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Welcome back

BSISD principal Patsy Sanchez returns to school where she began her teaching career

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

The bells ring again in one of the oldest school buildings in the Big Spring independent School district.

The halls and classrooms of what was once called Goliad has undergone numerous transformations during its useful life, serving as a sixth and seventh grade center, a sixth grade center, a fifth and sixth grade center and, at times, a kindergarten through sixth grade primary school.

When the district opened four shiny, new elementary schools, the doors of Goliad were shuttered permanently — for classroom teaching at least — and its name was transferred to the new elementary building located yards from the school.

For the past three years, it has housed the district's re-

"I am going to miss the classroom, but what I want to do is instill what I accomplished in the classroom on a campus level."



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring Intermediate (BSI) School Principal Patsy Sanchez points to the classroom number where she began her teacher career 16 years ago. Sanchez is beginning her first year as a principal. Her first posting is the newly opened BSI.

ords and registration office and used as a dumping ground for old computers and other discarded technology.

But if the old building could speak, it would say change is inevitable.

To accommodate a growing student population, the

doors have been flung open again to welcome back sixth graders under a new name — Big Spring Intermediate — and under the leadership of a brand-new principal.

And for 16-year veteran educator Patsy Sanchez,

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HERALD file photo

It's not too late to sign up for the seventh annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon set Saturday in the city park.

Triathlon set Saturday at Comanche Trail Park

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

There is still time to register for the seventh annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon, set for Saturday at Comanche Trail Lake.

The event, which will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, consists of a 500-meter swim, an 18-mile bicycle ride and a 3-mile run, event organizer Hayley Lewis said.

Would-be participants have two ways to register — they can sign up online (at permianbasinevents.com) until Friday or in person from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday at Dora Roberts Community Center. Advance registration

is \$60 per individual and \$100 per three-person team; on Saturday, registration costs are \$70 for individuals and \$130 for teams.

Participants will compete based on gender and age group. Awards will be presented to the overall winner, as well as the top three individual and team finishers in each age group, Lewis said.

For the participants' safety, the park and portions of the bicycle course (which extends south to Longshore Road) will be closed to traffic while the event is being held.

Volunteers also are needed to help with the event. For more information, contact Lewis at 263-8235 or visit permianbasinevents.com

City, county to host public hearings

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

There will be a whole lotta public hearings going on over the coming days.

Forced by a software glitch to reshuffle their tax rate and budget adoption schedules, the city of Big Spring and Howard County will hold several public hearings to give area residents a chance to provide their input.

A computer error at the tax appraisal district resulted in incorrect tax information being transmitted to the county's taxing entities. Because of that error, many of the entities had to refigure their tax rates and reschedule public hearings which were origi-

News Texans need to know

Federal trial starts over tough Texas voter ID law

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The Justice Department goes to federal court in South Texas to seek the dismantling of the state's voter ID law, which ranks among the most stringent in the nation.

U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos on Tuesday will hear opening statements in Corpus Christi in a lawsuit led by minority rights groups and the office of U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. Similar voter ID laws passed in other conservative states also have been challenged in federal court.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry signed legislation in 2011 that

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nally scheduled to begin last week.

Big Spring's City Council will get the public hearing

carousel spinning Thursday night when it holds the first of two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for FY

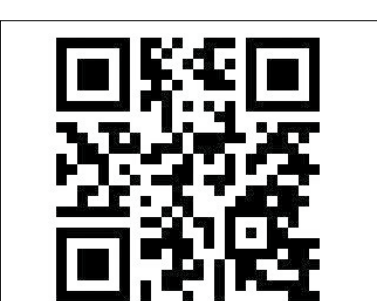
2015. The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

City officials are proposing a tax rate of 86.5 cents per \$100 valuation, the same as under the expiring budget. Because of a huge jump in property valuations, however, the new rate is expected to bring in more than \$800,000 in additional tax revenue.

With that extra money, city staff is proposing to finance several "big ticket" items, including:

- Sealcoating and striping of more than six miles of city streets, estimated to cost \$500,000.

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- The Girl Scouts of the Desert South-West Big Spring Service Unit will hold a ice cream social and registration event at 5:30 Tuesday at the Old Settler's Pavilion in the Comanche Trail Park. Girls in kindergarten to 12th grade are eligible to register. The cost is \$15 per year but financial aid is available. For more information, call Maria Saracho 432-213-1710 or Jacqueline Riley at 432-213-3763.

- The Howard County Fair Quilt is on display at Compass Bank. Tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at Compass Bank, Prosperity Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. The Howard County Fair will be taking entries on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn. Entries include agriculture products, art and photography, baked goods, canned goods and creative arts.

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it means coming home.

"It's neat walking the halls," Sanchez said. "I walked them as a teacher. I walked them as a student. I walked them as a parent. Now I am walking them as the principal."

In fact, 13 out of the 16 years of Sanchez's classroom teaching experience occurred in this building. The last three years have been at the Big Spring Junior High School, where the sixth grade level had been housed.

A number of her teaching staff are also returning to building they consider home. Sanchez beamed as she talked about how much of a seasoned staff she has to work with.

"I was very blessed," she said. "Most of the teachers who taught six grade last year came over with me. I only have five new teachers. I have seasoned teachers. We are fully staffed."

During the summer, Sanchez was at the school building frequently, helping to get the structure back in shape for school — a daunting task at first, she said.

"I've been very blessed with the maintenance and technology department," she said. "When I first came in here, the building was a challenge. The building had been gutted and had become a dumping ground. When they gave me a key and I walked into the library, my jaw just dropped. It became a process. Everybody got in on it. Within a matter of months, it came together."

For Sanchez, the building will be the first of many

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requires more than 13 million registered voters in Texas to show a photo ID before casting a ballot. Opponents say the law is designed to suppress minority turnout and young people who typically vote Democratic.

A ruling isn't expected before the November elections.

Judge finds Texas abortion rules unconstitutional

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tough new Texas abortion restrictions are on hold after a federal judge found Republican-led efforts to hold abortion clinics to hospital-level operating standards unconstitutional in a ruling that spares more than a dozen clinics from imminent closure.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office has filed an appeal of Friday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel in Austin, court records show.

In his ruling, Yeakel cited other rules GOP lawmakers have recently passed in his decision to throw out requirements that clinics meet hospital operating standards.

Those prior abortion restrictions include mandatory sonograms and a 24-hour waiting period after a woman first seeks out an abortion.

"These substantial obstacles have reached a tipping point," Yeakel wrote in a 21-page opinion.

Yeakel sided with clinics that sued over one of the most disputed measures of a sweeping anti-abortion bill signed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry in 2013. The ruling stops new clinic requirements that would have left seven abortion facilities in Texas Monday, when the law was set supposed to take effect.

Study finds more arsenic in wells near drilling

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — North Texas water wells within two miles of active gas drilling sites contain higher concentrations of arsenic and other carcinogens, according to a study published in the journal Environmental Science and Technology.

In the study, University of Texas at Arlington biochemists measured 100 wells across the Barnett Shale, believed to hold one of the largest natural gas reserves in the U.S., and compared the results to a similar study undertaken before hydraulic fracturing technology and higher natural gas prices opened the area to drilling.

Some 30 percent of the wells within 1.8 miles of gas drilling sites showed an increased amount of arsenic and other heavy metals, the study said, and 29 wells exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency's maximum arsenic limits

of 10 parts per billion.

One of the researchers, UTA biochemist Zacariah Hildenbrand, told The Denton Record-Chronicle that "to find that high of arsenic concentrations was alarming."

"This is indirect evidence that drilling does affect the water," he said.

Researchers believe the wells were contaminated when shaking caused by fracking knocked rust off old pipes and into fresh water. But Texas Alliance of Energy Producers spokesman Alex Mills called the theory "a little farfetched."

An industry veteran, Mills said natural gas wells are drilled so deep that vibrations from drilling would never reach far shallower water wells.

Researchers also said in the study that higher concentrations of heavy metals could alternatively be the result of the lowering of the water

table or faulty casings around gas drilling operations, which would allow contaminants to flow up through the well bore and into aquifers and other supplies of drinking water.

A team of researchers at Southern Methodist University are also studying the Barnett Shale, trying to determine whether fracking — which involves blasting water, sand and chemicals deep into underground rock formations to free oil and gas — and the disposal of vast amounts of wastewater into injection wells has caused an unprecedented series of earthquakes.

Fracking produces millions of gallons of chemical-laced wastewater. The liquid, called brine, is a mix of chemicals, saltwater, naturally occurring radioactive material and mud, and is considered unsafe for ground water and aquifers.

challenges she will face in the coming months. Last year, she was a classroom teacher responsible for just her students' academic progress. Now, she is the leader of a 27-member staff and faculty and responsible the academics of a campus full of sixth graders coming together for the first time from four different neighborhood elementary schools across the town.

It's a challenge, Sanchez said, she readily accepts.

"I am going to miss the classroom, but what I want to do is instill what I accomplished in the classroom on a campus level," she said. "Where you come into a campus and you know you are welcomed and you know you are loved and you are going to teach from the heart and you are going to make it fun and engaging; if you do all of those things, those kids will do anything for you."

Sanchez came to the education profession a little later in life. She opted to become a wife and stay-at-home mother instead of finishing high school. After her children were older, Sanchez earned her GED and decided to pursue her education further.

"I had a really good friend of mine and she was a teacher and really motivated me," she said. "She was nine months pregnant and it was hot during the summer but she stood in line with me to make sure I registered for classes at Howard College. She said 'if I leave you, you will not register.' I will always be grateful to her."

She earned her bachelor's degree from the Uni-

versity of Texas Permian Basin in 1998 and began working for BSISD that same year. A few years ago, Sanchez decided to earn a master's in administrative leadership from a program offered through Region 14. During this time, she lost her mother to heart disease but continued on to finish her degree.

"I always thought I would like to run a school one day, but I love the classroom too much," she said. "My husband (Henry) really encouraged me to do this. He said you can do what you do in a classroom on a campus."

And as she takes on this new challenge, Sanchez said her husband helps keep all the new pressures in perspective.

"During the summer, I would go home stressed about the building, worried that it would be ready for my teachers," Sanchez said. "I was worried the desks wouldn't match, the chairs were not all leveled — all these things worried me. One evening I was complaining, my husband said. 'It's not the building, it's what you put in the building, it's who you put in the building. Those teachers you put in the building are going to make a difference. He said 'if you prepare those teachers, support them, that makes the difference. Then you bring those kids in and everything will fall into place.'"

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- About \$1 million in water and sewer line replacement.

- Water treatment plant filter upgrades, which will cost \$1 million.

- Purchase of an aerial fire truck, which will cost \$650,000.

- City auditorium improvements estimated at \$905,000 (money for this project will come from the motel and hotel tax fund).

- Almost \$1 million for new T-hangars at the airport (part of the money for that project will come from state grants) and \$200,000 to acquire land and/or easements for airport access to the U.S. 87 reliever route.

- More than \$400,000 in water treatment and wastewater treatment upgrades.

- More than \$3 million

to cover costs related to the last cell at the city landfill and \$700,000 to begin permitting and geological work at the new landfill site (Howard County is contributing funds to these projects).

- A 2 percent across-the-board pay increase for city workers.

Slightly more than 64 cents of the proposed rate would cover maintenance and operating expenses, while the remainder would be used to pay for debt obligations.

A second public hearing on the new rate, as well as an open forum on the new budget, is set for Sept. 11.

Howard County will hold the first of two scheduled public hearings on its new tax rate at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Commissioners are proposing a tax rate

of 32.7 cents per \$100, County Auditor Jackie Olson said.

The newest proposed rate is 2 cents above the effective rate — the figure which would have raised the same amount of revenue as the previous year — and is the maximum the county can charge without possibly triggering a rollback election, Long said.

With the extra money, commissioners plan to give a 4 percent raise to county employees (excluding commis-

sioners). In addition, employees will receive an additional \$20 per month for every year of service to the county over three years.

Other major budget items include \$500,000 as the county's share of landfill costs and an increase of \$100,000 to cover attorney fees in Child Protective Service cases.

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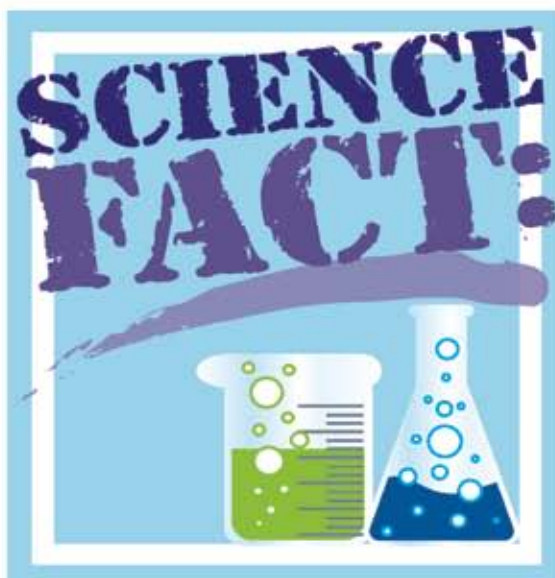
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ANSWER: INCREASED HOURS OF DARKNESS

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Autumn Days



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- SPANISH:** Anaranjado
- ITALIAN:** Arancia
- FRENCH:** Orange
- GERMAN:** Orange

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ANSWER: ORANGE TREE LEAF

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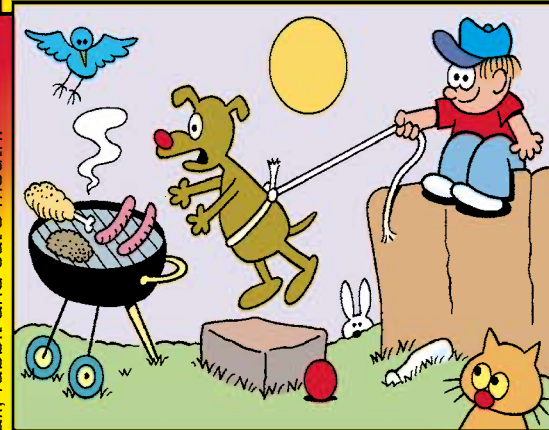
BY BOB WEBER JR.

Max Mouse presented the following challenge to his friends: A thief stole thousands of dollars from another criminal. The criminal did not report the stolen loot to the police, but the thief was arrested several days later. How come? Slylock Fox knows the answer. Do you?



Solution -- The thief stole counterfeit money from the criminal. He was arrested after he tried to spend it.

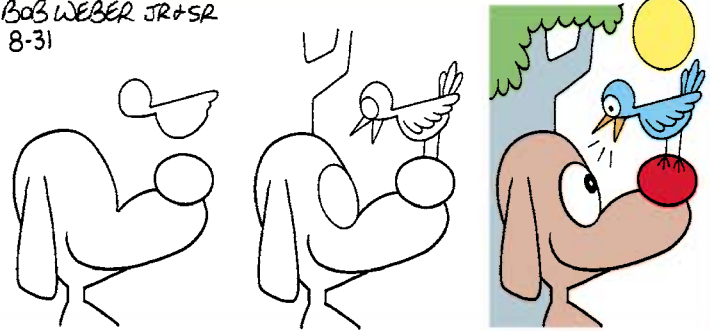
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Bird Poop: 'We're in their country'

As the third week of August promised temperatures in the 90s and a remote chance of rain, the forecasters, for once, were correct. Our rain gauge logged a half-inch on Sunday, followed by a tenth the next day.



BEBE McCASLAND

What happened in the ensuing days surprised even the meteorologists. For two days, from "out of nowhere,"

came late afternoon, infamous dry lines. Blustery winds, small hail, lightning, and sudden, but brief deluges of rain pounded the Midland-Odesa area. The path of the storms left behind downed trees and power outages.

The aftermath of such events usually prompts numerous phone calls regarding birds blown from nests and injured raptors. This was no exception.

The stormy conditions under which it had happened brought back to memory another turbulent August. Surveying the damage on his ranch northwest of Midland, a rancher had found a "fair-sized" hawk. Frightened by his approach, the rap-

tor flapped its wings and hurtled forward. Even with its strength, it could gain no more than two feet in elevation or fly more than about 20 feet.

Realizing the dilemma that confronted the bird of prey on open rangeland, the man walked back to his truck. Predators, both four legged and winged, by day or night, might prey upon the hawk.

A blanket that had held everything from calves to puppies would have to suffice. Although the bird tried to fly and run away from the man, it tired after his continued chase.

Easily throwing the tattered relic over the bird, he was able to gather the cloth around the struggling hawk. Placed on the floor up front so he could keep an eye on it, the bundled lump settled down in the darkness it provided.

Delivering the bird to Parks & Wildlife, the rancher carefully unfolded the blanket and allowed his passenger to enter one of their containers. A few hours later, we were on our way back to Big Spring with a red-tailed hawk.

Having no idea where the raptor had been during the storms, we could only guess that it had been bruised and battered and would

need time to recover. Before we moved it to a large carrier, we noticed the mottled coloration of white on its dark brown feathers. It formed a "V" on its wings and back. The hawk was a first-year juvenile.

Feeling along the length of each wing indicated no signs of a fracture or calcification.

The red-tail was then turned so that we could observe its frontal markings. Spreading and flapping its wings in defiance at being held, the raptor displayed the brown epaulets that enhance the leadings edges between its shoulders and elbows. They were becoming darker with maturity.

Its chest and belly were a typical creamy-buff dotted with sepia to brown accents. The specie's temperament was evident in its glaring eyes, sharp beak, and large feet with long, sharp talons.

Having previously felt alongside its breastbone, or keel, my fingers had touched the ample flesh of a healthy, hunting bird of prey. We were optimistic about its outcome as we transferred it to Lubbock.

Wanting to make sure the bird had no lingering after effects from what she considered to



Courtesy photo

Weighing two and half to three pounds, the red-tailed hawk frequents open country, mountains, rangeland, and desert terrain. Often seen perched atop telephone poles or fence posts, the raptor hunts for rabbits, mice, rats, snakes, and carrion.

be a bruised wing, Gail Barnes said it would be placed in a mew in the barn. As it fed and exercised, they could monitor its behavior.

After three days, the red-tail convinced the volunteers that its place was back in the sky.

Exercising in the long flight cage, the raptor easily flew from one end to another and attained the highest perches.

Little more than a week after having suffered the extremes of a storm, the red-tailed hawk was released at Ransom Canyon. Teeming with wildlife,

the locale offered a paradise of game and rugged terrain.

Only with sexual maturity would this bird of prey attain a rufous or rusty tail.

Then there would be no doubt about its identification as one of the red-tailed hawks that soars on our West Texas thermals.

Often a recurring question arises about the number of raptors we handle and the frequency of their appearing in weekly columns. Also asked is why we don't move to Lubbock and work at the wildlife center. The same reply

is given to both inquiries.

We are where the raptors are. Whether they are summer, winter, or year-round visitors, eagles, hawks, falcons, kites, ospreys, accipiters, harriers and vultures frequent these wide open, western spaces with grace. Stressing the need to care for all raptors, we end by saying, "We're in their country!"

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

Don't lose heart; good things can happen

I read an interesting comment lately which said, "Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You name them — work, family, health, friends and spirit — and you're keeping all of these in the air."



DARRELL RYAN

Before long you will understand that work is like a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls — family,

health, friends and spirit — are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged, or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life."

The finding of balance in our lives is part of a never ending search, especially when it involves others whom we care about.

This was a lesson learned the hard way as described in the following story.

Some time ago a

mother punished her 5-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and she became even more upset when the child used the gold paper to decorate a box with which she was playing.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her mother the next morning and then said, "This is for you, Momma." The mother was embarrassed by her earlier over reaction, but her anger flared again when she opened the box and found it was empty. She spoke to her daughter in a harsh manner.

"Don't you know, young lady, when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package?"

The little girl, with tears in her eyes, said, "Oh, Momma, it's not empty! I blew kisses into it until it was full."

The mother was crushed. She fell on her knees and put her arms around her little girl, and she begged her forgiveness for her thoughtless anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later, and it is told that the mother kept that gold box by her bed for all the years

of her life. Whenever she was discouraged or faced difficult problems she would open the box and take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us, as human beings, have been given a golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family and friends. With this in mind we discover that finding balance in our lives involves others. We are not alone; we are part of a whole and we are here for one another.

Good can come from bad but we must learn

to recognize it or it will be lost in the shuffle of everyday events.

So as with the story of the only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly to be rescued, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood for protection from the elements and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames with smoke rolling up to the sky.

The worst had happened! Everything was lost! He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. "How could all this happen to me?" he cried.

Early the next day he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers.

"We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

So the moral of the story is that it's easy to

get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, for good things can happen even in the midst of pain, and suffering.

So the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground, remember, it just may be a smoke signal that summons something good.

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

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sudoku

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

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

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

An Unusual Safety Play

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 6
♥ J 5 2
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ A J 9 6 4

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ Q 9 4
♦ J 6
♣ Q 10 8 7

EAST
♠ 9 5 3 2
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ Q 10 9 2
♣ 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 4
♥ A 10 6
♦ A K 5
♣ K 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — queen of spades.

There is considerable ambiguity attached to the term "safety play." At times it might refer to a play by which declarer can avoid a potential loser in a suit simply by playing his cards in the correct order.

For example, if he has A-Q-9-3-2 and dummy has K-10-5-4, he can prevent the potential loss of a trick by cashing the ace first. If either defender turns up with J-8-7-6, declarer is then able to take the marked finesse against the jack. Observe that if declarer plays the

king first, he loses a trick if his left-hand opponent started with four to the jack.

More often, though, a safety play is employed when declarer is willing to lose one trick in a suit, but not two. Thus, with A-10-9-3-2 facing K-8-5-4, he can lead the two and, if the next player follows low, play the eight. This guards against losing two tricks if his left-hand opponent started with Q-J-7-6, and also limits the loss to one trick if the player to his right started with Q-J-7-6.

Today's hand illustrates the latter type of play. Declarer wins the spade lead, cashes the king of clubs and continues with a club. When West produces the eight, declarer finesses the nine!

He doesn't expect the nine to win, but he takes the deep finesse because by doing so he guarantees the contract. If East produces the ten or queen, South is sure of four club tricks, which is all he needs. As it happens, the safety play of the nine yields an unexpected overtrick. Without it, South goes down.

Ordinarily, with this combination declarer would finess the jack — the most lucrative play in the long run — but here he opts for the safety play because the deep finesse guarantees making three notrump.

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Collins become first Hawk to homer in Majors

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Tyler Collins continues to make Howard College baseball history ... even three seasons after he earned the National Junior College Player of the Year honors and headed off to professional baseball.

Collins became the first Howard College product to

homer in the Major Leagues on Monday afternoon by launching a three-run pinch-hit blast in the Detroit Tigers' 12-1 rout of the Cleveland.

A native of Trophy Club, Texas, Collins hit his first major league homer, a three-run shot off Cleveland reliever Austin Adams in the ninth inning. A Sept. 1 call-up, Collins had entered the game

as a pinch hitter for All-Star designated hitter Miguel Cabrera moments earlier.

"It was awesome to see," said Howard College head coach Brett Smith, who said the left-handed outfielder may be one of the top athletes ever to come through the Western Junior College Athletic Conference ranks. "I couldn't be happier for him. I spoke with

him yesterday and he was pretty happy."

Drafted by the Tigers in 2011, Collins has been projected as a future standout for the Tigers. He was sent back to the minors after struggling early. He was among 15 players called up by the Tigers on Sept. 1.

Collins' homer run helped

the Tigers stay close in the American League Central race. The Tigers, as of Tuesday, trailed the Kansas City Royals by 1/2 game in the AL Central standings with just over 30 games remaining in the regular season.

Collins is one of approximately 20 former HC players currently playing professionally.



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The stretch ...

Breanna Rogers returns a hit during the Steers' tennis match last week against Midland. Big Spring will return to the court on Sept. 6 in Lubbock in a four-day meet with Andrews, Levelland and Pampa.

Jones: Cowboys face 'uphill' battle this year

IRVING — Jerry Jones opened training camp with stories about how young his Dallas Cowboys were. He told a few thousand fans at the kickoff luncheon that many of those players faced an "uphill battle."

"Not exactly Super Bowl talk from an eternally optimistic owner who has made such preseason predictions a few times.

The Cowboys have 34-year-old quarterback Tony Romo coming off back surgery, and Rolando McClain possibly starting at middle linebacker just a few months after deciding to retire. Not to mention a defensive line lacking star — and possibly pass rushing — power heading into Sunday's opener against San Francisco.

"I think there is a difference being optimistic and assessing the odds," Jones said after the Cowboys finished a winless preseason with a 27-3 record last week. "You've got guys out there, no-name guys. You've got guys out there who retired. You've got guys who are coming back from injury. Man, this is a 'to prove' group."

Jones still includes coach Jason Garrett in that group. Even though a youthful roster is loaded with questions about a defense that gave up the most yards in the league last year, Jones isn't ready to commit to Garrett beyond this season.

"If I said that, I'd be giving him a contract, and that's not how we're operating here," Jones said. "I in no way have shut that door. But I have already decided that we were going to operate this year

with his contract status the way it is."

Garrett was at the center of reshaping a roster that has gone from one of the oldest in the league to one of the youngest in just a few seasons. Meanwhile, the Cowboys have finished 8-8 and missed the playoffs in all three of Garrett's full seasons. Those three years ended with losses to NFC East rivals with playoff berths on the line.

If Dallas misses the playoffs again this season, it will match the franchise record of five straight years without a postseason trip.

"We started with a plan to make the team younger, to build the team the right way, to bring the cornerstone pieces in, and we feel like we've done that," Garrett said. "Now is that job complete? It's not even close to complete. We understand that."

The Cowboys have avoided flashy first-round draft picks that Jones likes — he can't stop talking about how tempted he was to take former Kerrville Tivy and Texas A&M star Johnny Manziel.

But Garrett might not be around to finish the rebuilding of a defensive line trying to replace DeMarcus Ware after the franchise's career sacks leader was released in the offseason in a salary cap move.

"There's very low expectations for this defense," said defensive tackle Henry Melton, a Texas-ex and the team's biggest free agent signing who is getting ready for his first game since tearing a knee ligament in Week 3 last year.

Royals stop slide with 4-3 win over Rangers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tough to catch the Kansas City Royals when they are leading after six innings. Greg Holland leads one of the majors' best bullpens.

Ventura pitched into the seventh inning and three relievers shut the door in a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

"With Ventura throwing the ball so well, it

allowed to get us into the seventh inning with our big three spot with a lead," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "We were in good shape from that point."

Ventura (11-9) allowed three runs, two earned, and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. Salvador Perez homered and drove in three runs for Kansas City, which finished with 10 hits.

Astros cut ties with manager

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros are looking toward the future, and they decided there is no time like the present to get going on that.

Entering the final month of a dismal season, the Astros fired

manager Bo Porter on Monday, saying the dismissal had less to do with the team's 59-79 record than the need for "new direction" and a "united message throughout the entire organization."

Texas QB David Ash could miss BYU game with injury

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas quarterback David Ash, who missed most of last season with concussion symptoms, will not play this week against BYU after getting headaches and feeling dizzy in the hours following the Longhorns' season-opening win over North Texas.

Ash took several hard hits to the head in the 38-7 win, but head coach Charlie Strong said Monday that Ash showed no symptoms during the game. Ash called staff to report his symptoms about 90 minutes after the game ended, and the medical staff brought him in for evaluation.

"It shows his toughness. I know how important this football team is to him," Strong said.

Strong would not speculate whether Ash, who has 22 career starts, could or should try to play again. Ash had insisted that despite from questions from his fam-

ily, he never seriously considered quitting.

"That's a decision his family is going to have to make," Strong said, noting that Ash would have to be cleared by doctors before he can return.

"You have to be concerned, any time you have that number of concussions. We will never jeopardize a young man's health for the sake of this football team. That will always be the case," Strong said.

Ash had been cleared by team doctors to return this season and told reporters in training camp about taking that first hit: "Bring it on."

Strong said Ash noted to staff a blow he took on Texas' second drive of the game, when he bent low to recover a fumble and a defender crashed into the crown of his helmet.

Watt agrees to new 6-year deal

When Texans defensive end J.J. Watt signs his six-year, \$100 million contract extension, he will become the highest-paid defensive player in NFL history.

Watt's extension surpasses the previous record set by former Texans defensive end Mario Williams, who signed a six-year, \$96 million contract with Buffalo that included \$50 million guaranteed.

General manager Rick Smith, vice president of football administration Chris Olsen and agent Tom Condon reached an agreement in principle on the record-setting extension late Monday night.

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a public meeting on this application.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the

group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Alon USA, LP at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Miguel Martinez, Senior Environmental Engineer, at (432) 263-9354. Issuance Date: August 7, 2014 #8443 Sept 2, 2014

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

the top.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will cast your vote in some way, probably with your money. Before you put in your figurative two cents (which actually costs thousands of cents), think of what you're voting against, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Usually your mischief is spontaneous, but tonight it will benefit you to commit some premeditated misbehavior. In a weird way, it will show that you care.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Impossibilities, quite simply, are not so. Strike that word from your vocabulary today, and instead hold your mind open to more options than the average logical Joe might consider.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your environment will only feel as comfortable as the people in it. Those shopping for a new place to live should ask about the neighbors before putting down a deposit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Doing what you like seems like a luxury now, as there is so much expected of you. Of course, maybe all this work is keeping you out of trouble and making you more useful than you intended to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will feel as though you are in a race. Keep in mind that the one who accomplishes something first often doesn't get it right. Take the time to be thorough and test out your theories before presenting them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The thing (or person) you depend on may not be available, which will inspire you to find new solutions to the problem or, better yet, decide that it never was a problem to begin with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Memories will be dredged up -- bad ones, good ones and those that are best left uncategorized. Nod to the past as you would a passing acquaintance -- "I see you" -- and then move

on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The mistakes show you what you need to work on. They give you direction and purpose. So don't be afraid to make a few today. Without them, life will feel rudderless.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The prize will be yours, but not magically so. You'll have to work harder for it than you wanted to, but you're better for the work. In fact, in some way the work will save you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2). It will be a happy year, mostly because people will teach you about what's good in you. Knowing your best qualities will lead you to show them off in a big-time showcase in the new year. November will feel like a dream world. New characters will sparkle up your life in February. There's an important legal document to sign in March. By no means should you compromise in April -- ask for everything, and you'll likely get it! Aquarius

and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 24, 39, 4 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My friends seem to be able to take dating a lot less seriously than I do. They don't get so crushed with the changes. If I spend three weeks seeing a person and then it doesn't work out in the end, I'm devastated for six weeks. What do I do about my horrible heart-breaky heart? It's SO fragile, I don't know what to do." -- Cancer with Intense Feelings

Maybe intellectually you realize that none of it is personal -- it's either a good match or a wonky one, or it's a good one for a time. Sensing when the time is over is kind of like sensing when the party is over. Is it over? Tell that to your heart, and it will answer you with nothing but thumping. Your heart is more detached than you give it credit for.

Wait, then, is this really about your heart? The ego seems like a part of it, if only in a sneaky way. Apply even more detachment. The love

equation gets remarkably simple when you take your ego out of it to bear witness to the goings-on.

The good news is that every time you experience heartbreak, your heart gets a little bit stronger. Scar tissue is tough tissue.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to Virgo actress, director and producer Salma Hayek, who will star in "The Prophet," an animated film based on Kahlil Gibran's beloved work. "The timeless in you is aware of life's timelessness. And knows that yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow is today's dream." -- Kahlil Gibran

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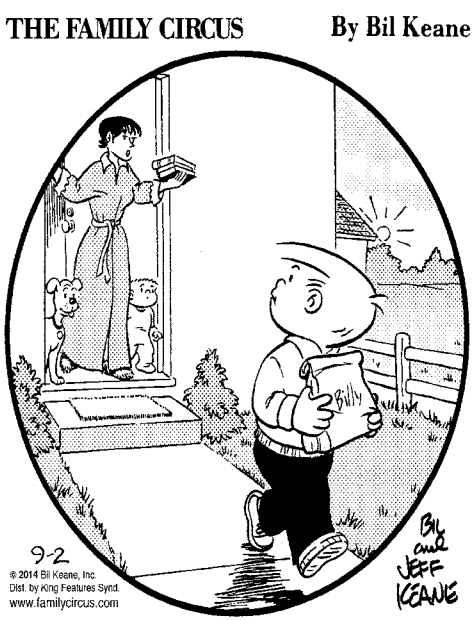
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7:PM	The Story of Frozen	Mi Corazon Es Tuyo	Fam. Guy Brooklyn	NCIS (DVS)	Reina de Corazones	Food Fighters	Big Bang	Upd	Cuban Missile Crisis	Griffith	Last Frontier		Ink Master	Rizzoli & Isles		Princess Protection Program	Outside the Lines	
8:PM	Extreme Weight Loss	Hasta el Fin	New Girl Mindy	NCIS (DVS)	En Otra Piel (SS)	America's Got Talent	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	Castro Tapes	Heroes	(:01) Yukon Men	4th and Loud	Ink Master	Rizzoli & Isles		To Be Announced	Baseball Tonight	
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Besides your lunch, don't you think you might need your books, too?"

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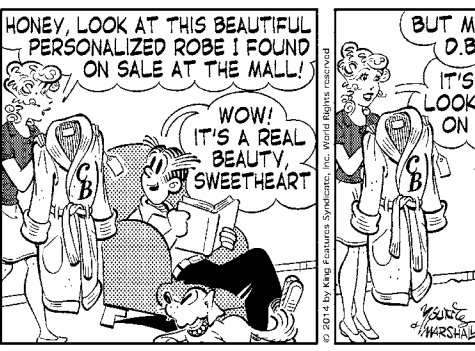
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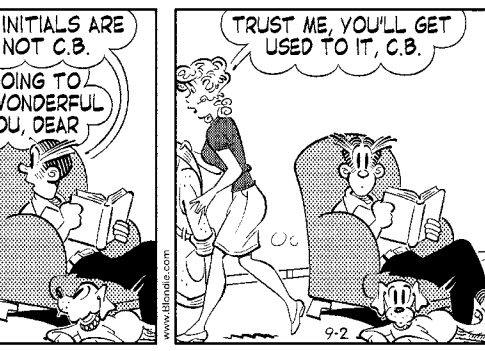
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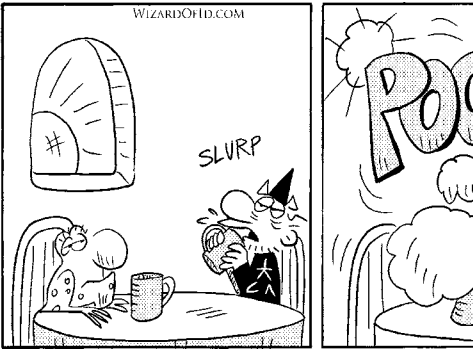
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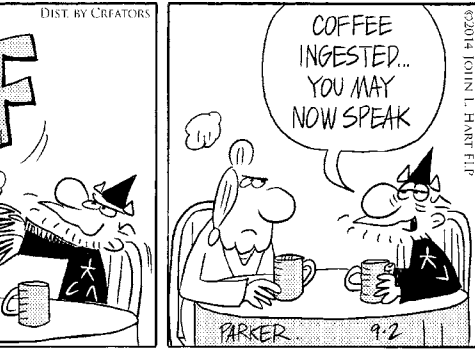
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, September 2, the 245th day of 2014. There are 120 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On September 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II. On this date: In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out. In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established. In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied At-

lanta. In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair. In 1924, the Rudolf Friml operetta "Rose Marie" opened on Broadway. In 1935, a Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400 lives. In 1944, during World War II, Navy pilot Lt. (jg) George Herbert Walker Bush was shot down by Japanese forces as he completed a bombing run over the Bonin Islands. (Bush was rescued by the crew of the submarine

USS Finback; his two crew members, however, died.) In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. (Ho died on this date in 1969.) In 1964, one of America's most decorated military heroes of World War I, Medal of Honor recipient Alvin C. York, died in Nashville at age 76.

Answer to previous puzzle

DADS	SWAMP	SHAM
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Scent
- 6 Assist in a felony
- 10 1/12 of a foot
- 14 Cone-shaped tent
- 15 Andes Mountains country
- 16 Spanish bull
- 17 Chinese or Thai
- 18 Drought ender
- 19 "Hurry up!"
- 20 Employer's security screening
- 23 Toe count
- 24 Beam of sunshine
- 25 Minimal
- 29 IRS form experts
- 31 Mermaid's home
- 34 Cry of accomplishment
- 35 Castaway's home
- 37 Get gradually narrower
- 39 Park your car, perhaps
- 42 Regions
- 43 Fresh thought
- 44 Threesome
- 45 Road coating
- 46 Goofs up
- 48 Team list
- 50 "___ you serious?"
- 51 Nile snake
- 52 Controls something carefully
- 61 Nothing, in Mexico
- 62 ___ dish (fries or rice)
- 63 All lathered up
- 64 At any time
- 65 Sign of the future
- 66 "The TV show is starting"
- 67 Left the premises
- 68 Home for hatchlings
- 69 Underprivileged
- DOWN
- 1 Wild guess
- 2 Southwestern tableland
- 3 Grand-scale
- 4 Plumbing problem
- 5 Measure of distance
- 6 Kitchen cover-up
- 7 Boyfriend
- 8 Ireland nickname
- 9 Treeless plain
- 10 Needing to scratch
- 11 Alaskan port
- 12 Gator's cousin
- 13 Goose's sound
- 21 Repair, as a pool cue
- 22 Social stratum
- 25 March 17 honoree, for short
- 26 First Lady before Michelle
- 27 Do-nothing person
- 28 Festive event
- 29 Clumsy ones
- 30 Sampras of tennis
- 31 Short burst of energy
- 32 Spine-tingling
- 33 ___ Day (tree-planting time)
- 36 Mix with a spoon
- 38 Comedy-club performances
- 40 Computer owners
- 41 Cruel
- 47 Think logically
- 49 Chooses to take part
- 50 Not together
- 51 Athlete's negotiator
- 52 Was sure of
- 53 Roof overhang
- 54 Genesis paradise
- 55 Clock reading
- 56 "Beware the ___ of March"
- 57 Repetitive learning method
- 58 Simplicity
- 59 Digital music player
- 60 Envelope abbr. for Manhattan

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Scoreboard

BASKETBALL
WNBA
(x-if necessary)
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-3)
Eastern Conference
Indiana 1, Chicago 1
Saturday, Aug. 30: Indiana 77, Chicago 70
Monday, Sept. 1: Chicago 86, Indiana 84, 2OT
x-Wednesday, Sept. 3: Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Western Conference
Phoenix 1, Minnesota 1
Friday, Aug. 29: Phoenix 85, Minnesota 71
Sunday, Aug. 31: Minnesota 82, Phoenix 77
Tuesday, Sept. 2: Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

BASEBALL
American League
East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	79	.581	—
New York	70	.519	8½
Toronto	69	.507	10
Tampa Bay	67	.486	13
Boston	60	.438	19½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	75	.611	—
Detroit	75	.547	½
Cleveland	70	.519	4½
Chicago	62	.453	13½
Minnesota	60	.438	15½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	83	.610	—
Oakland	79	.577	4½
Seattle	73	.537	10
Houston	59	.428	25
Texas	53	.387	30½

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, 10 innings
Minnesota 6, Baltimore 4
Detroit 12, Cleveland 1
Oakland 6, Seattle 1
Kansas City 4, Texas 3
Tuesday's Games
Boston (J.Kelly 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Greene 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 5-3) at Baltimore (B.Norris 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Lobstein 0-0) at Cleveland (Carrasco 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 10-12) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Noesi 8-9) at Minnesota (Milone 6-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 10-8) at Houston (Peacock 3-8), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 0-0) at Kansas City (Guthrie 10-10), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 4-1) at Oakland (Gray 13-7), 10:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	78	.574	—
Atlanta	72	.522	7
Miami	67	.493	11
New York	64	.464	15
Philadelphia	63	.460	15½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	74	.540	—
Milwaukee	73	.533	1
Pittsburgh	71	.518	3
Cincinnati	66	.482	8
Chicago	62	.449	12½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	77	.558	—
San Francisco	75	.543	2
San Diego	65	.478	11
Arizona	57	.416	19½
Colorado	55	.399	22

Monday's Games
Miami 9, N.Y. Mets 6
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 0
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago Cubs 4, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 4, Colorado 2, comp. of susp. game
San Diego 3, Arizona 1
Colorado 10, San Francisco 9
Washington 6, L.A. Dodgers 4
Tuesday's Games
Cincinnati (Latos 5-3) at Baltimore (B.Norris 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 7-10) at Miami (Penny 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 7-11) at Atlanta (Minor 6-8), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 8-7) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 7-5), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 6-3) at St. Louis (Wainwright 15-9), 8:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Y.Petit 4-3) at Colorado (Lyles 6-2), 8:40 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 7-10) at San Diego (Despaigne 3-5), 10:10 p.m.
Washington (Fister 12-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 16-3), 10:10 p.m.

Texas League
North Division

W	L	Pct	GB
yz-Arkansas	41	.586	—
Springfield	34	.486	7
x-Tulsa	33	.471	8
NW Arkansas	28	.400	13

South Division

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Frisco	40	.571	—
z-Midland	39	.557	1
Corpus Christi	33	.471	7
San Antonio	32	.457	8

x-clinched first half
y-clinched division (refers to second half)
z-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Games
Arkansas 6, Northwest Arkansas 3
Springfield 9, Tulsa 8
Corpus Christi 8, San Antonio 4
Frisco 7, Midland 0
Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Canadian Football League
East Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Toronto	3	7	6	235	262
Hamilton	2	6	4	162	197
Montreal	2	7	4	145	227
Ottawa	1	8	2	136	251

West Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Calgary	8	1	16	251	134
Edmonton	7	2	14	227	170
Saskatchewan	7	2	14	228	181
Winnipeg	6	4	12	260	252
B.C.	5	4	10	212	182

Sunday's Game
Saskatchewan 35, Winnipeg 30
Monday's Games
Hamilton 13 Toronto 12
Calgary 28, Edmonton 13
Friday's Game
B.C. at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's Game
Calgary at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

Transactions
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLLES — Recalled LHP Joe Saunders, RHP Evan Meek and RHP Kevin Gausman, from Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled RHP Steven Wright from Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated 1B-DH Jason Giambi from the 60-day DL.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Fired manager Bo Porter and bench coach Dave Trembley. Named Tom Lawless interim manager and Adam Everett interim bench coach.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Selected the contracts of OF Carlos Peguero from Omaha (PCL) and LHP Brandon Finnegan from Northwest Arkansas (Texas). Designated LHP Chris Dwyer and RHP Blake Wood for assignment. Reinstated 1B Eric Hosmer from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Casey Coleman, INF Johnny Giavotella and C Francisco Pena from Omaha and OF Lane Adams from Northwest Arkansas. Announced minor league medical coordinator Chris DeLucia will join the club as an additional trainer.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled LHP Logan Darnell, RHP Michael Tonkin, OF Chris

Herrman and OF Aaron Hicks from Rochester. Selected the contracts of RHP Lester Oliveros, RHP A.J. Achter and INF Doug Bernier from Rochester.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed 1B-DH Jesus Montero on the suspended list.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled RHP Brandon Gomes from Durham (IL). Purchased the contract of RHP Steve Geltz from Durham. Recalled C Curt Casali from Charlotte (FSL). Sent C Ali Solis outright to Durham.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated Daniel Hudson and OF Cody Ross from DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Reinstated RHP Matt Garza and LHP Wei-Chung Wang from the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Jimmy Nelson from Brevard County (FSL) and OF Logan Schafer from Nashville (PCL). Selected the contract of C Matt Paganuzzi from Nashville. Transferred SS Jeff Bianchi to the 60-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Selected the contract of RHP John Holdzkom and optioned him to Indianapolis (IL). Designated 1B Chris McGuinness for assignment. Recalled RHP Gerrit Cole from Bristol (Appalachian). Activated RHP Stolmy Pimentel from the 15-day DL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled INF Cory Spangenberg from San Antonio (Texas) and LHP Robbie Erlin from El Paso (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Leonel Campos from El

Paso. Transferred 1B Yonder Alonso and OF Carlos Quentin from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Aaron Barrett, LHP Xavier Cedeno, C Sandy Leon, 1B/OF Tyler Moore and RHP Blake Treinen from Syracuse (IL). Reinstated OF Steven Souza Jr. DL.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed WR Freddie Martino and TE Kyle Miller to the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed G D.J. Morrell and RB Lonnie Pryor to the practice squad. Waived/injured TE Tony Moeaki.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LS Jeremy Cain. Signed WR Josh Bellamy, C Taylor Boggs, DT Brandon Dunn, CB Isaiah Frey, G Ryan Gray, LB DeDe Lattimore, CB Al Louis-Jean, CB Terrance Mitchell, DT Roy Philon and WR Rashad Ross to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed OL Patrick Lewis, OL Karim Barton and WR Charles Johnson to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived S Ahmad Dixon and DB Jemea Thomas. Signed LB Corey Tomer and S C.J. Spillman. Signed FB Nikita Whitlock to the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed DE Zach Thompson to the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed CB Jumal Rolle to the practice squad. Released WR Alex Gillett from the practice squad.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed S Danieal Manning.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed CB Chris Greenwood to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Claimed S Don Jones off waivers from Miami. Released OL Chris Barker. Signed DL Jake Bequette, QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson, WR Josh Boyce, LB Ja'Gared Davis, S Kanorris Davis, RB Jonas Gray, DL Charley Hughlett, OL Chris Martin, DL Deonate Skinner and DB Daxton Swanson to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed CB Phillip Adams. Re-signed LB A.J. Edds. Claimed WR Walter Powell off waivers from Arizona. Released Quincy Enunwa, LB Jeremiah George and CB Ellis Lankster. Signed CB LeQuan Lewis to the practice squad.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed RB George Atkinson III, DE Denico Autry, CB Ras-I Dowling, LB Bojay Filimoeatu, LB Spencer Hadley, OT Dan Kistler, DT Ricky Lumpkin, G Lamar Mady, WR Seth Roberts, TE Scott Simonson to the practice squad.

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ANSWERS

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