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Kasi Allen, left, and Donna Menges of Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafters Guild, stand before a lavender flower and butterfly quilt, created for a fund-raiser set for 1 p.m. Nov. 1. Tickets for the quilt are \$1 apiece or six for \$5 dollars and are available at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. The quilt is on display at the museum.

Local quilting guild stitching to assist Allison Cancer Center

By LYNDEL MOODY

Herald Reporter
Crafted with love and patience, a local quilters club is offering up one of its creations in an effort to raise funds for the Allison Cancer Center in Midland, Texas.

One person will go home with a flower and butterfly quilt at 1 p.m. Nov. 1, which is currently on display at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. Tickets are available at the museum and are \$1 apiece or six for \$5 dollars.

"The funds from this quilt will go to purchase the batting and the backing for a cancer awareness quilt that we are in the process of making right now," said Donna Menges of the Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafter's Guild. "We welcome people to make a square for this new quilt. If you know someone who has cancer, someone who had cancer and died or if you know someone who is cancer free, we asking for the community to come in and

help us remember them." According to club president Jeannie VandeWeerd, members hope to garner enough community participation to create a king-size quilt and possibly more lap quilts which will be given to Allison Cancer Center patients who are undergoing chemotherapy.

"It gets very cold in the waiting room," VandeWeerd said. "I have never had

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Group questions BSISD trustees' accountability

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Worried about the path public education in Big Spring may be headed, a group of citizens have organized in an effort to place more accountability on school district officials and bolster community participation.

"There is a growing concern across the community that the school board is acting without any sense of accountability for the actions it takes," said Namiqa Shipman, spokesperson for the Big Spring Citizens for Excellence in Education. "There is a concern over the way the hiring of the interim superintendent was handled. There is a growing worry and concern that the school board has no intention of conducting a search for a permanent superintendent, and we feel like the needs of the district are so very great that not just anybody can waltz in here

"You can't recruit professionals to come to Big Spring. They don't want to move their families here because they don't want to put their children in Big Spring schools."



—Namiqa Shipman

and do the job. We feel like that a comprehensive search needs to take place".

The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at 707 Scurry St. — the house next door to Leonard's Pharmacy. The meeting is open to the public.

Chris Wigington, former Big Spring Independent School

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Voter ID help set Friday, Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Representatives from True the Vote, a national voters' rights organization, will be in Big Spring later this week to raise public awareness of Texas' new voter ID requirement.

Texas Secretary of State and the Department of Public Safety officials are going to set up two mobile stations to help people obtain an Election Identification Certificate free of charge Friday and Saturday.

Those wanting to cast a vote in the November election will for the first time have to present an approved form of identification.

True the Vote representatives plan to visit various community establishments to raise awareness and di-

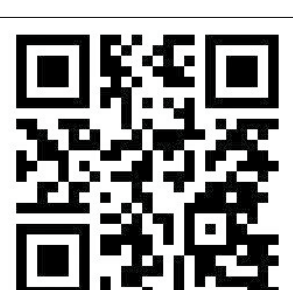
rect voters in need to mobile locations, said organization spokesperson Logan Churchwell.

The mobile stations will be set up at the Howard County Road and Bridge office, 1000 N. San Antonio, and the county elections office on the first floor of the county courthouse, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Acceptable forms of photo ID are:

- Texas driver's license.
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (issued by Department of Public Safety).

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Texas gasoline prices take a slight dip again

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.07 per gallon Sunday, according to

GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.37/g, according to gasoline price website Gas-

Buddy.com.

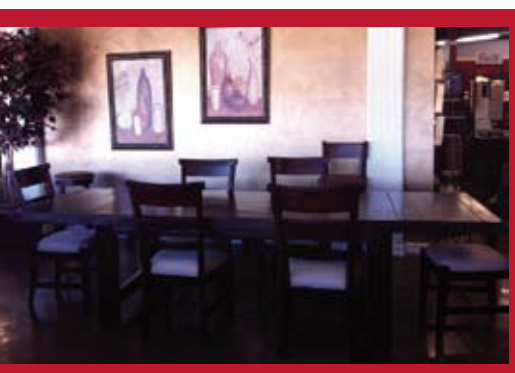
Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 43.7 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 21.8 cents per gal-

lon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 17.9 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 40.7 cents per gallon

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Obituaries

James 'Fats' Johnson



James "Fats" Johnson, 68, of Big Spring, Texas, died Thursday Oct. 10, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Holston Banks and Marcos Zuniga officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born April 24, 1945, in Waxahachie, Texas, to Lula Mae and Roland "Stoney" Johnson. He was a longtime resident of Howard County. He was baptized Nov. 22, 1981, at College Baptist Church and loved cooking. He was a cook and restaurant owner in Big Spring for many years. He worked at the Wagon Wheel Drive-in, Downtown Tea Room, the 66 Truck stop and the Pancake Patio. He was also a partner in Western Sizzler Steak House. He later owned Fat's Buffett downtown and on Elev-

Charles D. Herring Jr.



Charles D. Herring, Jr., 96, of Big Spring, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013, at the Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel with the Rev. Bill Ivins, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

He was born Oct. 8, 1917, in Big Spring, Texas and married Mozelle James July 5, 1941, in Big

Spring, Texas.

Charles was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1934. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and worked for Cosden Refinery for 42 years, retiring as a shift forman.

Elmer Lee Yarbrough



Elmer Lee Yarbrough, 78, of Forsan, Texas, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Darren Weaver and Derrick Looney, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday,

Oct. 15, 2013, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 28, 1934, in Stamford and married Loretta Turner Nov. 6, 1959, in Big Spring, Texas.

Mr. Yarbrough was a long time resident of Howard County. He served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959. Lee worked for Forsan Oil Company from 1959 to 1973. He then started his own business, Lee Yarbrough Construction, retiring in March 2010. After retirement he continued to do contract pumping for various oil companies. He

Vinnie Joan Mosley



Vinnie Joan Mosley left this earth to her eternal heavenly home with Jesus on Oct. 13, 2013. Affectionately called "Nanny," she loved gardening and her cats (or any other stray cat, deer, raccoon, fox, etc. that showed up in her yard.)

Joan was born on July 10, 1929, in DeLeon, Texas, to Jim and Parolee Foster. She graduated from Carbon High School in 1946, amongst a senior class of eight. She graduated from Tarleton University in 1969. She retired from teaching at Burnet CISD in 1989.

Joan married Paul Mosley, Jr., on May 29, 1947. She is survived by three children, Mike Mosley and his wife Debbie, of Pasadena, Calif., Viki Gregory and her husband Gene Sproston of Missouri City, and Denise Love and husband Frank of Burnet. She is also survived by one sister, Edith Kelly of Midland, Texas. Her grandchildren are Dawn Mosley, Chris Mosley, Staci Stewart and husband Thomas, Courtney Gregory, Riki Campbell and husband Foy, and Shane Love and wife Skyler. Her great-grandchildren are Madi Wright, Sadie Campbell,

enth Place.

He is survived by one daughter: Connie Cynthia Mitchell of Big Spring; five sons: James Earl Johnson, Jr., of Big Spring, Jackie Johnson and Joe Johnson both of Odessa, Texas, Johnny Johnson and Jimmy Johnson both of Big Spring; his mother, Lula Mae Green Johnson of Pflugerville, Texas; two brothers Robert Earl Johnson of Pflugerville and John Paul Garza of Big Spring; five sisters: Edna Mae Brown of Fort Worth, Texas, Ruby Miles of Odessa, Vernie Lou Gossett of Killeen, Texas, Lee Altus Garland of Odessa, Larette Harris of Pflugerville; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father Roland "Stoney" Johnson in 1987; two brothers Tommy "T.J. Jewelz" Johnson in 2011 and Marvin C. Johnson in 2012; his mother-in-law Inez Garza in 2011 and one sister Virginia Anne Johnson.

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He was a member of First United Methodist Church and was also a member of Staked Plains Lodge #598 A.F. & A.M. and the Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife, Mozelle Herring of Big Spring; a grandson, Brian Mathews of Tampa, Fla.; and nephew, Mike Turner of Colorado Springs, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles D. and Della Dean Herring; one son, Charles Anthony "Tony" Herring; a brother, William Herring; two sisters, Mildred Turner and Irene "Tommie" Herring; and a granddaughter, Toynette Herring.

The family suggests memorials be made to Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Ave., Waco, Texas 76708.

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

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was an avid fisherman and enjoyed his grandchildren. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Yarbrough of Forsan; three sons, Gerald Yarbrough and wife, Susie of Midland, Texas, Darrell Yarbrough and wife, Wanda of Colorado City, Texas, and Mark Yarbrough and wife, Tiffany of Big Spring; two sisters, LaVerne Dean and husband, A.J. and Barbara Morgan, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Preston Yarbrough and wife, Norma of Eastland, Texas, and Leslie Yarbrough and wife, Kathy of San Angelo, Texas; eight grandchildren, Sarah Yarbrough Rook, JoHanna Yarbrough, Morgan Yarbrough, Meagan Hensley, Stormy Emery, Rhonda Goddin, Walker Stendabach and Sabrina Melson; five great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, JoNelle McWhorter of Abilene and a brother-in-law, Gilbert Turner and wife, Claudia of Bangs, Texas.

The family suggests memorials be made to Forsan Baptist Church, P.O. Box 234, Forsan, Texas 79733.

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Korbin Campbell, Cade Stewart, Owen Stewart, and Quinn Stewart. Joan was preceded in death by her husband Paul Mosley, Jr., parents Jim and Parolee Foster and numerous extended family members.

The family would like to thank Seton Highland Lakes ER staff, Seton Williamson County ICU staff, Seton Home Health and Hospice, Dr. Charles Franz, Rene Funkhouser, and the staff at Seton Highland Lakes Medical Clinic for all their compassionate care of Nanny during her long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

A visitation for Joan will be held Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 on Oct. 16, 2013, at Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at Hill Country Fellowship Church with Pastor Rodney McGee officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Frank Love, Shane Love, Gene Sproston, Foy Campbell, Chris Mosley and Thomas Stewart.

The family has asked that in lieu of usual remembrances, donations be made to Seton Highland Lakes Hospice. Condolences may be offered to www.clementswilcoxburnet.com.

Arrangements made by Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home Burnet, Texas.

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Alvis Kenneth Harry



Funeral services for Alvis Kenneth Harry, 78, of North Richland Hills will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, at Shady Grove Baptist Church with Dr. Bill Weaver to officiate. Burial will follow at Smithfield Cemetery. Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Alvis Harry, loving husband, father granddad and friend entered his heavenly home Oct. 14, 2013.

He was born Jan. 26, 1935, to S.M. and Faye Woods Harry in Lamesa, Texas. He worked construction many years and retired from Birdville Independent School District in 2001.

He had a passion for riding, roping, R.V. camping, fishing, woodworking, going to the mountains, his family, friends, his Lord and Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 57 years, Reba Harry, son, Russell Harry and his wife Camille Smith, daughters, Kenda Baxter and her husband Stephen, Angela Sanchez and her husband Eddie, granddaughters Salina Sanchez, Karmen Gillingham, Lorelei Smith, Sierra Sanchez and Wayne Carroll, Selicia Sanchez and Elvis Skipper and Chelsea and Shaun Bolen. Alvis is preceded in death by his parents and brother Ancel Harry.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Community Hospice of Texas, 6100 Western Place, Suite 105 Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

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Vivian Kerr



Vivian Kerr, 53, of Big Spring, Texas died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Private family services will be at a later date.

She was born Jan. 12, 1960, at Tahoka, Texas, to Jimeree and Robert Permenter. She was a lifetime resident of Howard and Glasscock counties. She was a Baptist and a homemaker. She married Kenneth Kerr Aug. 15, 1980, in Big

Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Kerr of Big Spring; one daughter, Melissa Kerr of Big Spring; one son, Robert Kerr of Big Spring; one sister, Jo Ann Permenter and her husband, Jack Harvell, of Big Spring; one nephew, James Clark, of Big Spring who was like a son; two nieces, Crystal Eckerly, of San Diego, Calif., and Stephanie Harvell of Big Spring; one great-nephew, Jackson Robert Eckerly; three great-nieces, Sarah Abigail Eckerly, Emma Hazel Eckerly and Kinsley Rae Kirby.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Ruby Langford Fowler



Ruby Langford Fowler passed away peacefully, Oct. 10, 2013. Ruby was born Oct. 2, 1928, in Sterling City, Texas, to Jesse J. Langford and Samantha Davis Langford, both deceased. Brother Marvin Langford also predeceases her.

Ruby is survived by daughter, Linda Fowler Davis; sons,

Woodie Fowler and wife Bonnie and James Kenneth (Ken) Fowler and wife Cherish; sister, Lee Fulton and husband Richard; grandchildren, Natalie Davis Mueller and husband Bryan, Lesley Davis Harrison and husband Chad, Kirk Fowler, Katelyn Fowler and Jordann Fowler; great-grandchildren, Korey Fowler, Nicholas Mueller, Bennett Mueller and William Harrison; niece, Cynthia Nielson; and nephew, Ran-

dall Fulton.

Ruby was employed many years at Bob Brock Ford as bookkeeper/office manager. She was organist at Crestview Baptist Church and in later years, pianist at Calvary Baptist Church.

The family extends a special thank you to the staffs of Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center, Susan; Crossroads Hospice, Barnaby; Scenic Mountain Medical Center; and Calvary Baptist Church, the Rev. Herb McPherson and all church members.

The family requests any memorial tributes for Ruby to be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 S. Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Police

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

- SEANTHOMASSMITH, 22, of 1203 North FM 700, was arrested Monday on a charge of murder.

- CRYSTAL LEE CALDERON, 31, of 803 East 18th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to identify – fugitive give false information and a warrant from another agency.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 600 block of Holbert.

- THEFT was reported at

the 200 block of West FM 700.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 2500 block of South Gregg.

- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1100 block of South Gregg.

Monday's Sheriff's Office and EMS reports will be posted in Wednesday's edition of the Herald.

BSISD

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District secondary curriculum director, has been serving as the interim superintendent for the district since the end of August, filling the vacancy left by Steven Saldivar.

Saldivar had served as the district head since 2008. As of yet, BSISD trustees have not yet set a timetable to fill the position.

Contrary to some rumors, Shipman said, the group's motivation is based on concern for Big Spring children's education needs and not as a means to conduct

any personal attacks.

"I met Chris Wington. I visited with him. I've been in his office. If find him an extremely personable and likable man," she said. "I don't want anybody to construe anything we are doing as a group as personal. It is not at all. It's not a witch hunt. We are not out to get anybody removed or get a particular person in place. That is not what this is about. It's about long-term what we can do as citizens to help create an environment of excellence in our educational system."

For now, Shipman said the group's two short-term goals are to push accountability and transparency and to ensure that trustees conduct a comprehensive search for the superintendent's position.

"We want very much to communicate to the school board that maybe we've been too com-

placent for too long as a community, but we are starting to wake up," she said. "We want to help the school board understand they need to be more transparent and more accountable to the community, especially when they are making decisions that directly impact the education of our kids."

Shipman cites the district's unacceptable rating by the Texas Education Agency and the amount of students who transfer out of BSISD to attend school in other districts among the group's concerns.

"The high number of transfers creates a funding program because state funding is based on average daily attendance of students," she said. "It creates this perpetuating cycle. If we can't get the state money needed to make the changes that are necessary then we are going to continue to cy-

cle down.

"There is a ripple effect," she continued. "The mayor and the city council cannot do their jobs appropriately. Terry Wegman, (executive director of the Economic Development Corporation) and the members of the EDC can't do their jobs effectively. You can't recruit people. You can't recruit businesses. You can't recruit professionals to come to Big Spring. They don't want to move their families here because they don't want to put their children in Big Spring schools."

Not addressing these issues could leave a long-lasting negative impact on the city and the students, she said.

"Right now, with the discovery of the Cline Shale, our community has the potential to really grow in a positive and progressive manner, but we are being held back by our school," she said.

"All of that is secondary to the fact that this is a fairness issue, a justice issue. Every child, regardless of social economic class and whether or not your parents have the means to take you to another district, every child that resides in Big Spring has the right to an excellent education, and we are not providing that.

"It's those kinds of needs that we feel are so great that just not anyone can come in here and do that," she said. "If, after an exhaustive search, the current interim superintendent is given the job permanently, great, explain to us why. If after an exhaustive search someone else across the state is given the job, great. Again be accountable for those decisions."

For more information, contact Shipman at namiqas@gmail.com

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- Texas personal identification card (issued by DPS).
- Texas concealed handgun license.
- U.S. military ID card containing the person's photograph.
- U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph.
- U.S. passport.

"If you already have an approved form of ID, you won't need the EIC," Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom said. "There probably won't be a lot of people who will have to take advantage of (the mobile stations), but it will be available to those who do need it."

People do not need to be registered to vote to obtain an EIC, although they can register at the time they obtain the card, Bloom said, but added they must provide proof of citizenship and identity.

For more information, contact Bloom's office at 274-2273,

GAS

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lower than this day one year ago.

"The national average has seen the pace of decline slow quite a bit in the last few days," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"While gasoline prices continue to drop at a slow pace, they remain a whopping 40-cents per

gallon under prices a year ago. With the Fed shutdown continuing, we also will be seeing less data made available this week as it is the first week that we're not expecting the government to release a weekly report on changes in supply and demand, meaning traders will be somewhat blinded when it comes to trading futures, which could add to volatility," DeHaan said.

QUILT

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cancer, but I go there to have my blood drawn. I'm in there for a few minutes and I get cold. Some friends of mine are back there for four or five hours while they undergo chemo."

Patterns for the cancer-awareness quilt are available at the Heritage Museum. Squares must be 13-by-13 inches and will consist of one of the various colored ribbons which represents the spectrum of cancer-related diseases.

"We will use a lavender border for the quilt because lavender represents all cancers," VandeWeerd said. "The center piece will contain all the different ribbons and the lavender background will bring everything together."

Menges encourages participants to be creative in their endeavor.

"They can put anything they want," she said. "You can put the name of someone who has died of cancer or is a cancer survivor and what type of cancer they

had. They are welcome to put anything on it."

And for those who need a little help in the creative aspects of the project, Menges welcome them to visit the group the next time they meet.

"We meet on Fridays generally from 9 a.m. until about 11:30 or 11:45 a.m. at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler," Menges said. "We welcome anybody. If they actually want to bring the stuff they want in it, we will show them how to cut it out and how to make it."

VandeWeerd said the idea for the project was inspired after one of members saw a quilt created for Breast Cancer Awareness Month displayed at the Allison

Cancer Center.

"We brought that idea back to the guild and started talking with people about it," she said. "We all know people who have had or have cancer."

Squares need to be completed by March 1. The quilt will be used a fund-raiser, set for Oct. 1, 2014. Money from this fund-raiser will be given to the Allison Cancer Center.

For more information, contact VandeWeerd at 432-56-6403 or by email at van@hotmail.com.

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Raymond Roberts, 78, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with burial at Garden City Cemetery.

Ruby Fowler, 85, died Thursday. Private family services will be at a later date.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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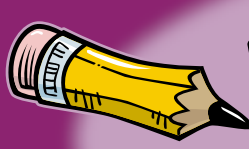
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Kid Scoop Together:

FALL WORD GAME

Each row of squares below has the letters of a word that can be found on this page. Read today's Kid Scoop page and then try to unscramble them all.

1 - 3: Junior Hiker
4 - 7: Botanist
8 - 10: Dendrologist (Tree scientist)

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Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

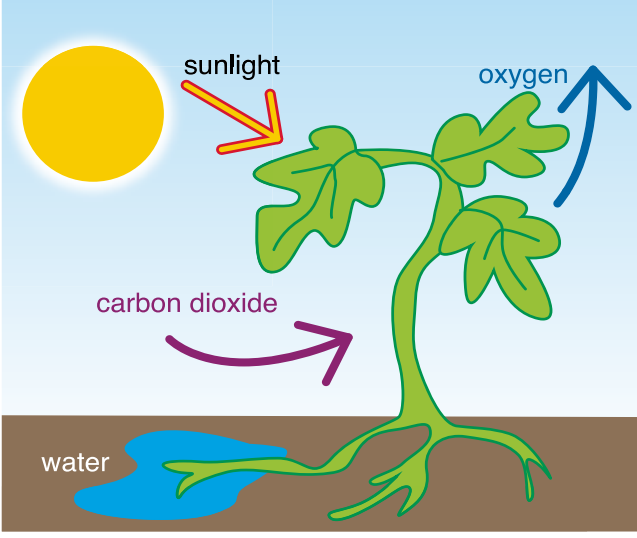
Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ABSORB**
The verb **absorb** means to take in or swallow up.

The sponge was able to **absorb** my spilled milk.

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

Why do leaves change color in the fall?



It's Not Easy Staying Green

Plants make food in a process called **photosynthesis**. During summer, plants take water up from their roots to their leaves. They absorb **carbon dioxide** from the air. These combine to make **chlorophyll** which makes plant leaves green.

Photosynthesis slows in fall as winter approaches. Trees and plants live off their stored food. The green chlorophyll disappears leaving red, orange and yellow leaves. The dry, brittle leaves soon drop from trees with the help of crisp autumn breezes.

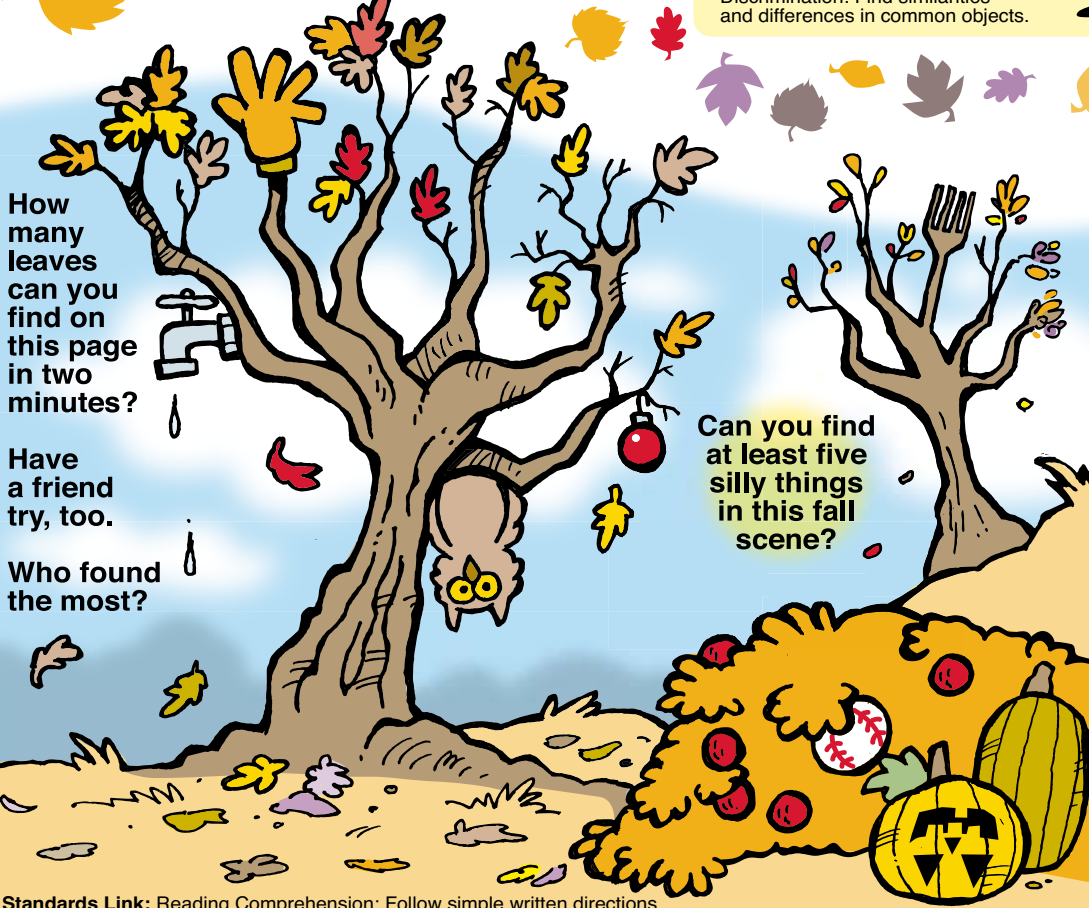
When the rain comes down, what goes up?

Find the answer in the fall leaf border! Start here. Then read every other letter as you move clockwise around the border.

Lookalike Leaves

All of the leaves at right have an identical twin - **except one**. Can you find it?

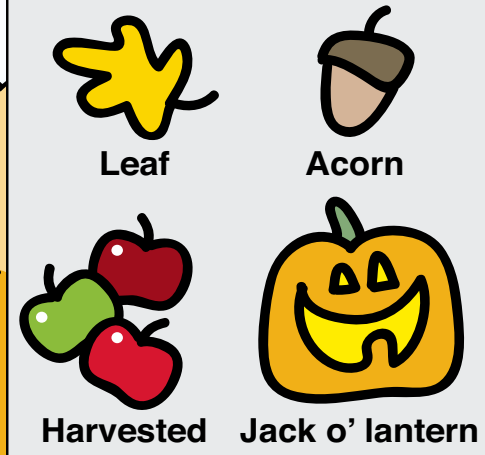
Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension; Follow simple written directions.

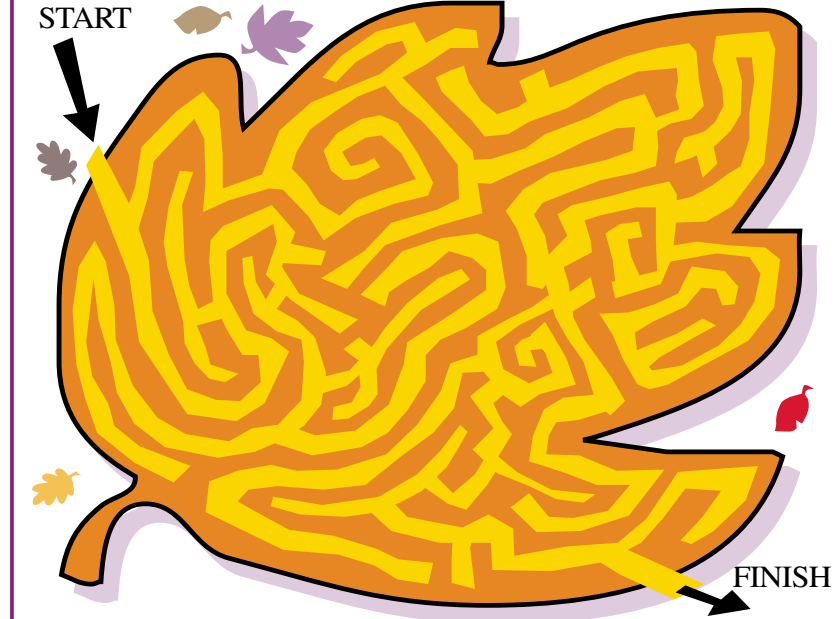
Extra! Extra! Fall Syllables

Find words in the newspaper that have the same number of syllables as the fall words below. Paste each word on the picture with the matching number of syllables.



Standards Link: Decoding and Word Recognition: Decode regular multi-syllabic words.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

LEAVES
WATER
SYLLABLES
CARBON
SEASON
WINTER
SCENE
BORDER
CRISP
ACORN
GREEN
DISAPPEAR
ROOTS
FALL
DAYS

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Autumn
Find five words in the newspaper that describe the autumn season. Paste the words onto a sheet of paper. Write a sentence using each word. Decorate your paper with images of fall.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives in writing. Sentence Structure: Write simple and complex complete sentences.



ANSWER: Climb a tree and act like a nut.

Write On!

Eat like a plant?
Would you like to “eat” like a plant - meaning have the ability to turn sunshine, water and CO2 into food through photosynthesis? Why or why not?

Opinion

GOP: You need to stay the course

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I respect — but disagree with — those who believe that the Republican Party is on a suicide mission by refusing to agree to either a continuing resolution or a lifting of the debt ceiling without some meaningful inroads into Obama-care.

If I understand it correctly, they are convinced that it's a dead-end mission guaranteed to hurt the GOP, mainly because polls indicate that people will primarily blame the GOP for the shutdown (and government default, should that occur).

The polls do indicate that Republicans are being blamed more than Democrats, but not nearly so disproportionately as Republicans were blamed for the 1995 shutdown. And keep in mind that Obama's personal approval rating is an abysmal 37 percent, which has to be related to this impasse and Obama's behavior.

We also must recognize that the public, including those responding to these poll questions, has been told that apocalyptic consequences will flow from any government shutdown and even worse with a default.

Plus, who in the world would respond that he wants a government shutdown? No one does. But how many would be willing to tolerate a temporary shutdown if it could lead to favorable policy changes on Obamacare and other taxing and spending issues?

Now, consider how the public's opinion might be affected by having witnessed and experienced the shutdown and discovering that the promised catastrophe did not eventuate. Would that damage Obama's credibility? He's amassing a track record on these matters, including his similar fraudulent hysteria over sequestration, the positive deficit effects for which he now takes credit.

Consider further that the main stumbling block between Democrats and Republicans is Obamacare, which is unambiguously unpopular. Its implementation is occurring at this very moment, and it is a train wreck,

a nightmare, a mess and living proof that President Obama cannot be trusted. (Not a solitary thing he promised about this law is true, and it is plain for everyone to see.)

But what about a default by the government on its payment obligations?

Most agree that an actual default would be enormously damaging to the markets and to the nation's financial stability. But what is the likelihood of default?

It seems most agree that a failure to lift the debt ceiling would not result in the United States defaulting on its obligations. We would still have enough revenue to pay all our interest on the debt and some three-fourths of our other (non-debt) government obligations. Just to be doubly sure of this, the House passed the Full Faith and Credit Act, which would allow the Treasury to pay all public debt obligations and Social Security benefit payments after the debt ceiling is reached.

So far, the Democratic-controlled Senate has not passed this bill.

It's not just The Heritage Foundation that is issuing this opinion. Moody's Investors Service opines, "We believe the government would continue to pay interest and principal on its debt even in the event that the debt limit is not raised, leaving its creditworthiness intact."

In the meantime, unlike all of his predecessors, President Obama has refused even to negotiate with Republicans. An impetuous call to House Speaker John Boehner to tell him he won't negotiate is not negotiation. Republicans, not Democrats, have passed all kinds of clean bills and sent them to an uncompromising, unyielding president.

So, let's review. The polls are not only slanted and limited to a fixed snapshot in time but also being followed by real events that will, in all likelihood, change people's perceptions against Democrats. The people are watching as Obama's promises of disaster are not materializing, and he is showing himself to be arbitrary, capricious, mean-spirited and petty in his selective closings and openings of government services and highhanded in refusing to negotiate. His boasts about Obamacare are all being

revealed as dishonest and deceitful, and Obamacare — the main point of contention in all of this — is proving itself a monumental nightmare way beyond what could be called a glitch or a computer issue. A default, though it would be bad, is very unlikely to occur as a result of our failure to increase the debt limit.

On top of this, Republicans have an entire year before the 2014 elections to make their case that Obamacare was worth fighting over and that they are trying to bring the nation back to fiscal responsibility. They will be able to point to the problems with Obamacare, the president's petulant behavior, his overall irresponsibility and his intransigence on fiscal matters.

Obama has been able to escape personal accountability for his fiscal misconduct, but when it comes to Democrats in Congress, he has reverse coattails, and his Democrats will pay the price in 2014 as they did in 2010, even if the public, on balance, marginally will blame the GOP for the shutdown and debt ceiling impasse.

President Obama not only has been lying about Obamacare but also is trying to scare seniors over Social Security payments that will not terminate and the global markets over a government default that will not occur.

While some are squeamish over an improbable catastrophe over government shutdowns and unlikely defaults, when will we face the fact that a far more permanent fiscal Armageddon is inevitable if we don't begin, in very short order, to reduce our ruinous deficits and reform our entitlements, an Armageddon that would — not might — radically reduce our children's prospects for prosperity and freedom?

Surely, this is sobering enough to inspire GOP unity and firm resolve.

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, for providing the recent rain.

Amen

The generations rock on

The baby boomers are not dead yet. Someday they will be dead, as will be Generation X, the millennials and all the above's great-great-grandchildren — barring, of course, a medical cure for mortality.

But you'd think the large cohort born between 1946 and 1964 were already consigned to American memory, given many members' oozy nostalgia and declarations of surrender to younger folk. If your time warp is 1968, that's your call. But 2013 is also an interesting time.

Generations sadly get assigned an identity based on their members' youthful activities. The New York Times' "Booming" blog feasts on 40-year-old pictures of young folks with unsavory long hair. Either that or advice pieces on "sleep deficiency in midlife" or "when it's time for assisted living."

Quite depressing, really, for people of this age and those who soon will be. There was a soul-scraping piece by Lucian K. Truscott IV, a writer for the Village Voice back when who has returned to New York City to be near his daughter.

"I caught a glimpse of myself in a storefront window after I left the bar later that afternoon," Truscott writes. "The sun was

low and the shadows were long and the face looking back at me was weathered and wrinkled, the shoulders a little stooped, a good deal of hair gone missing."

Of today's young people, he says, "It's their city now, I thought, just as it was ours."

Oh? When was the key to the city turned over? Who stuck through the filth and crime of the bad old days when the hipsters were still toddling around their suburban cul-de-sacs?

Please get this guy some Lexapro. What's the big deal about being 66? The RAND Corp. recently reported a spike in the rate of new business formations by those who turn 65 — the age of Medicare, when they no longer have to stay in jobs they dislike for health coverage.

How about a magazine article titled "30 Boomers to Watch"?

Even the Greatest Generation is not gone. Its ranks are greatly thinned, for sure, but those still here are here. The following is a true story, I swear.

My 89-year-old aunt in Florida was widowed a few years ago after a 60-plus-year marriage. When we'd visit, she'd open her dust-free photo album and show us pictures of, among other people, her teenage love, a dashing Flying Tiger in Air Force uniform. There's Aunt Shirley in her frock, Jack in uniform, right in front of a Ferris wheel, happy as kittens. Jack soon went back to war. He named his plane after her, the plane he later bailed out of over China.



FROMA HARROP

They lost contact until a year ago, when his children hunted down my aunt in Boynton Beach. Turns out she was living just a few miles from Jack in Delray Beach. He still had the wartime letters she wrote him.

They are together again and last month celebrated the Tiger's 90th birthday. They need help getting around, but so what.

Ladies, don't give away your Shalimar.

There's nothing noble about declaring oneself out of the game, whatever the game is. My trainer at Gold's Gym, who works hard at getting 30-somethings off their rear ends, talks about a 74-year-old client who "kicks ass."

This is not a denial of age-related changes. The greatest runners don't win gold medals at 45. Some brain functions slow down with age. But a store of knowledge and firsthand experience are also valuable. Boomers can't throw balls as far as 25-year-olds? Neither can 6-year-olds.

Every age group brings something to the party. And for every generation, the party's not over till it's over.

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Bird Poop: In the right place at the right time

A familiar sound interrupted the early morning silence. Inside the building, the teacher heard the large truck lumbering up the easement.

As its hydraulic lift raised one of several large, steel bins toward the top of the vehicle, she started gathering empty boxes and packing materials from her latest science project.

After propping open a back door, she heard the descent of the last one of the school's dumpsters as it settled back down in its place in the alley. Shifting into first gear, the driver waved to her as he left.

Before anyone else had arrived for the start of the school day, she was glad to have had this opportunity. There was little space left in her classroom for this type of clutter amid the students, desks, backpacks, and her teaching paraphernalia.

As usual, the emptying of the dumpsters' debris had left the cavernous receptacles open to the wind. Methodically lowering the lids, she was nearly through when she noticed a movement at the corner of the last bin.

A small, hawk-like bird stared up at her. Its dark, black eyes, followed her every movement.

Knowing mice had been seen scurrying around the dumpsters, and realizing that even in October insects were still numerous, she felt the little predator had probably been hunting. When she decided to

try to close the last lid without bothering it, the raptor did not take flight. Instead, it walked rapidly behind the dumpster.

To her, its method of avoiding her seemed strange. Not knowing if it could fly, and uncomfortable with leaving it, she rushed back inside the building.

Another early arrival soon reached the parking lot on the south side of the building. Leaving nothing to chance, the teacher soon convinced the varsity coach to join her in the alley.

Their attempts to catch the bird were futile until other school personnel arrived. With long handled brooms inserted at the back of the dumpsters, they were able to block the bird's running back and forth behind the bins. As they narrowed its options, the teacher was waiting with a large towel at the only exit.

Hurrying toward the opening that seemed to offer an escape, the bird was startled when it was suddenly covered. Being trapped inside the towel caused it to protest with shrill, ear-piercing screams.

Taking it to her classroom, she opened the towel to let the bird emerge into the inside of an empty hamster cage. Since it would be frightened in its new environment, she covered the container.

As students inquired about what was in the cage, she realized a teaching moment had arrived. When all had arrived and were seated, she uncovered the cage. To see the raptor briefly was part of her plan. Care and treatment of wildlife, and identification of the bird and its characteristics, would replace



what she had planned for the next day.

During her "off period," the teacher called. Her description of size, coloration, beak, and talons led to her learning that it was a female, American kestrel, the smallest of our country's falcons. She offered to bring us the bird after school.

Before I took the kestrel out of the cage, I noticed a slight droop in the left wing. Bruising, or a hairline fracture, required careful handling. The bird loudly berated my handling as I eased her through the gate.

After I extended her narrow, pointed wings, no obvious breaks were found. The teacher readily noticed that the wingspan of nearly 24 inches would allow it to hover and glide with ease. Fortunate not to have encountered the bird's feet, she did appreciate how such slender toes and needle-sharp talons were an attribute to the kestrel's obtaining food. Colored in a rusty hue, with black barring on her wings, back and tail, the bird of prey had a buff-colored breast and belly streaked downward with cinnamon. Accenting her cheeks were two black, vertical stripes. Her crown was gray.

In addition to her not

flying, the kestrel had appeared weak and exhausted. The next morning she supplied us with a clue as to her lethargy.

Lying on the floor of her container was a discarded pellet holding remnants of what she had eaten, but could not absorb. Readily seen and neatly packaged were the legs and shattered, iridescent shells of black beetles.

Unable to fly, and hunt for her natural food of mice, grasshoppers and sparrows, she had caught with her feet the only offering of the alley: beetles that scour the earth. Often, the black bugs are so numerous they are eradicated with poisons.

Her weakened state had enabled her capture. Presented with her natural diet, the kestrel began to im-

prove. At the wildlife center in Lubbock, she was diagnosed as having a bruised wing. Her recovery was assured.

When I called the teacher with the good news, she was relieved and grateful. After bringing the kestrel to us, she said she had thought of how the little raptor might have been crushed under an empty dumpster, or

preyed upon by a night creature. "Sometimes, for whatever reason, we just seem to be at the right place at the right time. I never question, 'Why?'"

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



BEBE McCASLAND

Sudoku Answer on Page 12

sudoku

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

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Enlightening exam

Sometimes I get messages sent to me that I know must be a hoax but I enjoy them just the same. This is true with the following "supposed" exam that I received recently.

If this is a true test I think I would have given the student a perfect score for his wit alone. I was told the student received "0" but I really believe this was a farce. Anyway I hope you enjoy reading it.

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die? Answer: his last battle.

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? Answer: at the bottom of the page.

Q3. River Ravi flows in which state? Answer: liquid.

Q4. What is the main reason for divorce? Answer: marriage.

Q5. What is the main reason for failure? Answer: exams.

Q6. What can you

never eat for breakfast? Answer: Lunch & dinner.

Q7. What looks like half an apple? Answer: The other half.

Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become? Answer: It will simply become wet.

Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping? Answer: No problem, he sleeps at night.

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand? Answer: You will never find an elephant that has only one hand.

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have? Answer: Very large hands.

Q12. If it took eight men 10 hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it? Answer: No time at all, the wall is already built.

Q13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? Answer: Any way you want; concrete floors are very hard to crack.

Q14. Will a space ship ever be able to travel to the sun without be-

ing burned to embers? Answer: Yes, travel at night.

Q15. What is a yawn? Answer: An honest opinion openly expressed.

Q16. What is an adult? Answer: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Q17. What is a cannibal? Answer: Someone who is fed up with people.

Q18. What is a committee? Answer: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

Q19. What is a mosquito? Answer: An insect that makes you like flies better.

Q20. What is a secret? Answer: Something you tell to one person at a time.

Q21. What is tomorrow? Answer: One of the greatest labor-saving devices of today.

At least we know someone is having some fun thinking up questions with funny answers. I wonder if all these could have been Aggie stories?

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Welcome to the wild, wide-open Big 12

Undefeated Tech, Baylor, resurgent UT among conference surprises

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

There are some early surprises in the Big 12 Conference, which is still setting up as the expected wide-open race.

The league's only undefeated teams are 12th-ranked Baylor (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) and No. 16 Texas Tech (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) with new coach and former quarterback Kliff Kingsbury.

And Texas, after going 1-2 in nonconference games with big losses to BYU and Mississippi, is 3-1 in the Big 12 after a season-shifting victory over Oklahoma last weekend in the Red River Rivalry that the Sooners had dominated

recently.

"We're so fortunate to be in a conference," Longhorns coach Mack Brown said. "Teams that are independent, after they have some problems early don't have a chance to rebound and still save their season and have something to play for."

With eight weeks left in the regular season, the top five teams in the league standings still have to play each other, except for that 36-20 win by Texas (4-2) over the 18th-ranked Sooners (5-1, 2-1).

"Our league is exciting this year because there is not 'A' team that everybody can pick," Brown said. "It's already changed two or three

times."

Meanwhile, defending Big 12 champion Kansas State is 0-3 in conference play going into an open date.

"It's a strong belief of ours that anybody can defeat anyone else on any given day," coach Bill Snyder said. "I think that's proving out right now."

When Big 12 coaches submitted their preseason ballots in July, six different teams got first-place votes. Texas Tech wasn't one of them, and was picked to finish seventh.

"I think it's the same way if we had looked at it in August, you look at it and say it's a wide-open race," Baylor

coach Art Briles said during the weekly teleconference with Big 12 coaches. "Nothing has changed as we're into October. I don't think it's a surprise to anybody."

Except maybe the early order of the teams.

Baylor, which averaged more than 70 points in its first four games, survived its first road test. They Bears won 35-25 Saturday at Kansas State, which was intended of avenging the lopsided loss from last season when the Wildcats got to Waco as the No. 1 team in the BCS standings.

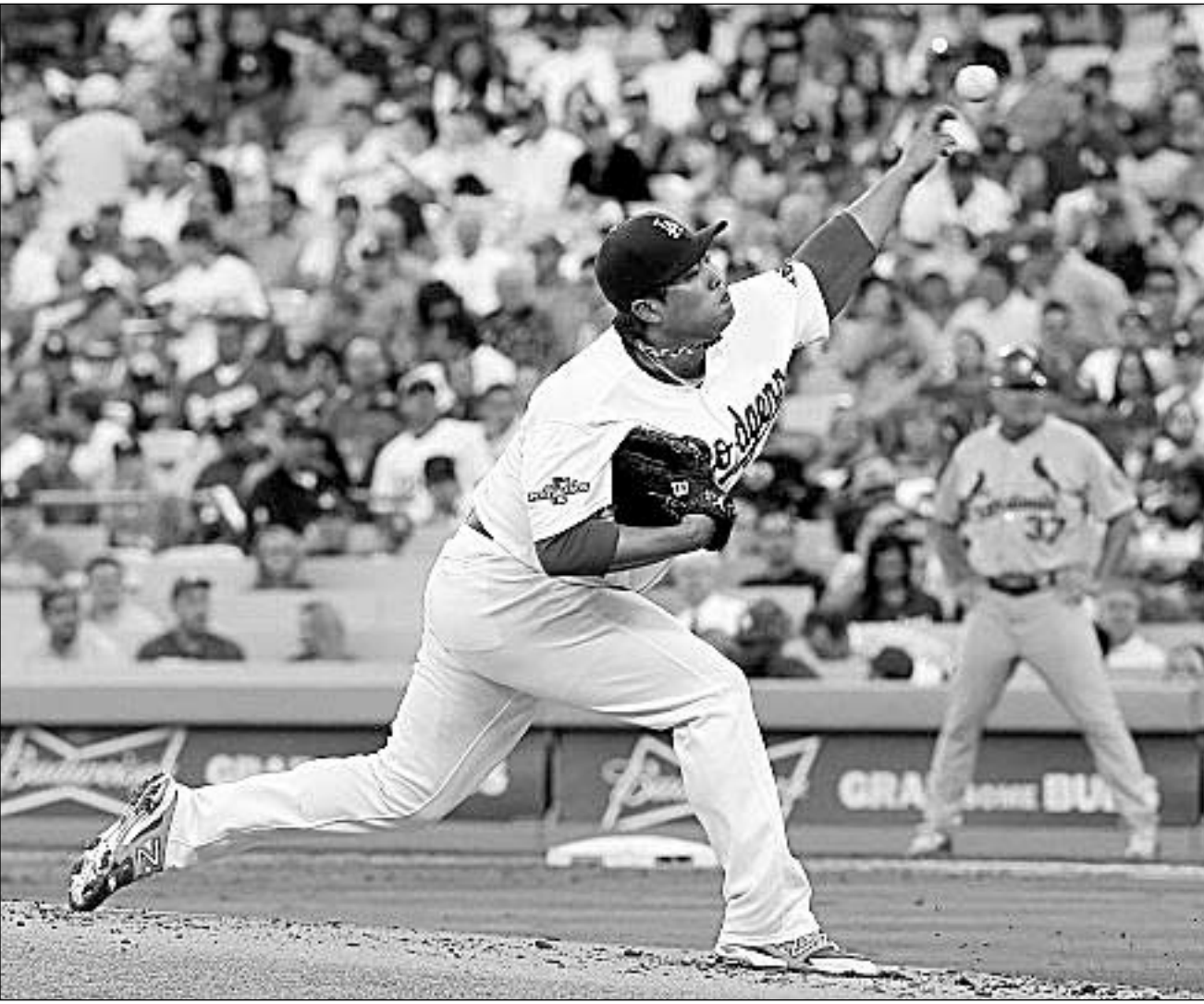
No. 21 Oklahoma State (4-1, 1-1) was the preseason favorite by the coaches to win the league, just ahead of the

Sooners. The Cowboys had an early loss at West Virginia (3-3, 1-2), which has alternated wins and losses all season.

"There's a lot of parity in this league. I've said this for a number of years now," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said. "It's increasing each season."

Consider that in the past seven years, only Texas in 2009 went undefeated in Big 12 play, and that was on the way to playing in the BCS national championship game. Kansas State and Oklahoma State shared the league title with one Big 12 loss last year, when six other teams were

See **WILD**, Page 12



AP photo

Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched seven innings of three-hit ball to help lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 3 of the National League Championship Series in Los Angeles Monday evening.

NLCS: Rookies help Dodgers take Game 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a matchup sparse on offense, the Los Angeles Dodgers managed just enough to pull themselves back into the NL championship series.

They snapped a stretch of 22 innings without a run scored in the fourth inning Monday night, and went on to beat Adam Wainwright and the St. Louis Cardinals 3-0 in Game 3.

Runs have come at a trickle through the first three games, with the nine combined runs the fewest ever through the same span of a league championship series. Los Angeles hadn't scored since the third inning of Game 1.

It hasn't been a good series for pitching aces either. Los Angeles started its pair — Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw — in Games 1 and 2, and lost in St. Louis. The Cardinals went with Wainwright on the road, and were beaten.

"It's the great thing about the game of baseball that you can talk about this is what should happen, but it never does play out that way," said Adrian Gonzalez, whose RBI double ended a 1-for-17 drought for the Dodgers with runners in scoring position.

Los Angeles trimmed its deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-seven NL series.

Game 4 is Tuesday at Dodger Stadium, with Ricky Nolasco

scheduled to make his postseason debut against St. Louis right-hander Lance Lynn.

"Everybody's trying to do the best they can to get to the World Series," Dodgers rookie Yasiel Puig said through a translator.

Rookie Hyun-Jin Ryu out-pitched Wainwright with seven innings of three-hit ball, and Puig celebrated twice on his RBI triple for the Dodgers. An ailing Hanley Ramirez added a run-scoring hit as Los Angeles handed Wainwright his first postseason loss.

"The playoffs are one-day momentum swings," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said. "Right now I feel like we've kind of grabbed it."

Puig's youthful exuberance, which energized the Dodgers as they surged from last place to first during a torrid midseason stretch, was on full display in the fourth inning.

The 22-year-old Cuban defector was so excited when he connected that he raised his arms immediately and stood in the batter's box to watch the flight of the ball toward right field, clearly thinking it was going out of the park.

Once he realized it wasn't, Puig started charging.

He roared into third base and clapped his hands before raising them again as the sellout crowd of 53,940 cheered.

Puig had reason to exult, having struck out seven times in

the series before getting his first hit.

"He brings unbelievable energy every day," Ramirez said. "When we spoke to him, he told me, 'I got it today,' and he did. He's a great player."

Los Angeles got Ramirez and center fielder Andre Ethier back in the lineup after both proved in batting practice they were healthy enough to play. Ramirez — hit by a pitch from Joe Kelly in Game 1 — wore a lightweight flak jacket to protect his broken left rib, while Ethier has been bothered by shin splints. He went 0 for 4 with a strikeout.

"This time of year you can't let down," Ramirez said. "You got to keep going all the way."

Ramirez singled his first time up off Wainwright and then helped the Dodgers extend their lead to 3-0 in the eighth.

Ramirez hit a soft single off Seth Maness over the head of second baseman Kolten Wong to score Carl Crawford. The speedy Crawford, on second base after a one-out single, rounded third and never stopped running when the throw from the outfield went to second base.

On a close play at the plate, Crawford barely beat the tag by catcher Yadier Molina.

"We just had a lot of balls in the air tonight that hit the ground that normally don't," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "We're a better club than this."

ALCS: Tigers turn to ace Verlander

DETROIT (AP) — The last time Justin Verlander took the mound, his team's season was on the line.

The stakes won't be quite that high for his next start, but the Detroit Tigers could certainly use another brilliant performance from their star right-hander after blowing a chance to take control of the AL championship series.

Detroit wasted a five-run lead Sunday night in Game 2, allowing the Boston Red Sox to even the series with a 6-5 victory. David Ortiz's tying grand slam in the eighth inning snapped the Red Sox out of a hitting funk, and if Boston goes on to win the pennant, there may be little doubt about the turning point in this series.

Verlander's job is to steady the defending AL champion Tigers.

"Obviously that was a tough one," Verlander said. "At the same time you know this series is

going to be a dogfight. Nobody is going to walk over anybody."

The Tigers looked like they were ready to roll through the series after they won the opener and took a 5-0 lead in Game 2. Anibal Sanchez held Boston hitless for six innings on Saturday, and Max Scherzer allowed a run and two hits in seven innings Sunday.

Boston trailed 5-1 in the eighth in Game 2 before a remarkable rally against four relievers. Ortiz tied it with a two-out grand slam off closer Joaquin Benoit.

"I made a mistake that I take full responsibility for," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "I should have just reminded him that we didn't want Ortiz to really beat us. He tried to make a great pitch. He tried to get it low and away out of the strike zone, but he didn't get it there."

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Health of DL Ware, RB Murray major Cowboys' concern

IRVING, Texas (AP) — DeMarcus Ware could miss a game for the first time in his eight-year NFL career.

DeMarco Murray isn't saying whether he is about to have a third straight season interrupted by injury.

The star pass rusher and starting running back for the Dallas Cowboys both were injured in Sunday's 31-16 win over Washington.

Ware strained his right quadriceps muscle in the first quarter. Murray exited in the second quarter with an MCL sprain in his left knee.

Their health is likely to go a long way toward determining whether the Cowboys end a three-year playoff drought.

It won't help that the first game after the

injuries is Sunday in Philadelphia. The Cowboys and Eagles are tied for the NFC East lead at 3-3.

The update from coach Jason Garrett was the same it is every week with every player — Ware and Murray will be evaluated daily, and there is no timetable.

Ware has played through injuries before — mostly involving his neck — which is why he has appeared in all 134 games with 133 starts as he approaches the halfway point of his ninth season. He called himself doubtful and said he wouldn't have played if the game were Monday.

"It is different because I go out there this time,

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Mars Enters Virgo

Mars enters Virgo with a question: Does it really matter what's popular or cool? If you're in business, there's something that matters more, and that's your return on investment. The same principle applies in non-business relationships. Mars in Virgo helps us quantify what we put in and weigh it against what we get out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've experimented and stretched beyond the boundaries that still limit others. Now it may be time to reel things in a bit. Get feedback before you take your work to the general public.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Check in with yourself to see just how much you really care about something that used to be important to you. Chances are you will find out that it's no longer as important, and this will free you up to choose a juicier goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You used to daydream about having early success in your career followed by early retirement. Today, you'll try on the more practical desire to simply be happy while working, and you'll see brilliant results, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll enjoy the activity and responsibility of your work. You'll get a sense of fulfillment as you provide what's useful. You put a smile on the face of anyone who deals with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll use your mechanical skills and create a temporary fix for the problem that threatened to throw a wrench in the works. With a little skill and some elbow grease, you'll save the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll need to handle more than the usual amount of paperwork, memos and lists in order to get your life and work in order

today. Organization is your strong suit, though, so you'll sail through the parts that would be harder for others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you witness today's remarkable presentation or piece of entertainment, be aware of how much work went into its creation. It's amazing how much goes into a seemingly effortless outcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes being alive doesn't seem to have any particular feeling attached to it. But today you'll find there's a certain rapture in it. It's like every cell of you recognizes the great gift that life is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're totally self-motivated. That's why it's likely you'll work alone. The others go where they've been led and focus there. You'll go off on a tangent that's personal, interesting and completely engaging.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You come up with the magic combination of word and tone to make things happen. You'll get people to wait patiently or work quickly, whichever you need them to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give people ideas and support, but avoid solving their problem just yet. You'll rob them of the chance to compensate you! It ultimately will be better for everyone if you are paid in some way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Discipline counts more than natural talent — much, much more. The natural talent you have may serve to make practice more fun, but ultimately, it's the practice, not the talent, that will make you successful.

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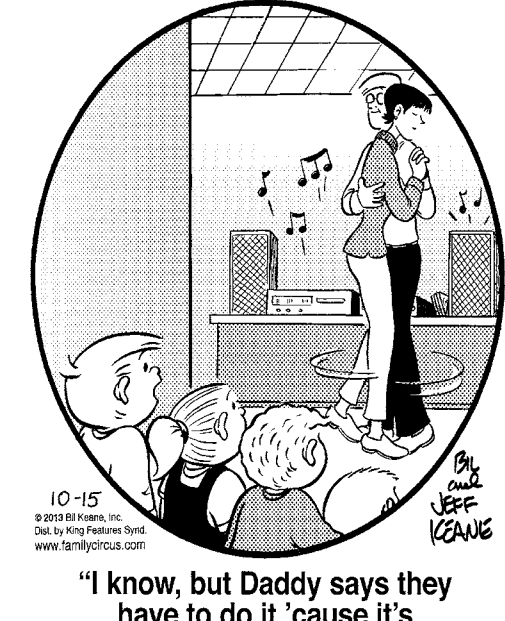
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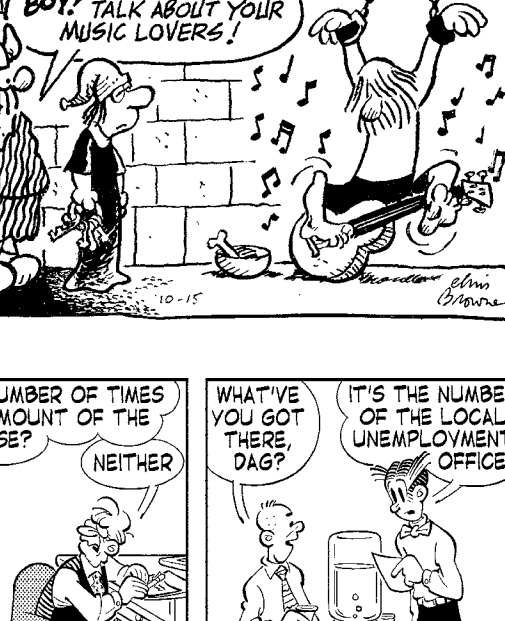
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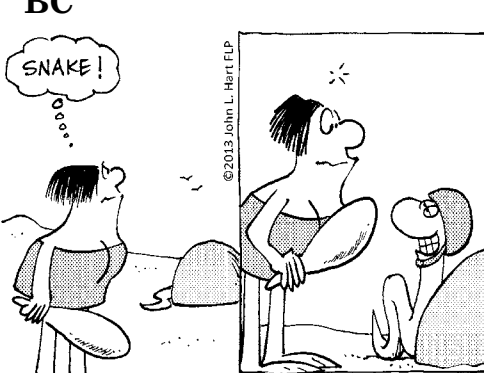
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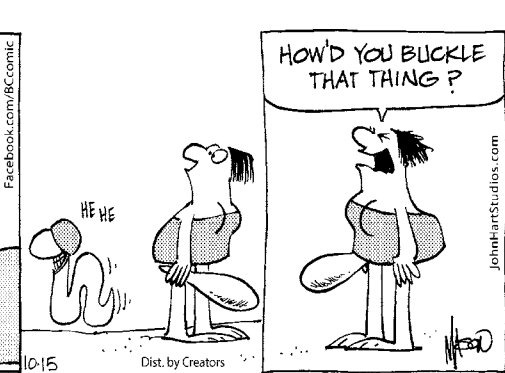
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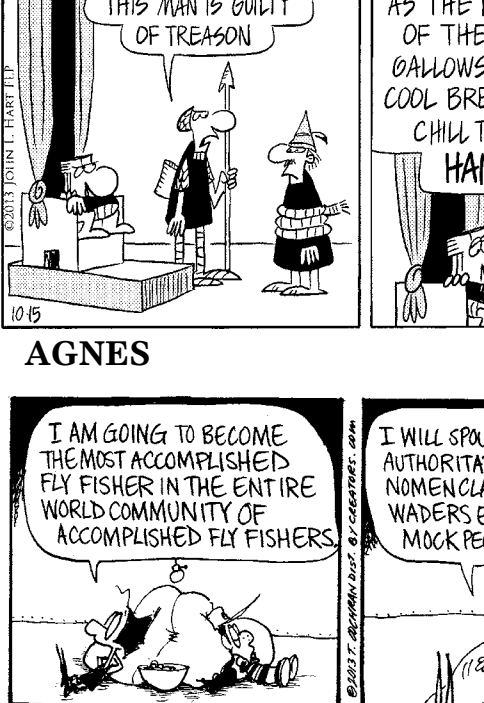
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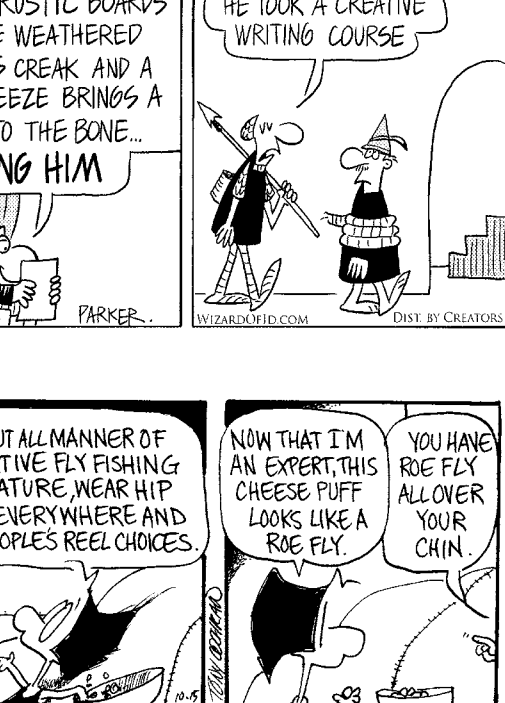
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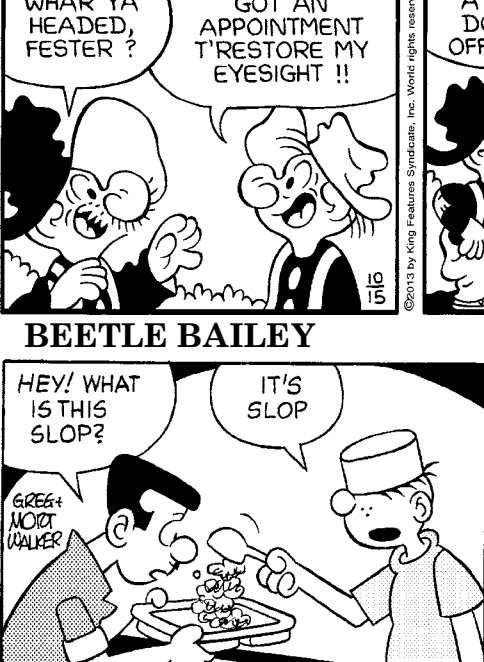
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 15, 1917, Dutch dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for the Germans, was executed by a French firing squad outside Paris.

On this date:

In 1858, the seventh and final debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Alton, Ill.

In 1860, 11-year-old Grace Bedell of Westfield, N.Y., wrote a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, suggesting he could improve his appearance by growing a beard.

In 1928, the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin landed in Lakehurst, N.J., completing its first commercial flight across the Atlantic.

In 1937, the Ernest Hemingway novel "To Have and Have Not" was first published by Charles Scribner's Sons.

In 1945, the former premier of Vichy France, Pierre Laval, was executed for treason.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering (GEH'reeng) fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1951, the classic sitcom "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS with the episode "The Girls Want to Go to the Nightclub."

In 1964, it was announced that Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev (KROOSH'chef) had been removed from office.

In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country as part of a "moratorium" against the Vietnam War.

In 1976, in the first debate of its kind between vice presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 1991, despite sexual harassment allegations by Anita Hill, the Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, 52-48.

In 1997, British Royal Air Force pilot Andy Green twice drove a jet-powered car in the Nevada desert faster than the speed of sound, officially shattering the world's land-speed record. NASA's plutonium-powered Cassini spacecraft rocketed flawlessly toward Saturn.

One year ago: In interviews with CNN and Fox News, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton took responsibility for security at the U.S. consulate in Libya, where the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans were killed in a Sept. 11, 2012, attack. The San Francisco Giants evened the National League Championship series 1-1 with a 7-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- Performed on a 17 Across
 - Christmas song
 - Tooth pros' org.
 - Army driller, informally
 - Practical
 - Edge of a canyon
 - Theater platform
 - Soup-serving utensil
 - Airport screening agcy.
 - Calls a halt to
 - Approximately
 - Reason for extra innings
 - Enjoyable
 - Fathers of foals
 - Shopping binges
 - Sixth sense, for short
 - Enjoy a banquet
 - DC summer clock setting
 - Spiritual leader
 - Takeoff stat. Abbr.
 - Approximately
 - To and
 - Lap dog, for short
 - Red-carpet user
 - Seized auto
 - Superlative suffix
 - @
 - Computer symbols
 - Pigpen
 - "That's wonderful!"
 - Approximately
- DOWN**
- Strong points
 - Feline treat
 - Stock-exchange worker
 - Breakfast staples
 - Poor grade
 - Worship from
 - Impolite
 - Norway's capital
 - Impolite glances
 - Major roads
 - Contrary opinion
 - Accumulated
 - Not-to-be-missed show
 - Jar top
 - Out of patience
 - "Electric" fish
 - Marsh bird
 - Total of numbers
 - Army recruit
 - Singleness of purpose
 - Puffy pastries
 - Approves of
 - FedEx rival
 - Warship of yore
 - Dance students' program
 - Vowel's point value in Scrabble
 - Mexican lizard
 - Prepare
 - Rub the wrong way
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 - Brunch, for instance
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ALCS

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win one of two at home despite striking out 32 times — eight more than the previous record for the first two games of an LCS, set by the Los Angeles Dodgers a day earlier.

The Red Sox are hopeful their bats will come around, starting against Verlander in Game 3 at Comerica Park on Tuesday.

“I think we certainly regained some confidence in the last couple innings,” Boston manager John Farrell said. “The work of Sanchez and Scherzer has been nothing short of spectacular. ... We feel like tomorrow’s starter in Verlander is going to be

a similar, if not a more difficult, challenge than what we faced already.”

After a pedestrian regular season by his standards, Verlander pitched 15 scoreless innings in the division series against Oakland, including eight in a winner-take-all Game 5. The Tigers have taken no-hitters into at least the sixth inning in three straight games, a remarkable feat even for a staff that set a major league record with 1,428 strikeouts during the regular season.

Detroit’s starters have picked up where they left off during last year’s American League playoffs, when the Tigers’ rotation posted a 1.02 ERA through the division series and ALCS. Detroit won the AL pennant before being swept

by San Francisco in the World Series.

“We’ve got a starting rotation that’s relentless, and I said that before the series started. Every guy has their unique ability to shut down a team in their own way,” Verlander said. “I’m just one of the four guys right now.”

The Red Sox will send John Lackey to the mound to face Verlander. Lackey was able to make 29 starts during the regular season, posting a 3.52 ERA after missing all of 2012 following elbow ligament-replacement surgery.

Lackey will try to hold Detroit’s offense in check and hope the Red Sox can become the first team this postseason to break through against Verlander.

“We’ve got a great line-

up. I’m going into the game with a great group of guys behind me,” Lackey said. “Those guys are going to fight him. He’s kind of our lineup’s problem. I’ve got my own problems with their lineup.”

Leyland says he’ll probably play Jhonny Peralta at shortstop for a second straight game, with Andy Dirks in left field instead of Don Kelly. Boston’s Mike Napoli is expected to be back at first base in a lineup similar to what the Red Sox used in Game 1.

Those are minor adjustments, obviously. Don’t expect too many drastic changes as this series progresses.

Both teams rely on established stars who have played in their share of big postseason games.

DALLAS

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I wouldn’t be 100 percent,” said Ware, the franchise sack leader with 115. “If I tried to go out there right now ... there wouldn’t be a point of it. I wouldn’t be able to get off the ball like I should.”

Murray declined to talk to reporters in the locker room Monday, just as he did after the game.

If Murray can’t go

against the Eagles, it will be the 10th game he has missed since his rookie season in 2011, when he fractured an ankle and missed the last three. He was out six games last year with a sprained foot.

Joseph Randle got touches for the first time in his career and had a 1-yard touchdown when center and fellow rookie Travis Frederick pushed him into the end zone. But he had just 17 yards on 11 carries.

Phillip Tanner had one carry for 2 yards.

WILD

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either 5-4 or 4-5 in league play.

The Cowboys, coming off an open date, host TCU (3-3, 1-2) on Saturday.

TCU coach Gary Patterson would prefer the Big 12 play its conference games in consecutive weeks without open dates.

“I think it’s an unfair advantage when people have off weeks,” Patterson said. “The thing I’d change about what we do in the league, once we get into it, we play, we don’t have any off weeks. ... So it’s all even.”

Patterson, who will get an extra week to prepare for Baylor in late November, knows television helps dictate the schedule.

And there could be some high drama with late-season games having potential Big 12 championship implications.

While there are a lot of games left before then, Texas Tech plays at Texas on Thanksgiving night. The regular season ends the first Saturday in December with the Longhorns at Baylor, and Oklahoma going to Oklahoma State.

The Sooners have to quickly get over the Red River Rivalry loss. They are at Kansas on Saturday before games against Texas Tech and Baylor.

“Our season, win or lose through (the Texas) game, isn’t the end-all,” Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. “We always play (Texas) about the same time every year so

it’s the same message every year. We’ve got to keep playing, keep trying to get better and keep pushing each week to try to make improvements.”

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