCH  
GIANT  
FUELS  
SMALL  
MODEL  
HIGH  
MARS  
SODA  
PUMP

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

L R E S O H L G P E  
E T R C R L I M K L  
D E U E A A U G T T  
O K S M N P M S H T  
M C S T E K C O R O  
F U E L S S L D A B  
U B R C I T S A L P  
N C P L A U N C H H  
N O I T I N I F E D

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

## Funny Filler

Have a friend give you **NOUNS**, **ADJECTIVES** and **VERBS**. Then read the silly story aloud. Prepare for big laughs!

The scientists at Kid Scoop Laboratories performed a very unusual rocket experiment. They filled a \_\_\_\_\_ **ADJECTIVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOUN** with a gallon of \_\_\_\_\_ **PLURAL NOUN** and cup of \_\_\_\_\_ **PLURAL NOUN** and a small amount of \_\_\_\_\_ **PLURAL NOUN** to make their rocket.

As you would expect, it didn't \_\_\_\_\_ **VERB** very well at all. But they didn't give up!

They constructed a new rocket powered by \_\_\_\_\_ **PLURAL NOUN** and freeze-dried \_\_\_\_\_ **PLURAL NOUN**. This time, the rocket rumbled and began to \_\_\_\_\_ **VERB** across the lab. The rocket crashed into a crate of \_\_\_\_\_ **PLURAL NOUN** which made a \_\_\_\_\_ **ADJECTIVE** mess.

Finally, the Kid Scoop scientists had a great idea. Using soda pop and mints, they were able to launch a \_\_\_\_\_ **NOUN** 20 feet into the air. They added more soda pop, more mints and soon the sky was filled with flying objects such as a \_\_\_\_\_ **ADJECTIVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOUN**, a \_\_\_\_\_ **ADJECTIVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NOUN** and dozens of \_\_\_\_\_ **NOUN**!

It took several days to clean up the lab, which was covered in \_\_\_\_\_ **ADJECTIVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLURAL NOUN**.

The experiment proved that soda pop, mints and \_\_\_\_\_ **PLURAL NOUN** will make a big mess every time!

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

## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **OBSERVE**

The verb **observe** means to notice details while watching carefully.

I was able to **observe** important changes during the experiment.

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

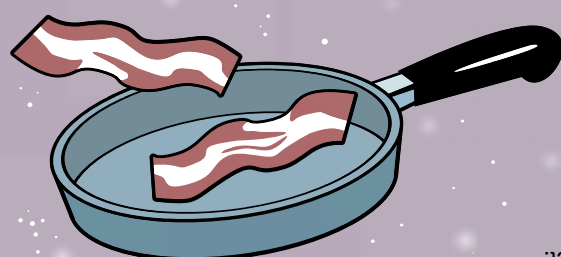
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## Rocket Words

Search through the newspaper and circle words that start with the letter "r," like rocket. Then sort the words into columns by the number of syllables.

**Standards Link:** Spelling: Students identify syllables correctly.



## What did the astronaut see on the stove?

ANSWER: An unidentified frying object.

## Write On!

## Rocket Ride

Pretend you could win a ride into space on a rocket. Write a paragraph telling why you should win that prize.



# Bird Poop: Melding man's wants with a owl's needs

September seemed to be the month of discovery. While dove hunters found them in abandoned deer blinds, and homeowners in their chimneys, an Andrews' woman confronted one in her front yard. After turning off her sprinkler for the evening, she took a closer look. To her it looked more like a statue than a living being. With every feather in place, and no visible signs of injury, the bird was immaculate in its attire.



BEBE  
McCASLAND

Passively, closing out the world beyond, the raptor slowly shut its eyes. Hurrying back inside, the woman called to her husband. Quietly walking toward the bird, they had decided, if it didn't take flight and leave the yard, they would put it in their dog carrier for the night. Being several miles outside the city limits, they were concerned roaming critters might easily find it. The next morning, her call to the game warden soon caused its appearance in our driveway.

Opening the rear door of his double-cab truck, the officer removed a large container. Once he had set it on the driveway, we looked inside. Intermixed among the golden or tawny appearance of an owl's back and wings were hues of gray. Bits of black and white mottling lent even more elegance to this stately night creature. Underneath, the breast and belly had the distinctive markings of a female barn owl.

The almost cinnamon tint of her upper parts segued into a wide necklace for her upper breast. The distinctive marking then diminished into a lighter wash as it descended over her creamy belly. Both breast and belly were accented with noticeable black spots.

Removing her from the carrier caused immediate concern. Her lack of weight was critical. Exhausted, her last effort had resulted in her landing in the couples' yard. Placing her on a scale confirmed what we had already felt.

After she had been given fluids, we placed her in a carrier. Looking at her long, heart-shaped face, rimmed with a dark border



Courtesy photo

**A nocturnal bird of prey, the barn owl is easily identified because of its heart-shaped face. It has phenomenal eyesight and hearing. Due to the disappearance of wooden barns and frame houses, owls have chosen hangars, recessed areas in bluffs, attics of new homes under construction, and chimneys as possible nest sites.**

around white facial disks, I was worried. No penetrating black eyes glared back at me.

So thin and lethargic, the barn owl could easily die. We were realistic about the struggle ahead.

During the next three days, improvement was slow, but obvious. Introducing tiny, baby mice to her diet eased her over the transition to solid food. Soon, she was perched on a sturdy log, and her eyes followed my every

movement.

As she progressed, so did the size of the mice. On the fourth day, we took her to the wildlife center in Lubbock. There, she would be given the time to regain her body weight and stamina for flight.

As I entered the details of her arrival, health, and transfer, I took the time to glance at other Septembers. Invariably, barn owls seemed to make their presence known as summer hawks mi-

grated south and winter hawks were yet to arrive. Not only had we dealt with their physical ailments, but their protection and safety in breeding areas.

For several years, a cotton farmer north of town had called. Having parked his strippers underneath a large enclosure, he was concerned about the owl droppings on such expensive equipment. It seemed that whether he was just starting to plant his crop, or harvest it, the owls were raising their young.

At the back of the shed a large shelf had been added. Hoses were neatly coiled and stacked until their next use. The barn owls would lay their eggs inside the man-made barriers, since the tall sides reduced the risk of their eggs rolling off the shelf.

His first call had been to ask what he could do. One suggestion was to cover the hoses, or make a mesh barrier so the owls could not access that shelf.

Although the owls made a mess on anything placed below, the man was aware of their beneficial, nightly hunts for rodents. He also understood that once there was an active nest, he needed to

let the owls raise their young if at all possible. His patience was commendable.

The next year he called again. Same problem. He wanted the owls on his farm, but was concerned about the paint on his strippers.

"Have they just arrived?" I asked in desperation. "Yes, about two nights ago." Then I made another suggestion because I knew the birds appreciated his perfect nursery.

"The owls still have time to find another location. Remove the hoses." Apparently it worked, because he stopped calling.

Whether it's advising the use of chimney caps, sealing deer blinds, or trying to relocate birds from hangars, sheds, and steeples, the unknown still sometimes threatens our efforts.

The near starvation of the owl from Andrews had been thwarted by the kindness of county residents. She was a rare exception to the rigors of nature.

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

# Parent's Corner: So God made a dog

Many of us are dog lovers. Our dogs become part of our families and we find it would be extremely difficult to be without them. I recently read a tribute to a dog that I thought was really good. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.



DARRELL  
RYAN

Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me every day. Now I do not see you anymore. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me." So God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may

be this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself.

"I will create a being willing to wake up, give kisses, sleep all day, wake up again and give more kisses, then stay up until midnight basking in the company you provide."

So God made a dog. God said: "I will create a being willing to sit, then stay, then roll over, then with no ego or complaint dress in hats they don't need and costumes they don't understand. I will create a being that can break wind without a care or a second thought; who can chase their tails, fetch sticks and lift spirits with a lick; somebody who, no matter what you didn't do or couldn't take or didn't win or couldn't make will love you without judgment just the same."

So God made a dog. God said: "I will create a being strong enough to pull sleds and find bombs, yet gentle enough to love babies

and lead the blind; somebody who will spend all day beside his master and able to lift the spirits of a broken heart."

So God made a dog. "I will create a being who would remain patient and loyal even through loneliness; somebody to care and cuddle, snuggle and nuzzle and cheer and charm and snore and slobber and eat the trash and chase the squirrels; somebody who would bring a family together with the selflessness of an open heart. Somebody who would bark and then pant and then reply with rapid wag of tail when their best friend says let's go for a ride in the car."

So God made a dog. God said, "I will create a being always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you want; someone who will never use the remote, but is willing to sit next to you and allow you to watch anything you choose; someone who

is content to get up on your bed, just to warm your feet, and whom you can push off if he snores; someone who never criticizes what you do, who doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly; who doesn't care if you are fat or thin, young or old; someone who acts as if every word you say is especially worthy of listening to and loves you unconditionally."

So God made a dog. Of course to end this tribute in a way that will bring a smile but something that God did not say: "But, on the other hand, to assure human humility and never to allow humankind to believe he is infallible I will create a being who will never come when called, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves

hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night and only comes home to eat and sleep, and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his happiness: therefore, I will create a cat!

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



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## News in brief

### Why is France pushing so hard on Syria? History, ideals and a hunger to be heard

CREIL, France (AP) — In a secretive compound north of Paris, colored blips and blotches on a computer-screen map of Damascus depict an armored vehicle at a highway, tanks, a blown-up building in a suburban field. An unusual glimpse at France's military intelligence headquarters demonstrates how closely the French are watching what's happening in Syria — and how involved the French government is in ending Syria's civil war.

As French President Francois Hollande keeps up the threat of military strikes against Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime, he isn't just acting as President Barack Obama's poodle, as some critics maintain. France, Syria's onetime colonial ruler and a country eager to maintain its place as a military and diplomatic power, has plenty of reasons to be out front on Syria.

#### HISTORY

The Middle Eastern country took its current shape as a French mandate after being chiseled out of the Ottoman Empire after World War I, as did neighboring Lebanon, and French is spoken by many in both countries. France has particularly close ties to Lebanon and wants to prevent it from being sucked further into Syria's chaos.

The ties to the region also make Syria a particularly attractive place for homegrown French extremists. French Interior Minister Manuel Valls said this month that about 110 citizens or residents of France have joined up with jihadist fighters in Syria — about half the total number from European Union countries. French authorities fear they will return home to carry out terrorism.

### Images of Colorado flooding threaten to keep tourists away, even from areas that are undamaged

DENVER (AP) — Little more than a year after Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper insisted his wildfire-ravaged state was still "open for business," he may have to throw another lifeline to the state's billion-dollar tourism industry as the world takes in the startling images of dramatic flood rescues and washed-out roads.

The flooding has struck at the very mountains that give the state its identity and attract millions of hikers, campers and skiers. Months and possibly years of painstaking, expensive repairs lie ahead, but Colorado officials must also deal with a second problem — the risk that catastrophic damage could keep tourists away, even from places that are unharmed.

Some tourism operators want to see a media campaign to counter the photos of raging rivers and towns ruined by muddy floodwaters.

David Leinweber owns Angler's Covey in Colorado Springs, which caters to fly fishermen seeking prime trout. He said the images on television and social media make it look as if this year's fishing season is finished.

"Our out-of-state business is down 15 percent. People don't realize that we still have 9,000 miles of fishable water and 2,000 lakes in Colorado that

aren't affected," he said. "And they won't know unless we tell them."

### Shipwrecked Concordia hauled upright after daylong operation, damaged side must be stabilized

GIGLIO ISLAND, Italy (AP) — Engineers declared success on Tuesday as the Costa Concordia cruise ship was pulled completely upright during an unprecedented, 19-hour operation to wrench it from its side where it capsized last year off Tuscany. The remarkable project now allows for a renewed search for the two bodies that were never recovered from the 32 dead, and for the ship to eventually be towed away.

The Concordia's submerged side suffered significant damage during the 20 months it bore the weight of the Concordia on the jagged reef, and the daylong operation to right it stressed that flank as well. Exterior balconies were mangled and entire sections looked warped, though officials said the damage probably looks worse than it really is.

The damage must be repaired to stabilize the ship so it can withstand the coming winter, when seas and winds will whip the liner, and be towed to be turned into scrap sometime in 2014.

Shortly after 4 a.m., a foghorn boomed off Giglio Island and the head of Italy's Civil Protection agency, Franco Gabrielli, announced that the ship had reached vertical and that the operation to rotate it — known in nautical terms as parbuckling — was complete. It was a dramatic operation that unfolded in real time as TV cameras recorded the final hours when the rotation accelerated with gravity pulling the ship into place.

"We completed the parbuckling operation a few minutes ago the way we thought it would happen and the way we hoped it would happen," said Franco Porcellacchia, project manager for the Concordia's owner, Costa Crociere SpA.

### Navy Yard shooting reignites gun talk, but revival of gun control bills remains elusive

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deadly shooting in the heart of the nation's capital has reignited talk about guns, but it's uncertain whether the tragedy will revive a legislative debate that has gone cold in the face of opposition from Second Amendment supporters.

The case for increased gun control has become increasingly difficult, evidenced by the National Rifle Association-backed recall of two Colorado legislators who supported stricter laws and President Barack Obama's powerlessness to pass his legislation.

As Senate office buildings were closed to visitors Monday following the shooting at the Washington Navy Yard, lawmakers from both sides of the debate offered sympathy for the victims. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a leading advocate for tougher gun control in the Senate, issued a call to action to stop "the litany of massacres."

"When will enough be enough?" the California Democrat said in a written statement. "Congress must stop shirking its responsibility and resume a

thoughtful debate on gun violence in this country. We must do more to stop this endless loss of life."

For Obama, it was at least the seventh mass shooting of his presidency, and he wearily mourned the victims while speaking at the White House.

### New Miss America, an Indian-American, resonates as symbol of nation's promise and change

"Miss America is evolving. And she's not going to look the same anymore."

So predicted Nina Davuluri during her quest to become the first Indian-American winner of the quintessential American beauty pageant. Then Davuluri backed it up by whirling through a Bollywood dance in a sari, baring her nut-brown skin in a bikini, and championing the kind of diversity that made her milestone seem inevitable.

So why did her victory make such a splash among those who rarely pay attention to the contest, when America already has its fair share of Indian-American governors, CEOs, scientists, actors and other high achievers?

For many Americans of Indian heritage, it showed the unique promise of America, the way the nation and its new immigrants are responding to each other — and the challenges that remain as America changes in deeper ways than black and white.

Amardeep Singh, an English professor at Lehigh University, said that Miss America is a symbol of national identity, who represents the society as a whole. So when an Indian woman wins, "that really resonates."

### AP-NORC Center poll highlights Americans' two views on civil liberties, terrorism

When it comes to the balance between civil liberties and the war on terrorism, Americans seem to want the best of both worlds.

By an almost 20-point margin in a recent poll, they say it's more important for the government to protect the rights and freedoms of citizens than to keep the public safe from terrorism. Yet by an equally large margin, they say it is sometimes necessary to sacrifice rights and freedoms in order to stop terrorists.

Those findings, from a survey released last week by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, highlight the public's ambivalence when it comes to the war on terror.

The revelation of massive government surveillance via National Security Agency documents released to the media by Edward Snowden caused just a small shift in the public's preference toward rights over safety, yet majorities still want both. An AP-NORC Center poll in 2011, before Snowden, found that 54 percent said the government should prioritize the protection of rights and freedoms, while 64 percent said it was sometimes necessary to sacrifice those freedoms.

After Snowden, 58 percent say protect rights, and 59 percent say it's sometimes necessary to sacrifice them.

But the majorities on either side mask a divided public.

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## Storms leave 38 dead in Mexico

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Twin storms left scenes of havoc on both of Mexico's coasts on Tuesday, with tens of thousands of tourists stranded in resort city of Acapulco on the Pacific and heavy damage reported along the Gulf coast.

The death toll from the combined punch of Hurricane Ingrid and Tropical Storm Manuel rose from 34 to 38 overnight, according to Mexico's federal Civil Protection coordinator, Luis Felipe Puente.

As many as 60,000 tourists, many of whom trav-

eled from Mexico City for a long holiday weekend, found themselves stranded in Acapulco, with the airport flooded and highways blocked by landslides and water caused by Manuel. Much of the city was without water or power service, and television images showed water knee-deep around the check-in counters of the city's airport.

Officials worked overnight in efforts to open the highway and airport, and food and relief supplies into the resort city of more than 800,000.

"It has been very difficult, because all means of access have been cut off," Puente told the Televisa network. President Enrique Pena Nieto toured the disaster zone on Monday and ordered efforts to reopen the highway that connects the port city to Mexico City.

The Guerrero state government said 40,000

tourists were stuck in the city, while the head of the local chamber of business owners said reports from hotels indicated the number could be as high as 60,000.

Natividad Gallegos, who lives in the low-income periphery of the city, said she returned from shopping Monday to find house buried by a landslide from a neighboring hill.

"When I got home I saw a lot of strangers with picks and shovels, digging where my house used to be," she said.

She said she lost six members of her family in the landslide, including her two children.

Jorge Luis Ramos Ezcurdia, 45, said he drove to Acapulco from Mexico City for the three-day Independence Day weekend with nine other people and found himself still unable to leave Tuesday morning, when all were supposed to be back at work.

### 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.

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Two Bites Are Better Than One

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 10 8 3  
♥ A K 7 4  
♦ J 7 2  
♣ 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 6 5  
♥ 10 8 5 2  
♦ 10 9 4  
♣ K 9 3

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

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

Opening lead — five of clubs.

When several different methods of play are available, declarer should of course try to select the one that will give him the greatest chance for success. But in making his choice, declarer can sometimes combine two methods of play in such a way that, if one fails, he still has the other to fall back on.

Consider this deal where West leads a club against three notrump. South takes East's king with the ace and must decide whether to tackle spades or diamonds next. One possibility is to lead the jack of spades and

finesse in the hope that West has the queen (a 50 percent chance). This yields at least nine tricks whenever the queen is in the West hand.

Another possible approach is to first cash the A-K of diamonds in the hope of catching the doubleton queen (a 27 percent chance). Superficially, it might therefore seem more attractive to tackle spades rather than diamonds (50 percent versus 27 percent), but actually it is not. The reason is that South can combine both methods of play by first cashing the A-K of diamonds.

If the doubleton queen appears, South leads another diamond to the jack, and, with the queen of clubs still in his hand as an entry, he has nine sure tricks. If both opponents follow low on the A-K of diamonds, South still has time to tackle the spade suit, thus giving himself two bites at the apple.

Note that declarer cannot reverse the procedure by playing spades first, planning to switch to diamonds if the jack of spades loses to the queen. In that case, East would return a club, driving out South's queen, and declarer would then have no entry to reach his last two diamonds after he played the A-K and caught the doubleton queen.

When there are two suits declarer can tackle, the order in which he tackles them is frequently of critical importance.

Tomorrow: Too many enemies.

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# Lady Steers top Seminole, Classical beats CHS

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The fledgling Bulldogette volleyball team has already notched two wins this season. Which may not sound too impressive, but considering the Class AA school has never had a volleyball program in its history and Head Coach Jessica Weynand's team is comprised of mostly underclassmen, it's not a bad start.

"Winning games was a little unexpected," Weynand said. "But that's the goal every game, to go out there and win. That's the mindset we need to have."

Now 2-8, Coahoma lost to Midland Classical Saturday (14-25, 17-25, 8-25), but Weynand believes her squad played a solid match against a respected area program.

"We lost in three, but we did some good things," Weynand explained. "We got some good blocks, some good kills, but we kind of fell apart in the end. We start passing and serving a little bit better, we should be able to hang with them down the road."

More than trying to rack up wins this season, Weynand is building for the future.

"We're a young team," she said. "Right now, my



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Big Spring's Stevi Ward (top) passes the ball during Saturday's win over Seminole. The Lady Steers will be take on Water Valley today. Coahoma's Julia Castilaw (bottom) hits the ball over the net during Saturday's loss to Midland Classical on Saturday.



# Bengals drop Steelers to 0-2

CINCINNATI (AP) — The balance of power is shifting in the AFC North.

Burning back Giovani Bernard scored his first two NFL touchdowns on Monday night, and the Cincinnati Bengals beat the struggling Pittsburgh Steelers 20-10, an early sign of a change in the division's ranks.

At 0-2 for the first time in 11 years, the Steelers no longer seem to be one of

the North's heavyweights. And the Bengals (1-1) have a lot going for them with an influx of rookies who are changing their offense significantly.

On Monday night, those rookies made their first impression on an old rival.

"It's AFC North football, man," Bengals left tackle Andrew Whitworth said.

"It's physical. It's nasty, getting after each other. We were in a situation at

the end of the game where we were trying to run the ball to win it and eat up the clock. We were getting after it."

And the Steelers?

"We have work to do," coach Mike Tomlin said. "We aren't going to hide from that fact. We are going to embrace it and accept it, and understand that there is some misery that comes from the

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underclassmen are starting to get it. They are starting to connect with it and believe in the game. They're working hard and in a couple of years, we could be a good volleyball program and that's exciting to be a part of."

CHS volleyball will be on the road tonight taking on Loraine. Varsity is set for 6 p.m.

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The Lady Steers improved to 18-9 for the season with a win over Seminole on Saturday. Big Spring opened strong, taking the first set 25-13, then edging the Lady Indians 25-22 and 25-22 in the second and third sets.

The freshmen and junior varsity teams were off Saturday, but all three squads will return to action today in Water Valley.

Freshmen are slated to play at 5 p.m., with junior varsity and varsity taking the court at 7 p.m.

### Individual stats

**Setters:** Kinsey Wash, 18 assists, 2 aces, 2 digs; Morgan Seaton, 12 assists, 8 kills, 5 aces, 5 digs, 4 blocks.

**Offense:** Kelsie Guinn, 8 kills, 6 blocks, 2 digs, 1 assist; Stevi Ward, 12 digs, 7 kills; Erin Pollard, 6 kills, 3 digs, 1 assist.

**Defense:** Julianna Rodriguez, 17 digs, 2 aces, 1 kill, 1 assist; Ebony Zavala, 9 digs, 4 kills, 3 aces.

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# Rangers fall to Rays, hit seven-game skid

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — With a seventh straight loss Monday night, the Texas Rangers' playoff position is getting more tenuous.

"It's pretty tough right now," said shortstop Elvis Andrus after a 6-2 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.

"Definitely things aren't going our way. We're tired, but we've got to keep playing. That's the only way we'll get out of this."

Texas remained a half-game ahead of Cleveland for the second AL wild-card spot.

Rookie Wil Myers homered and had three RBIs, Alex Cobb pitched eight solid innings, and the Rays took the lead for the first wild-card spot with a 6-2 victory.

Myers had a second-inning solo shot and hit a two-run double during a four-run fifth inning. Cobb (9-3) allowed two runs, six hits, one walk and had 10 strikeouts.

Matt Garza (9-6) gave up six runs and eight hits over 4 1-3 innings to lose his third straight start for the Rangers, who are 2-12 in September.

"I was falling behind in counts, and when you do that, obviously things aren't going to go your way," said Garza, who gave up five straight hits to his former team in a four-run fifth inning.

"It doesn't matter who I'm against. It's my team that I care

about," he said. "My job is to help us get to October and I'm still going to keep trying, keep pushing and get ready in five days. There's no quick fixes, no easy answers."

The big fifth inning left the Rays with a 6-2 lead, and Texas got only two men on base after that.

Texas had pulled even at 2 during the fifth when Mitch Moreland, mired in an 0 for 22 slide, doubled and scored on Ian Kinsler's double. Kinsler was caught attempting to steal third to end the inning.

Cobb retired the first nine Rangers before Kinsler doubled to start the fourth. But after advancing to third on a sacrifice bunt by Andrus, Kinsler got tagged out during a rundown on Alex Rios' grounder to third.

"He was just being Ian," manager Ron Washington said of Kinsler's base running misfortunes. "Cobb had sort of an odd delivery to the plate; (Kinsler) was just trying to maybe force a balk, but once he went down the line as far as he did, he should have kept going. He just reacted wrong."

As for the losing streak that has put the Rangers' season in jeopardy, Washington said he's frustrated.

"I don't think the dictionary or the encyclopedia or the

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll deal in this conundrum today: Struggling to prove your deservedness really only proves that you believe you don't deserve it. Believe in your worth, and the struggle ends.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The phone will keep buzzing, and the emails

will keep rolling in — that's just modern life. Don't be bullied by your devices. You're still in charge. Just because it rings or dings doesn't mean you have to respond.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Some people can sit and do nothing at all. You rarely see the value in this, and you see laziness as a fault, not a skill. However, there is great benefit to doing nothing at all for a stretch of today.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You will notice the energy that's directed at you, as you are very attractive to people who are outside of your circle. You may talk and open up a bit, but remain protective of your time. It's a most valuable resource.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). People seem to expect something from you that is different from what you'd like to give — a clue that you may be mismatched to your environment. The way to find out is to explore a bit and see whether things aren't better "over there."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may do nontraditional things with your loved one from time to time, but your relationship itself is quite traditional in terms of the role you expect each other to play. This works

extremely well for you now.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is always a simple solution and the hard way. Being relaxed helps you see and apply the simple solution. If you are not relaxed, you'll notice only the hard way and mistakenly assume it's the only route.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's one thing to be surprised by a sudden bout of good fortune and quite another to expect it. The latter is demotivating. If you're going to give someone a gift, let it be a surprise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a fast learner. You may get it wrong once, but you won't get it wrong the same way twice. You'll switch tactics at least three times before the day is over.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to be independent, but someone will offer to help you, and you will seem like an ingrate if you don't take that help. This is a legitimate assist. And don't worry — if it works out, it will still be you doing the work.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you can be still inside yourself, you will be protected from the chaos of the world. It will swirl around you, but you won't be swept up in the

momentum. You'll be the eye of the storm.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who have not been well taken care of by their families value loyalty just as much as others do. Have patience with those who are still learning the power of allegiance.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 17). A special someone will help you understand and use your talents. October brings a career breakthrough. Spend many hours fully fleshing out your ideas before you share them with a potential team in November. You'll find a benefactor in December. Family events forward joint interests in 2014. Gemini and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 22, 13, 29 and 48.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I don't understand what I'm doing wrong. My boss seems to hate me. She's a Scorpio, and I'm a 23-year-old Pisces guy. I do everything she wants and more, and she still seems to favor my far less helpful colleague. How can I win her favor and possibly the management position that is opening up next month?"

Consider applying the Franklin effect to this relationship. Benjamin Franklin said, "He that has once done you a

kindness will be more ready to do you another than he whom you yourself have obliged." It may seem counterintuitive, but people tend to like those they have helped more than those who have helped them. This explains why your boss is so fond of your colleague. You could get your Scorpio boss on your side by asking her for help. Why not ask her directly for career advice? For instance: "What would it take for someone like me to be ready for a position in management? I'd love your insight about this." Or: "Would you help me understand the company culture a little better? I'd love to hear about your experiences and any advice you think might help."

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Mia Talerico has been a Disney star since she toddled onto the set of "Good Luck Charlie" at 11 months old. This Virgo may still be too young to know whether the acting life is for her, but a balance of Virgo and Libra planets assures that she gets satisfaction from doing a good job and making on-set friendships. Virgo energy inspires a can-do attitude, and Libra energy thrives in social settings.

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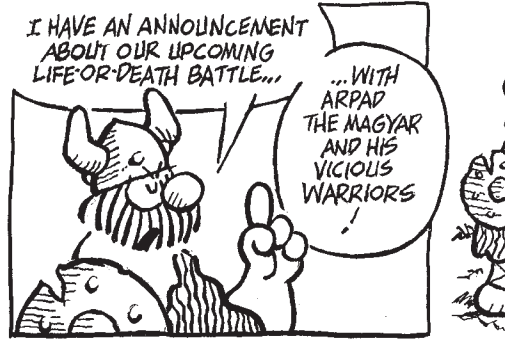
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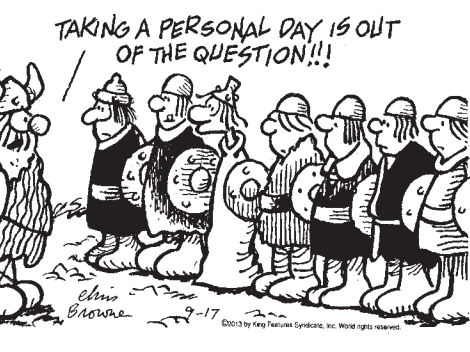


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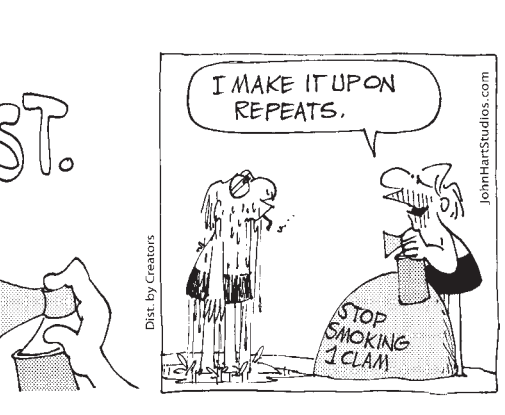
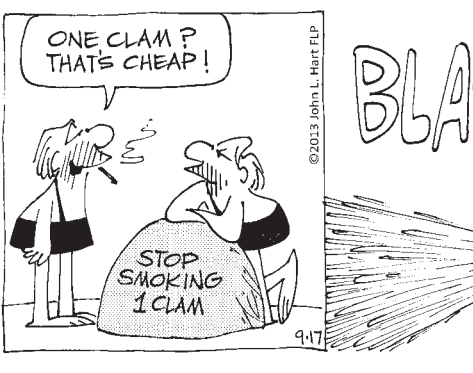
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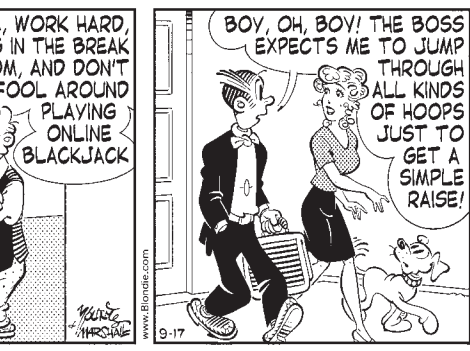
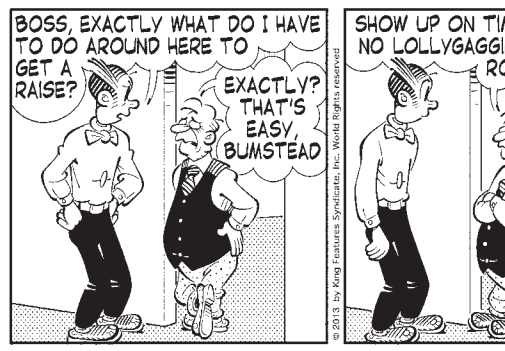
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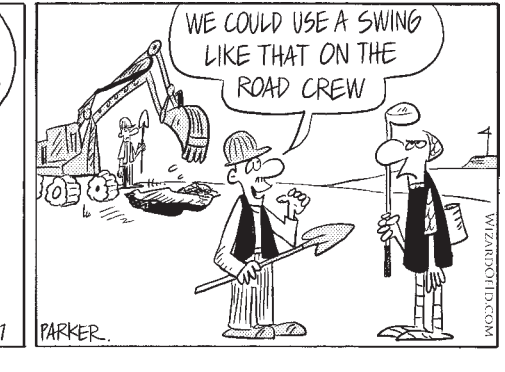
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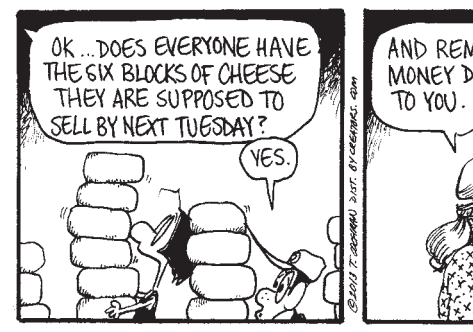
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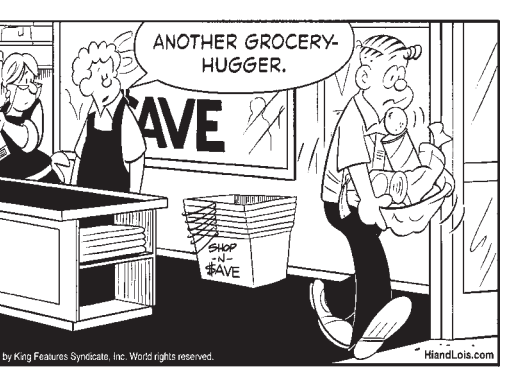
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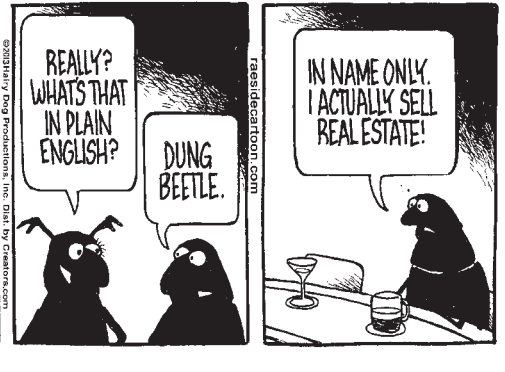
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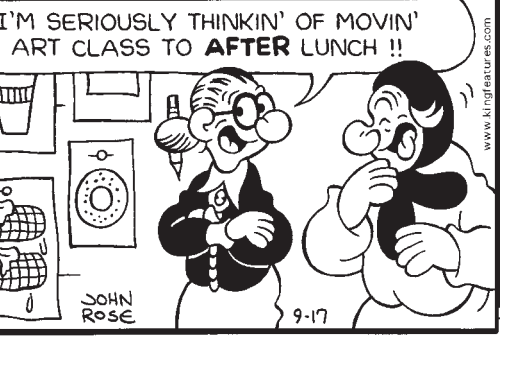
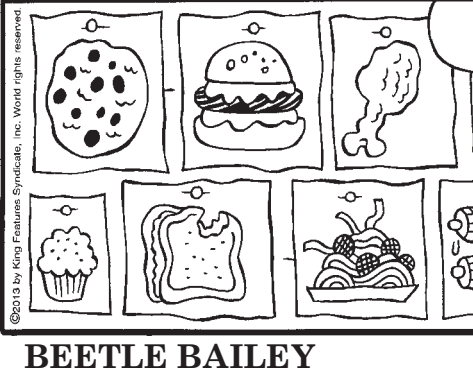
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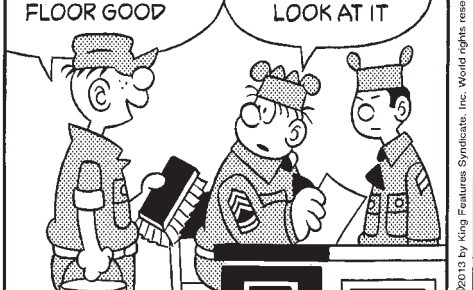
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 17, the 260th day of 2013. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 17, 1862, more than 3,600 men were killed, many more wounded, captured or left missing, in the Civil War Battle of Antietam (an-TEE'-tum) in Maryland; although the battle itself proved inconclusive, it effectively halted the Confederates' advance into Maryland.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1908, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge of the U.S. Army Signal Corps became the first person to die in the crash of a powered aircraft, the Wright Flyer, at Fort Myer, Va., just outside Washington, D.C.

In 1911, Calbraith P. Rodgers

set off from Sheepshead Bay, N.Y., aboard a Wright biplane in an attempt to become the first flier to travel the width of the United States. (The 49-day journey required 69 stops before ending in Pasadena, Calif.)

In 1937, the likeness of President Abraham Lincoln's head was dedicated at Mount Rushmore.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

In 1947, James V. Forrestal was sworn in as the first U.S. Secretary of Defense.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev traveled by train from Washington, D.C., to New York City, where he received a low-key welcome from New Yorkers. A groundbreaking ceremony was held for Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

In 1962, U.S. space officials announced the selection of nine new astronauts, including Neil A. Armstrong, who became the first man to step onto the moon.

In 1971, citing health reasons, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, 85, retired. (Black, who

was succeeded by Lewis F. Powell Jr., died eight days after making his announcement.)

In 1972, the Korean War comedy-drama "M-A-S-H" premiered on CBS.

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Huddleston is 83. Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, is 80. Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 74. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 78. Retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 70.

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- 1 Portugal neighbor
  - 6 Take down (humble)
  - 10 Commercial on the tube
  - 14 Perform better than
  - 15 Odometer measure
  - 16 Make angry
  - 17 What Noah built the Ark for
  - 18 Midterm, for one
  - 19 Computer-screen image
  - 20 Fruity discards
  - 22 Movers' trucks
  - 23 Noisy commotion
  - 24 Come into view
  - 26 Uses a scrub brush
  - 30 Turn on one foot
  - 32 "That's a shame!"
  - 33 Cowboy contest
  - 34 Ship's distress call
  - 37 Fruity discards
  - 41 Undercover agent
  - 42 Thumbs-up votes
  - 43 Bothersome task
  - 44 Benches and chairs
  - 45 Portrait holders
  - 47 Lend a hand
  - 50 Pigeon sound
  - 51 Healthful resorts
  - 52 Fruity discards
  - 59 Add a bit of color to
  - 60 Mystical glow
  - 61 Point toward
  - 62 Suffix for major
  - 63 Venetian-blind part
- DOWN**
- 1 Living-room furniture
  - 2 Solid part of orange juice
  - 3 On the summit of
  - 4 Much-admired celebrity
  - 5 Spouse's denial
  - 6 Response to "Are not!"
  - 7 Ship's docking spot
  - 8 "So what is new?"
  - 9 Takes revenge
  - 10 Hot-dish holder
  - 11 Parish priest (en route)
  - 12 the way
  - 13 Heavy, as fog
  - 21 Some S&L accounts
  - 25 Dairy-farm sounds
  - 26 Wood-cutting tools
  - 27 Applaud
  - 28 Tasting like
  - 29 Take advantage of
  - 30 Fishing rods
  - 31 Altar vows
  - 33 Take a breather
  - 34 Stitched clothing line
  - 35 Garfield dog
  - 36 Nine-digit IDs
  - 38 Some bakery loaves
  - 39 Butcher shop display unit
  - 40 Clean-air org.
  - 44 Title for a nun
  - 45 In favor of
  - 46 Kings and queens
  - 47 Daisy look-alike
  - 48 Ill will
  - 49 Thanksgiving parade VIP
  - 50 Shipping container
  - 53 Luau dance
  - 54 Chapters of history
  - 55 Pharmacy caplet
  - 56 "If be so bold..."
  - 57 Domesticated
  - 58 Marquee name

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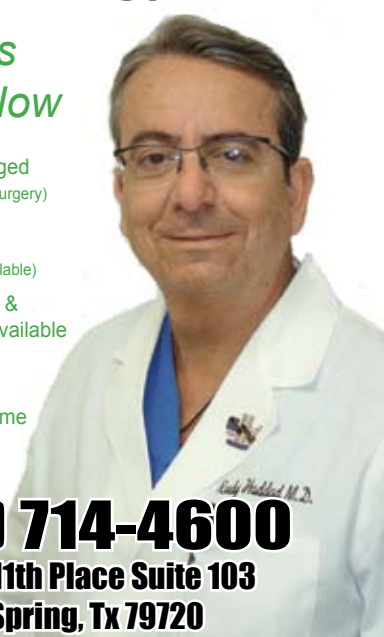
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# Cueto solid in return, Reds down Astros, 6-1

HOUSTON (AP) — Dusty Baker had his fingers crossed that Johnny Cueto would be OK in his return from a long stint on the disabled list on Monday night.

After the fifth inning, the manager could breathe a sigh of relief with his ace done for the night after a solid outing.

Cueto threw five scoreless innings and Zack Cozart homered and drove in four runs to help the

Reds to a 6-1 win over the Houston Astros.

Pitching for the first time since straining the muscle below his right shoulder on June 28, Cueto (5-2) allowed five hits and struck out five with one walk for the win.

Cincinnati moved five games ahead of Washington for second NL wild card.

Houston manager Bo Porter

said Cueto certainly didn't look like someone who hadn't pitched since June.

"(When) a guy misses a lot of time you think to yourself that maybe he's going to be rusty, maybe he's going to have a hard time finding the strike zone," Porter said. "But he didn't have any of those little effects."

Erik Bedard allowed four hits and four runs in four innings.

## MNF

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position we are in right now."

Five things we learned from their first meeting of the season:

**1. BENGALS HAVE THE UPPER HAND:** They defeated the Steelers at Heinz Field last December to beat them out for the final wild-card spot, and now have beaten them twice in

a row for the first time since 2009. They piled up 407 yards on offense — 127 on the ground — and held the ball for more than 35 minutes. Their defense limited the Steelers to 44 yards rushing. The numbers suggest there's a growing gap between the old Steelers and young Bengals, though they're not quite ready to proclaim it. "This doesn't define anything until you look back at the end of the year," coach Marvin Lewis said.

**2. THE NEW GUYS MAKE CINCINNATI DANGEROUS:** First-round pick Tyler Eifert caught a 61-yard pass that set up Bernard's 7-yard touchdown run. The second-round pick from North Carolina got his second TD on his own, taking a short pass from Andy Dalton for a 27-yard score. Dalton has a lot of options now with a tight end who can move around the

field and a running back who can catch it and make 'em miss. "A lot of weapons, man," All-Pro receiver A.J. Green said. "That's the biggest thing."

**3. STEELERS ARE HURTING:** They managed only 32 yards on the ground during an opening 16-9 loss to Tennessee at Heinz Field. Pro Bowl center Maurkice Pouncey was lost for the season with a knee injury in that one. Fernando Velasco, signed a week earlier, started in his place Monday, and the Steelers didn't do much better, gaining only 44 yards on the ground. They failed to get a first down on seven of their 12 possessions, which kept their defense from getting much rest. "There's not a lot of positives going on right now," said quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who was 20 of 37 for 251 yards with one touchdown and a deflected interception.

"We can't start doubting each other. Right now, there's a general feeling of being upset."

**4. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT DEFENSE?** Pittsburgh's success has been built on its defense, which was No. 1 in the NFL last season but has played out of character in the back-to-back losses. Tennessee committed to running the ball in the opener and picked up 112 yards. The Bengals ran for 127, most of them in the second half when they were putting the game away. The offense's repeated three-and-out series are putting a lot of pressure on the defense, but coverage breakdowns have been involved, too. "We do have to be a lot more sound," safety Ryan Clark said. "If we don't, this is going to keep happening."

**5. HARRISON WASN'T A FACTOR:** A lot of the attention was on Bengals linebacker James Harrison playing his former team for the first time. He didn't have a tackle or a sack, and gave Roethlisberger a hug on the field afterward — the closest he got to the quarterback all night. "We just talked," Harrison said.

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thesaurus have the word I am right now," he said. "I'm not frustrated, I'm confused. I'm trying to figure out what we have to do to jump-start this offense. It's shown throughout the year that it's capable; we just haven't been able to get it done."

The Rangers have not homered during the seven-game losing streak, and they have scored two runs or fewer in eight of their past 15 games.

"It's either bad calls or we didn't execute, something different every night," Andrus said. "Maybe if we go out there and get a win, everything will change. In the end, it's about trying to find a way to win a game."

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