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1 dead following accident

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was struck and killed by a motor vehicle while walking in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street Saturday morning.

Daniel James Lafler, 69, was declared dead at the scene, Big Spring police stated in a Monday news release.

Police say Lafler was crossing Gregg Street when he was struck by a pickup traveling northbound on the street.

"The investigation has revealed that Lafler had entered the roadway from a parking lot on the east side of the 1800 block of South Gregg ... at which time the vehicle, which was traveling northbound, struck him," the release stated.

Police further determined the vehicle driver was not at fault in the accident.

"Lafler had entered the roadway outside of a crosswalk and the vehicle had the right-of-way," the release stated. "This tragedy has been hard for all parties involved. The Big Spring Police Department reminds our citizens to always look both ways and use designated crosswalks before crossing a roadway."

Funeral arrangements for Lafler are being handled by Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.



Lafler

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or by email at reporter@big-springherald.com

Rally for reading



Howard College's cheerleaders and mascot were at Big Spring Intermediate School Monday to conduct a pep rally to promote reading at the school. During the event, college athletes spoke to the students about the importance of reading.

Crafting a way to help a good cause

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Howard College art professor Amin Tejani is hoping this week's Empty Bowls ceramics session will be overflowing with volunteers willing to get their hands a little dirty for a good cause.

Preparations for the 10th annual Empty Bowls United Way fundraiser will begin when volunteers meet today and Thursday evening to handcraft bowls used in the luncheon.

Response to the sessions have been overwhelming, even before he began advertising this year, Tejani said, and spots for today are already filled. However, Tejani said, he will not turn away anyone who wants to volunteer his or her

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College trustees give final OK to tax rate

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees unanimously approved a 3.32 percent increase in the junior college district's tax rate during their Monday meeting.

The increase will bring in an extra \$538,000 to the college and allow it to, in its president's words, catch up on some projects they've had to put off for the past few years.

Sparks "The (extra) money will allow us to upgrade our fire alarm system, purchase some capital outlays, repair the chiller at the coliseum, and perform maintenance projects we've deferred for the past few years," Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "We are working to catch up on things we've not been able to address the past couple of years."

Even without the extra money, the college plans to add some positions — including two faculty members and a employee at the college library — as well as give a flat \$500 raise



to all employees. The extra revenue will help the college pay for a \$180,000 increase in employee health insurance premiums. The college will also spend \$190,000 to bring college salaries more in line with federal requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Also during the meeting, Sparks said the college wants to fill two full-time and one part-time position that have been vacant for the past few years. Pending final board approval, the college plans to hire a full-time groundskeeper and accounting assistant, as well as a part-time employee in the workforce training department.

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Commissioners take state to task over unfunded mandates

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Fed up with what they say is a state government that tells them what to do but doesn't give them the money to do it, Howard County commissioners approved a bevy of resolutions urging the state government to put a halt to unfunded mandates.

During their Monday meeting, commissioners approved three resolutions that, directly or indirectly, called the state to task for requiring county governments to provide services without providing financial assistance for those services.

The first of those resolutions called on state lawmakers not to pass any legislation that would cap property appraisals, a law that Precinct 2 Commissioner Craig Bailey said would hamstring the county's ability to fund needed programs.

"The issue is that, on any given budget, a majority of our expenditures are a result of unfunded mandates," Bailey said. "The state tells us, 'You will provide these services,' then turns around and wants to limit our ability to finance those services (by capping appraisals)."



Bailey



Wiseman

Another result of capping appraisals, County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said, would be forcing taxing entities to call for rollback elections any time they seek to increase taxes.

The second resolution was a blanket condemnation of the use of unfunded mandates and calling for an amendment to the state constitution banning the practice.

A third called on legislators to increase the state's contribution to a fund that pays for attorneys for indigent defendants. Currently, the lion's share of those expenses come from the county.

Wiseman said most recent figures showed the county paying almost \$300,000 to provide attorneys for indigent defendants, with the state contributing \$31,000.

A fourth resolution passed by commissioners had nothing to do with unfunded mandates, but was of importance to many in the community — urging the Federal Department of Justice to change its mind on plans to stop housing federal prisoners in private prisons.

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Clema Helen Ray



Clema Helen Ray, 85, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 at Barton Hills Assisted Living, in Austin, Texas. The staff there gave excellent care and became like family to her. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with her son, Rev. Pat Ray, Jr., officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 at the funeral home.

Clema was born Dec. 13, 1930 in Big Spring, Texas and married Thomas Patrick Ray, Sr. June 5, 1948 in Stanton. He preceded her in death Sept. 7, 2002.

She is known for her quick wit and love for her family. She was a member of the East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Clema is survived by one son, Pat Ray Jr. and wife, Gwen of Big Spring; four daughters, Janis

Horace Leonard Bowden



Horace Leonard Bowden, 83, of Big Spring, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 at the funeral home.

Horace was born Dec. 4, 1932 in Waxahachie, Texas to Tom and Bessie Bowden. He joined the United States Navy in 1951 and served in the Korean War on the USS Estes. Horace worked for Cosden Refinery and retired after 37 years. On February 24, 1956, he married the prettiest blonde he had ever met, Jackie Williams.

He served our Lord and Savior at Midway Baptist Church. He loved to fish and go camping, but his pride and joy was his family.

He is survived by one son, Mark Bowden and wife,

Obituaries

Madewell and husband, Don of Universal City, Diane Franklin and husband, Doug of Hamilton, Helen Scott of Big Spring, and Mollie Biddison and husband, Tom of Austin; 15 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Mike Ray; a son-in-law, Kenny Scott; her parents, Grover and Clara Belle (Lyles) Potts; and two brothers, Edwin Earl Potts and Robbie Lyles Potts, and a granddaughter, Janis Robin.

For Mom, her family was her life. She enjoyed things like crafts or yard work, but truly, everything she did revolved around her family. With a husband working midnights and six kids, she epitomized what it means to be a homemaker; three meals per day, every day; washing and ironing clothes for eight people every week; all with no complaints and always with kindness. We love you, Mom.

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

Paid obituary

Donna of Midland; one daughter, Sheila Bowden of Plano; three grandchildren, Charles Bowden of Midland, Thomas Bowden and wife, Misty of Midland, and Tiffani Nichols and husband, Eric of Decatur; and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Bessie Bowden; the love of his life, Jackie Bowden; and his brother, Travis "Butch" Bowden of Evergreen County.

The family suggests memorial donations be made in his honor to the Permian Basin Honor Flight at www.permianbasinhonorflight.org or to the American Heart Association, 10900 - B Stonelake Blvd, Suite 320, Austin, Texas 78759.

The family would like to say a special thanks to the staff at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home for the great care they gave of our Grandpa.

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

Paid obituary

Raquel Moreno DeLucas

Raquel Moreno DeLucas, 54, of Big Spring died Sunday. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

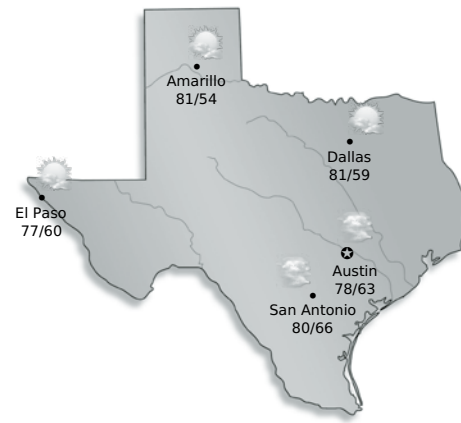
Tommy Rupard

Tommy Rupard, 84, of Big Spring died Sunday. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 9/28	Thu 9/29	Fri 9/30	Sat 10/1	Sun 10/2
85/60	79/55	80/58	84/60	86/63
Mainly sunny. High around 85F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 7:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 7:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 7:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 7:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 7:28 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	81	54	P Cloudy	Kingsville	86	70	Cloudy
Austin	78	63	Cloudy	Livingston	83	63	Cloudy
Beaumont	87	67	P Cloudy	Longview	82	56	P Cloudy
Brownsville	83	74	Sct T-Storms	Lubbock	79	52	P Cloudy
Brownwood	78	54	Cloudy	Lufkin	84	60	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	87	73	Cloudy	Midland	79	58	Cloudy
Corsicana	78	58	Cloudy	Raymondville	85	72	Cloudy
Dallas	81	59	Cloudy	Rosenberg	83	66	Cloudy
Del Rio	76	63	Cloudy	San Antonio	80	66	Cloudy
El Paso	77	60	M Cloudy	San Marcos	78	62	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	73	57	Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	82	56	P Cloudy
Gainesville	79	55	P Cloudy	Sweetwater	77	56	M Cloudy
Greenville	80	54	P Cloudy	Tyler	83	56	Cloudy
Houston	85	69	M Cloudy	Weatherford	80	56	P Cloudy
				Wichita Falls	81	57	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	65	M Sunny	Miami	84	75	M Cloudy
Boston	72	60	Rain	Minneapolis	59	49	Sunny
Chicago	68	51	Sunny	New York	76	63	Cloudy
Dallas	81	59	Cloudy	Phoenix	92	73	P Cloudy
Denver	83	51	Sunny	San Francisco	72	51	Clear
Houston	85	69	M Cloudy	Seattle	67	52	Cloudy
Los Angeles	95	69	Clear	Saint Louis	79	56	Sunny

Moon Phases

First Sep 9	Full Sep 16	Last Sep 23	New Oct 1
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UV Index

Wed 9/28	Thu 9/29	Fri 9/30	Sat 10/1	Sun 10/2
8	8	7	8	8
Very High	Very High	High	Very High	Very High

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

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of 6th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Benton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1400 block of Hill Top.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 169. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Anderson.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.
- **SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION - NO FIRE** was reported in the 1900 block of Nolan.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOE WILLIAM PETTY**, 51, of 1014 Bluebonnet Avenue was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **TAMMY LOCKHART**, 39, of 1311 Madison Street was arrested on a charge of driving with invalid license (DWI related).
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Langley.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3700 block of Hamilton and the intersection of FM 846 and CR 45.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro, the 2600 block of W Hwy 80, and the 1900 block of S Main Street.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TOMMY LOCKHART COKER**, 39, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction/suspension.
- **MANU DE JESUS-AGUILAR-LOPEZ**, 38, was booked by the RSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER**, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.
- **SUNG HUI JOHNSON**, 47, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of assault by contact.
- **CLINT DOUGLAS MELTON**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of a dangerous drug and a charge of possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram).
- **JOE WILLIAM PETTY**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for manufacturing/delivery a controlled substance (less than four grams) and a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- **TOMMY SALAZAR**, 48, was booked by the RSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Take Note

- East Fourth Street between South Johnson and South Nolan will be closed today from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate heavy machinery replacing equipment at City Hall.

- The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Howard County Crop Tour will be held Tuesday at the G.C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex, 2411 Echols St. The tour begins at 3 p.m. It includes topics on dryland, fertilizer study, harvest aid, irrigated variety trial and a meal. For more information, contact Tommy Yeater at 432-466-3131.

- Do you have an antique or classic car, truck, or motorcycle you want to show? Midway Baptist Church is hosting a car show and silent auction on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6200 S. Service Road. The church is looking for 20 cars to display. Entry fee is \$10 and includes a dash plaque and lunch for the owner. Contact Greg Moore at 432-816-3375 by October 7th to reserve your spot. Contact Carole Madry at 432-268-919 if you would like to donate items or baked goods for the silent auction.

- The Howard County Court, under Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman, is cancelling the jury panel called for Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 9 a.m.

- The Salvation Army will be taking applications for Christmas assistance for children ages 13 and younger, and seniors 55 and older, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 27. Following that date, applications will be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, ending on Oct. 28. Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building, 811 W. Fifth St.

To apply for Christmas assistance for children, parents should bring a picture ID, proof of address, and birth certificate, and proof of government assistance (food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc.). Those who don't receive government assistance must show proof of income. Seniors do not need to provide proof of assistance or income, but should simply bring a picture ID showing proof of age.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Law enforcement and emergency medical service personnel were dispatched to the scene of a one-car rollover on Interstate 20 west of Big Spring Monday afternoon. One person was transported to the hospital.

In addition, clothing sizes and a wish for one desired toy or gift should be provided.

For more information, contact the salvation army at 432-267-8239.

- Tex-Span Bilingual Safety Solutions is hosting a Q&A food safety seminar to address the new food handling requirements that took effect Sept. 1. The seminar is free and is being held to answer questions business owners may have in regard to the changes in requirements. The seminar is Monday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room. For more information or to RSVP call 432-349-2996.

- Aircraft owners from all around West Texas and Eastern New Mexico have been invited to the McMahan-Wrinkle Airport Saturday, October 8th from 8 a.m. until noon for the 11th annual Prairie Dog Fly-In and Fly Market.

We will be serving a \$5 breakfast of pancakes and all the fixings at the airport terminal. Pilots who attend will be served free. Numerous door prizes will be awarded.

The first annual Fly Market will be open for the purchase of aviation items including man cave décor, entertainment, and aircraft parties at flea market prices.

For more information, see our website at prairie-dogflyin.com, on Facebook at #BigSpringPrairie-DogFlyin or contact Phillip Welch at 432-264-2362.

- The Coahoma Lion's Club will host their second annual Coahoma Trade Day on Saturday, Oct. 15. The Lion's Club is currently booking vendors for the event: Food, arts and crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, jewelry, and gift items are all welcome. 10-foot by 10-foot lots are available for \$15, while 10-foot by 20-foot lots are \$25. Contact Tammy or Lisa at Coahoma City Hall, 432-394-4287, for more information or to rent a lot.

EMPTY

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time to help the community.

"We always have a few people who make a reservation that may not show up, but even if we are filled, I will open the door and we can set up in the courtyard outside," Tejani said.

As for any experience or skill with ceramics, Tejani said all volunteers need is to bring is their creativity.

"This really isn't a ceramics course," he said.

"I'm not going to be worried about aesthetics. We want people to get as creative as they want to be. This is really for a good cause and to help hungry."

Sessions are set next week at 6 p.m. both Tuesday and Thursday. Assisting Tejani with the classes is Judy Terelesky, retired public school art teacher. For more information or to reserve a space on Thursday, call Tejani at 469-434-9694.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots program to promote the

end of hunger worldwide. During the luncheon, participants will enjoy several types of homemade soups and receive one of the hand-crafted bowls created next week in the two sessions.

Several of the bowls will also be auctioned off and all proceeds will go to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's 2016 campaign. The luncheon is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Howard College East Room inside the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell

Lane. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, contact Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County raises funds for 15 area agencies that provide services to the community ranging from after school programs to feeding the hunger in the community.

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COUNTY

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Such a move, Wiseman said, would adversely affect GEO Group prisons here in Big Spring, which employ almost 500 people and house more than 3,000 prisoners.

In other business, commissioners:

- Named Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long as county judge pro tem.

- Awarded bids for air conditioning/heating work and approved a proposal for property and casualty insurance.

- Accepted the resignation of County Indigent Health Care Director Irene Dominguez and named Joann Valle

as Dominguez's replacement.

- Gave permission to the road and bridge department to go out for bids for road base and shoulder widening material in advance of 2017 projects.

- Granted a waiver for a private company to conduct seismic operations along specified roads in Precinct 1.

- Approved a request from West Texas H2O to lay temporary water lines across property at the old county airport.

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ment. In other business, trustees:

- Approved a contract for cooperative purchasing and catalog and handbook changes.

- Heard reports on the district's plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the college's first day of classes, re-accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and preliminary fall se-

mester enrollment and contact hour numbers.

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Pamela "Pam" Hass, 60, died Thursday. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Raquel Moreno DeLucas, 54, of Big Spring died Sunday. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

You, Lord, have the solutions we need for our future. May we come to You in prayer. Amen.

What happens to the Democratic party if Clinton loses?

There's been lots of speculation about the fate of the Republican Party if (as most of the prognosticators expect and hope) Donald Trump loses. There's been less speculation, though recent polling suggests it may be in order, about the fate of the Democratic Party if Hillary Clinton loses.



MICHAEL BARONE

Certainly there's reason to think — or fear — that the Republican Party will change. Republicans likely won't supply the bulk of support for free trade agreements as they increasingly have for 40 years. Prominent Republicans probably won't press for mass legalization of illegal immigrants, as they did in 2006, 2007 and 2013.

If Trump loses, the Republican electorate will have become more downscale and elderly — a continuation of a process that's been in train since the middle 1990s. The long-term migration of voters southward along Interstate 95 will have made the East Coast just about as solidly Democratic as the West Coast, leaving a Republican rump in the interior South and the Great Plains.

Anti-Trump Republicans hope the Trump effect will just go away, and will note that a defeated Trump will not leave behind much in the nature of an institutional apparatus, as the defeated Barry Goldwater arguably did in 1964. But the argument for going back to pre-Trump positions is weakened by the fact that Republicans have lost four of the six presidential elections between 1992 and 2012.

But what if Hillary Clinton loses? The political map in that

case will look quite different, with Democratic states confined to the Northeast, West Coast and a few splotches in between. The presidential Democratic Party, like the congressional Democratic Party, will be concentrated in heavily Democratic central cities, some sympathetic suburbs and scattered university towns.

The shock for Democrats if Clinton loses will likely be more severe than for Republicans if Trump loses. "Imagine the best candidate in your party losing to the weakest candidate in the other party," speculates Dan McLaughlin, writing for the National Review, "after years of telling yourself that your party had unlocked the demographic code to a permanent majority."

One option for Democrats would be to moderate their policies, as the New Democrats urged in the 1980s and Bill Clinton did in the 1990s. After all, that proved pretty successful. But the current Democratic electorate has little stomach for going back to that strategy.

Two decades ago, lots of self-described moderates and even conservatives voted in Democratic primaries. Not so these days. The slump in Democratic primary and caucus turnout, from 38 million in 2008 to 31 million in 2016, was due to a sharp decline in turnout by self-described moderates. Hillary Clinton's move from her husband's 1990s triangulation to her near-total acceptance this year of Bernie Sanders's left-wing platform was a rational response to changes in the Democratic primary electorate.

Some Democrats will blame a Clinton loss on her particular problems — lies about her illicit secret email server, doubts about her health — and if she loses it's not likely she'll run again at age 73. So who will?

One lesson of recent presidential primaries is that Democratic

voters are transfixed by identity politics, having elected the first black president and chosen the first female presidential nominee. Another is that there's a large constituency for left-wing candidates.

What they haven't been interested in is cisgendered white male liberals. The largely forgotten John Edwards fell by the wayside quickly in 2008, and Martin O'Malley, with credentials similar to those of Bill Clinton and Michael Dukakis, attracted zero support in 2016.

That leaves them with no obvious choices if Clinton loses this year. Their most visible and attractive left-wingers, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, will be over 70 in 2020. Prominent black and Hispanic officeholders tend to represent overwhelmingly Democratic constituencies and have made few of the bows to moderation that made Barack Obama a plausible national candidate in 2008.

It's possible that a post-2016 Democratic Party could look like Britain's Labour Party, which has abandoned the New Labour posture of Tony Blair that produced three landslide victories in 1997, 2001 and 2005. Now, under far-left-wing leader Jeremy Corbyn, the party seems headed for landslide defeat in 2020.

Of course, it's possible Democrats could rebound during an unpopular Trump presidency, just as Republicans could during an unpopular Hillary Clinton term. But it's also possible that the party's current left-wing constituency could make a post-Clinton Democratic Party unelectable outside its left-wing redoubts.

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No pardon for Edward Snowden

Edward Snowden did Americans a service. In revealing that the National Security Agency was collecting records of millions of our phone calls every day, he exposed a mass infringement on privacy, generated a valuable national discussion and brought about helpful reforms.

I'd like to say that his positive contributions warrant a presidential pardon so he could come home without fear of prosecution. I'd like to go see the new film about him and cheer for the hero. I'd like to say the interests of truth are paramount.

But I can't. That's because there is another vital interest at stake: the lives and safety of Americans. Snowden put them in jeopardy, through disclosures that did not justify the risk. National security is a central responsibility of our government. Many of his revelations undermined that mission.

Snowden's defenders note, correctly, his central role in making public the NSA's domestic metadata program — which gave the government access to a vast trove of phone records without public knowledge.

A commission appointed by President Barack Obama found the program created "potential risks to public trust, personal privacy, and civil liberty" — and "was not essential to preventing attacks."

What Snowden's allies omit is that most of what he leaked concerned activities that are important in combating terrorism and other dangers — particularly an NSA program that involves listening to phone conversations and reading email of foreigners located abroad. That operation, the presidential group determined, "has clearly served an

important function in helping the United States to uncover and prevent terrorist attacks both in the United States and around the world."

One member of the panel, Geoffrey Stone, is a constitutional law professor, a member of the National Advisory Council of the American Civil Liberties Union and an unabashed liberal.

But he opposes a pardon for Snowden because based on what he learned from his service on the review group, he thinks the harm of his actions far exceeds the benefits.

The foreign surveillance "is by far the most important program the U.S. has," Stone told me. Snowden's leaks appreciably impaired its effectiveness by alerting our enemies to exactly how they were being monitored, giving them information useful for escaping detection. By weakening a vital weapon, Snowden's action may cost American lives, if it hasn't already.

Even one of the experts who favor a pardon acknowledged that "Snowden's actions caused great damage to national security." The admission came from Timothy Edgar, who was director of privacy and civil liberties on Obama's national security team and, before that, national security counsel for the ACLU.

Jack Goldsmith, a Harvard law professor who served in the Justice Department under President George W. Bush, wonders why Snowden revealed how the NSA spies on foreign governments, that it worked with Norway and Sweden to spy on Russia, that it was infecting Chinese computers with malware and that it had hacked into the networks of a telecommunications firm linked to the Chinese military.

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, sent a letter to the president opposing a pardon — with every Democratic member signing. The committee, which compiled a classified report on the effect of Snowden's

leaks, unanimously concluded that most of the documents he took "have nothing to do with programs impacting individual privacy interests — they instead pertain to military, defense and intelligence programs of great interest to America's adversaries." The United States, it said, will have to "spend billions to attempt to mitigate the damage."

Nor did Snowden's revelations produce all that much change. The telephone records are still being collected and stored and are still accessible to the NSA.

The eavesdropping of communications overseas goes on more or less unimpeded. Snowden obviously thought that if Americans knew what their government was doing, they would demand that it stop. They didn't.

The problems with a pardon are twofold. The first is that it would excuse Snowden for the weighty negative repercussions of his choices.

The second is that it would encourage other federal employees and contractors with the top-secret security clearance Snowden had — all 1.4 million of them — to decide for themselves what should be secret and what should not.

But national security, even in the most open democracy, requires a measure of secrecy. Exposing everything our government does to foil its adversaries makes it easier for those enemies to survive and succeed against us. The American people got something from what Snowden did. Our enemies got more.

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STEVE CHAPMAN

News in brief

Colombia embarks on path to peace with historic accord

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — After a half-century of combat that spilled blood across this South American nation, Colombians have embarked on a new, but difficult path to settle their political differences with the signing of a historic peace accord between the government and leftist rebels.

The first test after Monday's signing is a weekend referendum in which voters are being asked to ratify or reject the deal. If it passes, as expected, Colombia will move on to the thornier and still uncertain task of reconciliation.

President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo Londoño, top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, formally signed the agreement before a crowd of 2,500 foreign dignitaries and special guests, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Many in the audience, all dressed in white, had tears in their eyes as Santos removed from his lapel a pin shaped like a white dove that he has been wearing for years and handed it over to his former adversary, who fastened it to his own shirt.

It was one of many symbolic gestures during the 90-minute ceremony overlooking the colonial ramparts of Cartagena that filled Colombians with hope and optimism for the arduous work ahead implementing a 297-page accord that took four grueling years to negotiate.

Houston gunman had 2 weapons, thousands of rounds at scene

HOUSTON (AP) — A disgruntled lawyer wearing military-style apparel with old Nazi emblems had two weapons and more than 2,500 rounds of live ammunition when he randomly shot at drivers in a Houston neighborhood before he was shot and killed by police, authorities said.

Nine people were injured during Monday morning's shootings on the street in front of a condo complex. Six were shot and three had eye injuries from flying glass. One person was in critical condition.

Police did not identify the man and did not have information about a motive. A bomb-squad robot examined a Porsche that police said belonged to the gunman. Texas motor vehicle records in a commercially available database showed the car is licensed to Nathan DeSai at an address in the condo complex.

The man had two legally purchased guns — a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun and a semi-automatic rifle commonly known as a Tommy gun — and an unsheathed knife.

Nine officers were involved in a shootout with the man, who was firing randomly at people driving by, police said.

Duterte: After tough talk, damage control prevails

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The new Philippine president uses an expletive to warn key ally Barack Obama not to lecture him on human rights and, in another impromptu speech, declares a dramatic policy change in policy such as removing U.S. counterterrorism forces out of his country's volatile south. His key officials walk back the remarks and say everything is normal.

And the world wonders which pronouncement is the one that will stick.

Impassioned speeches by Rodrigo Duterte about the United States, the European Union and the United Nations have repeatedly led his government to issue clarifications, though he has been on the job less than three months.

Homeland chief: Homegrown attacks an increasing threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of Homeland Security says recent attacks in New York and Minnesota underscore that homegrown attacks

inspired by violent extremists are as much a threat to the United States as those directed by terrorists.

While all attacks are difficult to detect and prevent, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson says the U.S. and its allies continue to "take the fight militarily to terrorist organizations overseas."

Johnson tells Congress in prepared testimony that air strikes and special operations against the Islamic State terror group have killed many of its leaders. While it remains a threat, Johnson said the group has lost nearly half the populated areas it once controlled in Iraq and thousands of square miles in Syria.

Johnson and other officials are set to testify at a Senate hearing Tuesday.

Syrian troops advance in central Aleppo near old quarter

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian government forces captured a central rebel-held neighborhood in Aleppo on Tuesday after a week of blistering airstrikes, as a military official vowed that the offensive would continue until insurgents are "wiped out."

Syrian state TV said troops captured Farafra, near Aleppo's famous citadel, and that fighting was underway near the historic core of the northern city.

Aleppo, Syria's largest city and former commercial center, has been fiercely contested since rebels captured several eastern neighborhoods in 2012. Those neighborhoods are now under siege, and over the past week have endured the worst aerial onslaught since the start of the war, with more than 200 people killed and several buildings flattened.

The battle for the city still appears to be mired in stalemate. Government forces captured the Handarat area on the northern edge of Aleppo over the weekend, only to lose it hours later.

The contested historic quarter of Aleppo, one of the world's oldest cities, is home to the Umayyad Mosque, a UNESCO world heritage site. The 11th-century minaret of the famed mosque collapsed in April 2013 during fighting.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, confirmed that government forces are advancing on the old quarter.

"There was intense shelling earlier. It seemed the (government) was preparing for the attack," said Ibrahim Alhaj, a member of the Syrian Civil Defense, volunteer first responders also known as the White Helmets. He added that news from the front line suggests a large mobilization of pro-government militias in the old city.

Alhaj and activist Yassin Abu Raed, who is based outside the city, said rebels were able to repel the offensive. Abu Raed said five troops were killed in the fighting. Alhaj said the house of his parents was shelled earlier Tuesday, but that he was able to rescue them and bring them to his own home.

The latest escalation came after a weeklong ceasefire brokered by the U.S. and Russia unraveled, which each side accusing the other of violating the agreement.

A Syrian military official in the capital, Damascus, said operations in Aleppo will continue until the "terrorists" in the eastern parts of the city are "wiped out." The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

Password breach could have ripple effects well beyond Yahoo

LONDON (AP) — As investors and investigators weigh the damage of Yahoo's massive breach to the internet icon, information security experts worry that the record-breaking haul of password data could be used to open locks up and down the web.

While it's unknown to what extent the stolen data has been or will be circulating, giant breaches can send ripples of insecurity across the internet.

"Data breaches on the scale of Yahoo are the security equivalent of ecological disasters," said Matt Blaze, a security researcher who directs the Distributed Systems Lab at the University of Pennsylvania, in a message posted to Twitter.

A big worry is a cybercriminal technique known as "credential stuffing," which works by throwing leaked username and password combinations at a series of websites in an effort to break in, a bit like a thief finding a ring of keys in an apartment lobby and trying them, one after the other, in every door in the building.

Software makes the trial-and-error process practically instantaneous.

Credential stuffing typically succeeds between 0.1 percent and 2 percent of the time, according to Shuman Ghosemajumder, the chief technology officer of Mountain View, California-based Shape Security. That means cybercriminals wielding 500 million passwords could conceivably hijack tens of thousands of other accounts.

So will the big Yahoo breach mean an explosion of smaller breaches elsewhere, like the aftershocks that follow a big quake?

Ghosemajumder doesn't think so. He said he didn't see a surge in new breaches so much as a steady increase in attempts as cybercriminals replenish their stock of freshly hacked passwords. It's conceivable as well that Yahoo passwords have already been used to hack other services; the company said the theft occurred in late 2014, meaning that the data has been compromised for as long as two years.

Democrats press talks as showdown vote looms on funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats opened a last-minute push Tuesday for new talks on must-do legislation to prevent the government from shutting down this weekend, fight the Zika virus and help flood-ravaged Louisiana rebuild.

The aim is to see if Republicans will relent and add money to help Flint, Michigan, with its water crisis — and get Capitol Hill off a collision course that could lead to a government shutdown this weekend.

Without progress on the Flint water issue, Democrats are poised to block the stopgap funding bill Tuesday afternoon, a step that could increase the chances of a shutdown at midnight Friday. They are pressing to add a bipartisan, Senate-passed measure to provide \$220 million to help Flint and other communities with lead-poisoned water replace pipes.

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Marilyn Monroe's dresses, notes, checkbook seen before sale



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A worker moves a ladder near the dress that actress Marilyn Monroe wore in the movie "Some Like It Hot" at an exhibition of Monroe's personal effects in Beijing, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016. Clothing, handwritten notes, and dozens of other personal items that the iconic actress left to a friend and mentor were in Beijing on Tuesday for a private viewing by Chinese collectors before being auctioned in Los Angeles in November.

By LOUISE WATT

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Marilyn Monroe's dress from "Some Like It Hot." Handwritten notes and letters expressing the Hollywood icon's inner thoughts and, at times, despair.

These and dozens of other personal items the actress left to a friend and mentor were in Beijing on Tuesday for a private viewing by Chinese collectors. More than 1,200 items, including Monroe's shoes, purses, makeup and jewelry, will then be auctioned in Los Angeles come November.

The 1950s actress who achieved fame as a sex symbol led a troubled life and died aged just 36. The image and recollections of her have endured and made her into a pop culture icon. Now the personal items up for auction may invite new readings of the screen legend in the world as well as in China, a country she never visited.

"Last night I was awake all night again," she writes to her therapist in March 1961. "Sometimes I wonder what the night time is for. It almost doesn't exist for me — it all seems like one long, long horrible day." She goes on to describe her recent time in a mental institution, which she likens to a being sent to a prison "for a crime I hadn't committed."

"Oh, well, men are climbing to the moon but they don't seem interested in the beating human heart," she writes.

Around 800 items to be auctioned come from the estate of Lee Strasberg, the famed American acting coach who became a father figure to Monroe. The money will go to his widow, Anna. Other items come from the col-

lection of David Gainsborough-Roberts, a major collector of Monroe's costumes.

The hundreds of items include dresses and outfits, the negligee she wore in the movie "Niagara" and the green and black-sequined leotard she picked out herself from a studio wardrobe to wear in "Bus Stop." There is a tube of her "non-smear" Revlon lipstick in "Bachelor's Carnation" shade, the shoes she wore to marry playwright Arthur Miller, and the pair of costume earrings that she wore to the premiere of "The Seven Year Itch."

Then there are the personal notes, crayon drawings and watercolors.

Lee Strasberg's son, David, said that he, his mother and brother found many of the items in suitcases and closets about six years ago during a clean-out, including one trunk he'd been throwing his football cleats on for years that turned out to contain some of Monroe's personal writings.

"She writes a note to my dad talking about something she heard in class, and she says, 'It helped me feel freer — you said two plus two does not necessary equal four in acting,'" said Strasberg, 45. "There's logic and then there's imagination, there's something more. And for Marilyn, I think she was always after that 'something more.'"

Monroe, who would have turned 90 this year, spent most of her childhood in foster homes and an orphanage and became one of Hollywood's most bankable stars, trading off her sex appeal and an image as a vacuous blonde. Off camera, she struggled with drug addiction and depression.

She died from an overdose of barbiturates.

Some items up for auction have never been seen by the public before. They include a first-edition hand-bound 1957 volume of her third husband Miller's plays dedicated to Monroe, and a letter from a member of the Kennedy family.

The early 1960s letter is from Jean Kennedy Smith, sister of politicians President John F. Kennedy and Robert "Bobby" Kennedy. Smith writes to Monroe: "Understand that you and Bobby are the new item! We all think you should come with him when he comes back East!"

"There's always speculation about her relationship with the Kennedys and this speaks to the fact that there was in fact a relationship between Robert Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe," said Martin Nolan, executive director of Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills, which will be handling the sale.

Among the quirkiest items are a receipt for a bottle of champagne,

receipt. It's incredible. We have a pair of strap sandals that she wore when she was Norma Jean, probably 1943, 1945. And all the money she made and how famous she became and she kept those."

Although Western movies were banned in China during Monroe's heyday, her pop culture image and aspects of her life are well-known among many Chinese.

Darren Julien, founder and CEO of Julien Auction's, said about 40 percent of their client base are Chinese collectors interested in Western pop culture, and particularly Monroe.

"A lot of people relate to her because she had actually a very difficult life in a lot of ways. She never had a lot of money, but she captured the hearts of so many people around the world," said Julien.

In recent years, wealthy Chinese citizens and private businesses have become big spenders in the art and pop culture worlds, often as a way to display their wealth or find a place to park their money. Real-time online bidding has made it easier for Chinese collectors to buy Western pop



AP Photo/Mark Schiefelbein

Martin Nolan, Executive Director of Julien's Auctions, holds a photograph of actress Marilyn Monroe at age 2.

her 1947 contract with Twentieth Century Fox and a recipe for stuffing jotted down on a slip of paper with an insurance company's letterhead. Her final checkbook shows her payments to the window cleaner, her maid and the New York Telephone Co. She paid \$200 to herself marked as "cash for trips."

"Marilyn kept everything. She was a hoarder," said Nolan. "She bought a pound of butter, she bought a bottle of tonic water she kept the

culture.

The auction takes place Nov. 17-19 in Los Angeles.

Filmmakers Ken and Ric Burns honored by historical society

NEW YORK (AP) — Brothers and fellow filmmakers Ken and Ric Burns have received an honorary prize from the New-York Historical Society.

The Burns siblings, whose many credits together and separately include documentaries on the Pilgrims, baseball and New York, were presented with the society's History Makers Award at a gala benefit Monday night in Manhattan. Society executive commit-

tee chair Roger Hertog praised the filmmakers as "candle lighters" and "whistle blowers" who showed how understanding history was vital to the present. Trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, a featured commentator for Ken Burns' "Jazz," performed a brief duet with pianist Dan Nimmer.

The Burns brothers, speaking together on stage, exchanged compliments and family memories. Ken Burns spoke of their mother

dying of cancer when they were kids and how that loss has stayed with him through his long career, making his pursuit of the past deeply personal. He praised his brother for bringing a "gift of language" to their work, while Ric Burns noted the fierce dedication of his older brother, with whom he first collaborated on the acclaimed Civil War documentary series released in 1990.

"If he thought you didn't care as much as he did, it literally would

enrage him," Ric Burns said.

Previous winners of the History Makers Award include "Hamilton" playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda, Henry Kissinger and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, who on Monday night was debating Republican nominee Donald Trump.



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Renovated Little League field in the works at HC

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The American Little League is long gone, but its field is getting a new life of sorts at Howard College.

The field, located on the eastern edge of the college campus, hosted the American Little League for close to 50 years before local youth baseball activities relocated to the Anderson complex in northern Big Spring. Since then, the field has been vacant and fallen into a state of disrepair.

However, the college plans

to renovate the facility for use in intramural sports and other athletic activities.

Terry Hansen told college trustees renovation will begin with removal of the field's dugouts, concession stand, and press box, which he said were no longer safe for use.

The field and lights will remain, but its use is being reimagined.

"The college will use it for various intramural activities," Hansen said. "And we will make it available to the community for youth base-

ball and softball practice."

Also, thanks to a grant from the Big Spring Community Foundation, the college plans to build a series of backstops close the field for use by youth baseball and softball squads.

"We hope to have the facility ready by the time Little League baseball and softball starts next spring," Hansen said.

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Big Spring boys take 11th out of 40 in Stillwater, Oklahoma cross country meet

Special to the Herald

The boys' varsity cross country team competed in the 80th Annual Oklahoma State Cowboy Jamboree in Stillwater, Oklahoma Saturday.

Big Spring competed in the 5A/6A large school division and finished 11th out of more than 40 schools.

"We had two runners finish in the top-20 and earn medals. Junior Aaron Martinez fin-

ished 10th overall and sophomore Cooper Miller finished 19th out of approximately 400 runners," Big Spring head coach John-Michael Leggett said.

The Steers look to keep it rolling next weekend as they travel to Round Rock to compete in the McNeil Invitational. The regional meet at Lubbock Simmons Park has been moved from October 26 to October 29.

Gordon homers in first AB since Fernandez death

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — In tribute to Jose Fernandez, left-handed hitter Dee Gordon stepped to the plate as a righty to lead off the first inning of Monday's mournful game.

After one pitch, Gordon switched to his customary left side — and homered in the first at-bat for Miami since the death of Fernandez in a boating accident.

Gordon pulled a 2-0 pitch from New York Mets right-hander Bartolo Colon over the wall in right for his first homer after the season. He tapped his chest after crossing the plate and waved toward the sky, and then sobbed as teammates hugged him in the dugout.

It was another heart-tugging moment in a succession of them over the past two days. The Marlins went on to a 7-3 victory.

The atmosphere was funeral at Marlins Park three hours before the first pitch, with players going through their pregame stretching in eerie silence.

Then someone cranked up the sound system, and bouncy reggaeton reverberated throughout the ballpark. It was a nudge toward a return to normal, as the Marlins and baseball began to move on without Fernandez.

The animal race at the end of the



Miami Marlins ball caps left by the players sit on the pitching mound with the number 16 in honor of pitcher Jose Fernandez after a baseball game against the New York Mets.

AP Photo/Lynne Sladky

game was canceled, along with other in-game entertainment, and most of the Marlins' hitters decided to forgo walk-up music. But there was a game against the Mets, the first for the Marlins since their ace died early Sunday.

"This is shallow, but the show goes on," Marlins president David Samson

said. "There has been a lot of talking and a lot of crying and a lot of praying and a lot of trying to make sense of something you can't make sense of. There is no sense to a life ended like that, in a way that is so meaningless.

"It's our job to make his life matter, so we're going to do that forever, and forever starts today."

Fernandez made his major league debut against the Mets in 2013 and was scheduled to face them again Monday night in his final start of the season. Instead, Miami and the Marlins mourned the loss of the 24-year-old pitcher, whose talent and captivating personality were a combination unmatched in the sport.

Fernandez and two other men were killed when his 32-foot SeaVee slammed into a rock jetty that extends off the southern tip of Miami Beach at about 3:15 a.m. Sunday, a medical examiner said.

Fernandez was originally scheduled to pitch Sunday before his start was moved back a day. The change may be the reason he decided to go on the late-night boat outing.

"If he had pitched yesterday, maybe fate would be different," Samson said. "I've been thinking about that a lot."

Manager Don Mattingly said, "Obviously it crosses your mind."

The Marlins' game Sunday against Atlanta was canceled, and when they took the field Monday for batting practice, Fernandez's name and number hovered over the field on the huge video screen. Gordon wore a T-shirt that said "RIP," with a photo of Fernandez shaped as the "I."

For the game, the players decided to

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Coaches now focus on Big 12

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

All of the preliminaries are over, and it's time for Big 12 coaches to focus on trying to win a conference title.

"That's the fun part about conference. It doesn't matter what you do those first three games," Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said Monday. "It's all about what you do moving forward."

With all the non-conference games completed, there will be only head-to-head matchups in the Big 12 over the last 10 weekends of the regular season.

Six teams — No. 22 Texas, West Virginia, Kansas State, Texas Tech, Kansas and Oklahoma — will play their conference openers this week. While the league is already in a precarious position in trying to get back into



Brad Tollefson, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal via AP In this Sept. 17, 2016, file photo, Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury cheers after Jonathan Giles scored a touchdown during an NCAA college football game against Louisiana Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

four-team College Football Playoff for the second year in a row, there could still be a wide-open race to the Big 12 title.

Oklahoma (1-2), which made it into the CFP last season, already has losses to top-10 teams Houston and Ohio State, and is one of four league teams coming off an open date. But the Sooners

are 0-0 in the quest to repeat as Big 12 champions and win the league for the 10th time under coach Bob Stoops.

"That's a big deal to us, and we've done it a fair amount," Stoops said during the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference. "That's been the frustration for me is I don't

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Darvish's brother convicted for baseball gambling in Japan

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese court on Tuesday convicted the brother of Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish of gambling on baseball games, handing him a suspended prison sentence.

The Osaka District Court found Sho Darvish guilty of taking hundreds of bets on Major League Baseball and on professional baseball games in Japan last year.

The court said the 27-year-old younger brother of Yu Darvish was sentenced to two years and four months in prison, but it was suspended for five years. The court said the defendant's gambling was limited to his group of friends and was not linked to organized crime, according to local media reports.

The younger Darvish took bets of 10,000 yen (\$100) on

Japanese and American professional baseball games, accepting wagers totaling about 110 million yen (\$1.1 million) through the LINE social networking application, Kyodo News reported.

Sho Davsish himself bet roughly 220 million yen (\$2.2 million) on the games, Kyodo said.

His arrest last year led to an investigation of his brother, Yu Darvish, but the authorities found no involvement by the Rangers star.

Sho Darvish reportedly said during his trial that he regretted causing trouble to his family and that he planned to change his surname to make their relationship less obvious.

But on Tuesday, judge Hajime Hashimoto reportedly advised Darvish that what should change are his actions, not his name.



AP Photo/Brandon Wade

Rangers lose to Brewers, lose ground for home field

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Monday night began with a 2016 American League West Division championship banner being unfurled from the office complex beyond center field at Globe Life Park. But the Texas Rangers took a step back in pursuing their next goal — earning home-field advantage

throughout the playoffs. Jonathan Villar homered twice and had a career-high five RBIs and Matt Garza beat his former team as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the Rangers 8-3.

The loss dropped Texas one-half game behind the Boston Red Sox in the race for the league's best record. The Cleveland In-

dians pulled within one-half game of the Rangers.

"You're playing pretty much teams that are not in the race, and they have nothing to lose," said Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus, who had three hits along with left fielder Carlos Gomez. "It's two different mentalities, but you've got to go out there and try to

win games."

Rangers starter Martin Perez (10-11) was looking to set a career high for wins in a season. He gave up a season-high eight earned runs and nine hits in 6 2/3 innings. His home record this season fell to 8-3.

"I threw strikes; that's

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The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a meeting on Wednesday, October 12,

Public Notice

2016 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:

Abelardo Hilario, Jr., S/2 of LT 7 & S/2 of LT 8 BK 11 of Cole & Strayhorn Addition, Located at 1310 Owens St. is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a carport.

Steven L. Price, E/10 of LT 8 ALL of LT 9 BK 11 of North Parkhill Addition, Located at 803 W. 15th St. is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a porch.

Vaquero Ventures, SE/4 of SC 26 BK 33 1N, Located at 801 W I-20 (more specifically, this property occupies 0.23 acres located at the South West corner of NE 12th St. & N. San Antonio), is requesting two (2) variances out of Article 6, Section 6-6 and out of Article 9, Section 9-14 of the Zoning Ordinance for the following under the title of (HC), Heavy Commercial District: (1) a request for a variance to encroach ten (10') into the maximum fifteen (15') front yard setback as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance; (2) a request for a variance to extend the Type C pole sign 15' above the maximum thirty (30') allotted height for the zoning district of (HC), Heavy Commercial as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance.

Pramukhharri Big Spring, LLC-E/2 of SC 42 BK 32 1N TR 6 of William B. Currie Addition, Located at 306 NE 12th St. is requesting two (2) variances out of Article 9, Section 9-14 and out of Article 9, Section 9-5 of the Zoning Ordinance for the following under the title of (LC), Light Commercial District: (1) a request for a variance to extend the Type C pole sign five (5') above the maximum thirty (30') allotted height as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance; (2) A request for a variance to extend the square footage of the Type C pole sign fifty-three (53') over the maximum two hundred (200') allotted square footage as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance.

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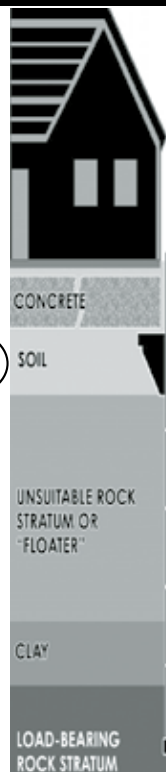
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Mars Changes

Knowing that nothing in life is permanent, and eventually, in one way or another, everyone leaves, we still invest in people -- with our hearts, time and money. The change of Mars points out that people will leave whether or not we invest. And if no investment is made, the relationship won't add much value to life, even if it lasts a really long time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Are you going to do what you said you would do? That's all they care about today. Hopefully, you underestimated what you would do, and the delivery will be over your promise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You might be very bored with what's going on today, and that's really just a challenge to look a little deeper. There's always a pretty thing to be admired, a

problem to be solved. There's always a day to be made.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you don't exactly know how to manage what's going on down low, look up high. Is there a higher thought that resonates with you? A guide, a cloud formation, a sky that speaks to you?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Small thinkers will go disguised as "reasonable" people. They may tell you about limits that are true for them, but that does not mean that the same rules apply to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The market is calling you. You've got something to sell, and they definitely want it. How will you position this? Knowable, likeable, trustable: You're all these things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Something you set up one way will end up another. There is nothing reasonable you can do about this. Settle in. That is just another way of saying, "Chill." It's going to work when you calm down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). "With liberty and justice for all": Well, that's a big statement with a big meaning. Your sign of

balance and fairness, you really get that, live it and mean it. What are you going to do about it today?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your plans are solid, meaning that nothing has been left to chance -- but chance doesn't like that at all. This is the time she will rebel, elbowing her way into the equation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The dynamic between two people is compelling. Fake or real -- it depends a lot on the medium. Of the ones you observe now, you're wise to be a little skeptical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is safety in being shy. If you feel like hiding, it's a signal that you will benefit by doing the opposite. Take one step forward. Put yourself out there, even if it feels foolish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You sought a position in the middle because you thought it would be logical and easier, but it wasn't. There is no middle. It's always the start of something or the end of something.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life is an experiment. No one ever really knows how a choice will turn out;

they just get adept at playing their odds. And the only way to do that is by building experiences -- choosing and then choosing again.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 27). You can't help who you are. That's the sad way to look at it. Who you are is a gift. That's the happy way. This is your year to start making good on all those things you thought were "different" or "flawed," because it turns out that those are your assets. Lean into it. December and June will be your best months financially. Libra and Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 11, 13, 29 and 4.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm a Libra, and I've always been indecisive when it comes to events in my life, whether it's as serious as choosing a career, or as insignificant as what to eat for dinner. My mother also died before my second birthday, so I feel as if I've missed steps in my life that others experienced. Will I always be so indecisive?"

You know how to make decisions. Really, you do. Weighing the options on the scale of your sign is just a part of your decision-making process. A sometimes

tedious or downright scary part (one event or piece of information can tip the whole thing, right?), but for you it's a necessary part. And to make

things more frustrating, sometimes you don't even come to a conclusion. You obsess over the what-ifs of a choice until you cry uncle and take the path of least resistance. But here's the thing: Everyone feels this way at times, even non-Libras, and even people who have had easier childhoods than you've had.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Three fallen pop stars from the '90s form an alliance in the upcoming project that mega-star Gwyneth Paltrow will light up. This lovely Libran multitasking artist has Venus in playful Leo, indicating that an endless wellspring of creativity emerges from her connection to her children. Mars in Virgo shows a strong, practical and organized nature.

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Annie's Mailbox

Sports Are Life

Dear Annie: My husband is a passionate sports fan whose mood fluctuates with the performance of his teams. He has always been passionate about sports, since before we started dating. In the beginning of our relationship, he would coordinate

dates around games and always wanted to take me to games. I never enjoyed going but would be supportive and go with him.

Now that we are married with children, this passion has become increasingly frustrating to me. To watch the games, he will miss activities with our children and me. He's missed school events, our kids'

sporting events, my birthday and even one of our anniversaries. I grew up with parents who came to every event, and I try to do this for our kids as well.

To make it worse, if his teams lose, his temper becomes out of control. He will remain in a bad mood for a few days and be short with all of us. He has never been physically violent but will be verbally abusive. He'll listen to sports talk radio and

comment back to himself, usually in nasty language, in front of the kids.

He has tried to encourage our children to share the love of following sports, but they've been indifferent to date, thank goodness. I would like to intervene and help my husband become a calmer fan. How can I do this? -- Worried Wife

Dear Worried:

Time to blow the whistle and call a foul; your husband's sports ob-

session has gone way outside the bounds of what's healthy.

He needs an intervention. He is emotionally dependent on sports, and it is impacting your relationship and your family. Sit down with him and explain to him the impact his obsession is having. Encourage him to take a break from watching the games and replace the viewing with activities with the kids that will enable him to re-engage in their lives and activities. As with any addiction, it won't be quick or easy to break this habit. Be positive with your husband, and allow him to find the help he needs so he can be happier about a goal scored by your children than one by his favorite team.

Dear Annie: A woman broke up with me a year ago, and we have been on good terms for the most part since then. I have since moved and recently came back to town to visit some friends. We run with the same groups, and I ran into her at a bar. She appeared fine, but soon after leaving, she sent me a series of angry, disappointed texts because I hadn't told her I was coming into town and this apparent dismissal

had dug up a lot of old wounds for her. I was really taken aback. I told her we could get coffee to talk about it in person the next day, but when she didn't contact me, I just avoided it, I guess.

When I got home, I contacted her through Facebook, trying to apologize, but it's been a week and she hasn't responded. Was I wrong? -- Sorry

Dear Sorry:

You're not obligated to be friends with anyone, and that goes double for exes. If what happened during your visit "dug up a lot of old wounds," she should be able to understand why you might not want to see her. And if she cared about the friendship so much, she wouldn't have blown off your attempts to patch things up over coffee. I don't know what her problem is, but you're not the one to fix it.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Avoiding a harrowing guess

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q 6
♥ 7 4 3
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ A J 2
WEST
♠ J 10 9 5
♥ K
♦ 10 6 4 3
♣ 9 8 5 4
EAST
♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ J 9 6
♦ 7 2
♣ Q 10 7 3
SOUTH
♠ K 3
♥ A Q 10 8 5 2
♦ A K 9
♣ K 6
The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♥ Pass
5NT Pass 6♣ Pass
6♥

South settles for a small slam, since it would be poor policy to bid a grand slam lacking the king of trumps. West leads a spade, and South sees that even a small slam is not certain. If West has the K-J-x(-x) of hearts, the contract will fail. But declarer cannot afford to play on this basis. He must assume that the slam is makeable and address himself exclusively to maximizing his chances to make 12 tricks. Accordingly, he wins the spade lead with the king and plays the ace of trumps! This catches West's king, and declarer finishes with an over-trick after subsequently finessing against East's jack. The ace play is not just a lucky shot. It is a safety play that assures making the slam if it can be made. It protects against East holding all four trumps, any doubleton or tripleton, or any singleton honor. If South were to start the trumps incorrectly by finessing the queen and losing to the king, he would run into a harrowing guess later on when he led another trump from dummy and East followed with the nine. South would then have to decide whether West originally had the K-J doubleton or the singleton king, and a vulnerable slam would hang in the balance. This unpleasant possibility can be circumvented by adopting the recommended safety play.

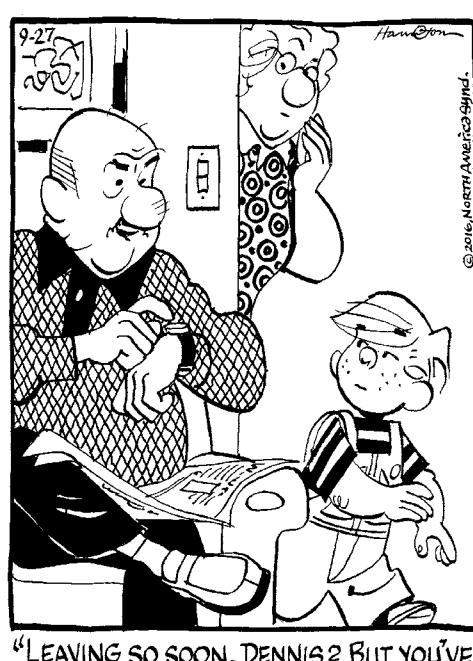
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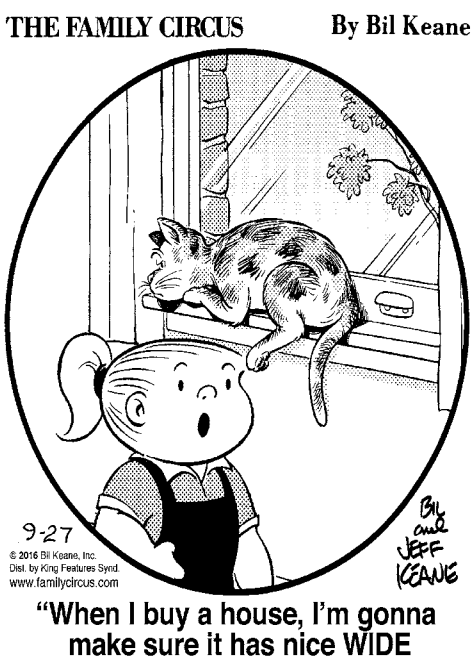
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5:30	ABC	Notic.	Mod Fam	CBS	Noticiero	News	Called	Business	Mama's	American	Seinfeld	(DVS)		Baseball	Player	SVU		
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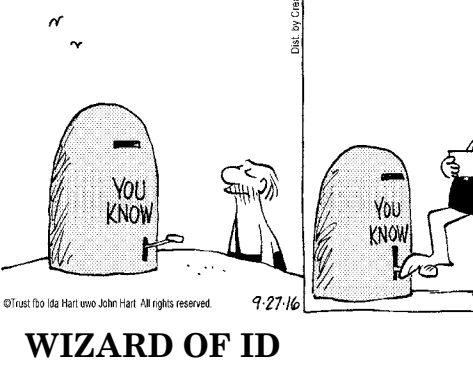
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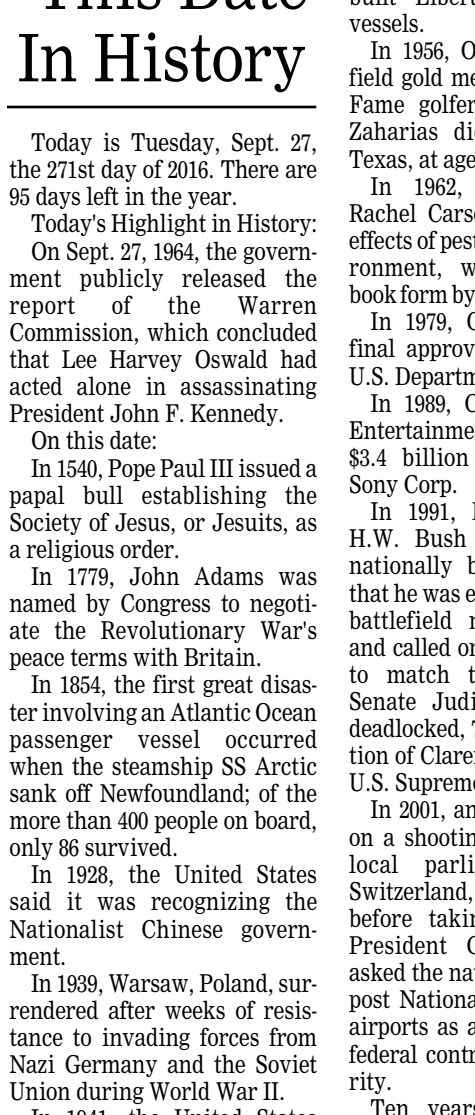
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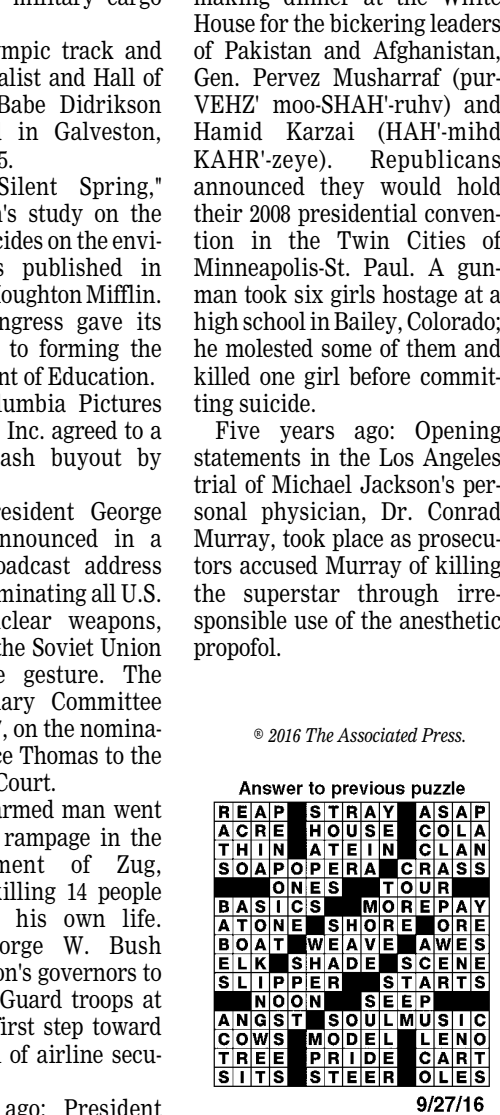
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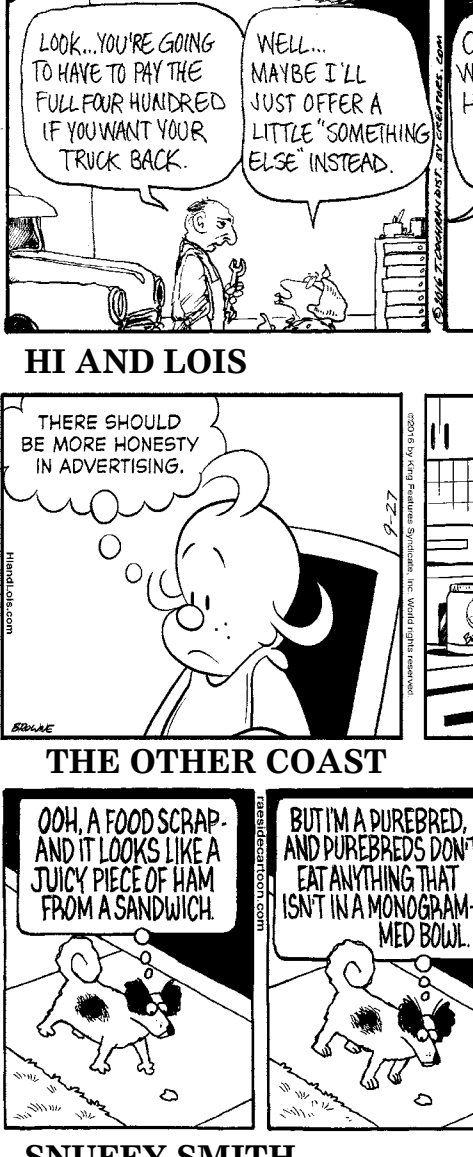
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- ACROSS
- 1 Wild guess
 - 5 Get clean in the tub
 - 10 Messy person
 - 14 Hard work
 - 15 Impressive grouping
 - 16 Daddy
 - 17 Call attention to
 - 19 Cameo shape
 - 20 Has some success
 - 21 Revealing, as a remark
 - 23 Flower's holder
 - 25 Leave port
 - 26 Beta Kappa
 - 29 At the pinnacle of
 - 31 Sales pitches
 - 35 Indy 500 entrant
 - 37 Eeyore's bear friend
 - 39 Strong adhesive
 - 40 Foe
 - 41 Historical period
 - 42 Be unselfish
 - 43 "Chicken noodle" course
 - 44 Tributes in verse
 - 45 Speak
 - 46 Draining tool
 - 48 Omen
 - 50 Letter before tee
 - 51 Sedan or coupe
 - 53 Talk back to
 - 55 Legislative periods
 - 59 Grade-school playtime
 - 63 Play's beginning
- DOWN
- 1 Small earring
 - 2 avail (useless)
 - 3 Office assistant
 - 4 Bestow good upon
 - 5 Open-top laundry holder
 - 6 Rainbow shape
 - 7 Jog
 - 8 Rabbit relatives
 - 9 Place for mascara
 - 10 Call attention to
 - 11 Molten rock
 - 12 Iridescent gem
 - 13 Hay package
 - 18 Community service club
 - 22 Cup rim
 - 24 Sulked
 - 26 Use an iron
 - 27 Vietnamese capital
 - 28 Freeze over
 - 30 Skin openings
 - 32 Make happy
 - 33 Entices
 - 34 Fortune-tellers
 - 36 Call attention to
 - 38 Desert caravan stop
 - 42 Twilight time
 - 44 With browned bread
 - 47 French "yes"
 - 49 Deep-red gem
 - 52 Perfectly timed
 - 54 Diver's gear
 - 55 Wood-cutting tools
 - 56 Stairwell sound
 - 57 Mix with a spoon
 - 58 Bar, as a bar code
 - 60 Grey tea
 - 61 Dance move
 - 62 Stitches together
 - 65 Cain's mother

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BIG 12

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feel we've played up to what we're capable of. And we may not still have won, I get that, but you want to be able to at least play the way you're capable of. We're only three games into it and we've got to be able to do that here this week, and start doing that going through the Big 12."

The first full week of Big 12 play gets an early start with Kansas (1-2) playing at Texas Tech (2-1) on Thursday night.

Then on Saturday, No. 13 Baylor (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) goes to Iowa State (1-3, 0-1); No. 21 TCU (3-1, 1-0) hosts Oklahoma; No. 22 Texas (2-1) is at Oklahoma State (2-2, 0-1); and Kansas State (2-1) plays at West Virginia (3-0).

With Baylor the league's highest-ranked team and the only one with four wins so far, acting head coach Jim Grobe was

asked if he felt like the Bears were the early conference favorite.

"Oh no, not at all," Grobe said. "I don't think anybody really feels comfortable or knows how their team's going to be in the next two or three games. I think once you get about a little over halfway through the season, things start to sort out a little bit. But it's way too early to have any sense of where you stand in the league."

Some other notes from the weekly Big 12 call:

— Oklahoma State's Justice Hill ran for 122 yards and a touchdown in his first career start; it was the most yards for an Oklahoma State true freshman against a Big 12 opponent since the league was formed in 1996. But the league's newcomer of the week also had two fumbles Saturday that led to Baylor touchdowns. The last one came at the end of a 12-yard run in the fourth quarter when the Cowboys were down only

28-24. The Bears recovered at their 1, drove the length of the field and won 35-24.

"He's a young talent," Cowboys coach Mike Gundy said. "You've got to let him play because he has the ability to turn a short gain into a big gain."

— Texas coach Charlie Strong said adjustments made on defense during the open date, after giving up 50 points at California, were not with personnel. "It's about tweaking it and making sure we put guys in position where they can be successful," he said.

— Coach Matt Campbell said Iowa State got into a rhythm using quarterbacks Joel Lanning and Jacob Park in a 44-10 home win over San Jose State, after both also played in the Big 12 opener at TCU. Campbell said he felt "it might be in our best interest to give both of those guys the opportunity" to play after both progressed late in fall camp and early in the season.

TEXAS

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why they hit the ball," Perez said. "If I give up runs like that, with homers or hard base hits, I don't care. I just want to stay there and throw strikes."

"The number on the scoreboard, it is what it is," manager Jeff Banister said, "but I didn't feel like that told the story. I feel like there were some pitches Martin threw well. It seemed like when he needed to get an out, he couldn't get the out."

Garza (6-8) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings. He spent the second half of the 2013 season with Texas as a rental acquisition from the Chicago Cubs, going 4-5 with a 4.38 ERA. It was Garza's first appearance against Texas since 2010.

"I take it as this is our playoff right here," said Garza, who won Game 3 of the Division Series for the Tampa Bay Rays against Texas at Globe Life Park. "They're a good team, and you want to go out and perform."

JEFFRESS RETURNS
Jeremy Jeffress, acquired by Texas from Milwaukee along with

Jonathan Lucroy on Aug. 1, made his first appearance since being reinstated Friday from the restricted list. He was arrested on a drunken driving charge in Dallas on Aug. 26 and was sent to an inpatient rehab clinic. Jeffress retired all four batters he faced.

"Getting this one out of the way is going to be pretty good for the next one," Jeffress said. "I just took everything in. It made me feel good inside."

CHANGE OF PITCHING PLANS
Banister moved Cole Hamels' final regular-season start up from Friday against Tampa Bay to Wednesday's series finale vs. Milwaukee.

He said the change was made to allow Colby Lewis and Perez to start the last two games against the Rays.

SHORT HOPS
Lucroy, who played 6 1/2 seasons for Milwaukee, faced his previous team for the first time. He went 1 for 4.

Perez added to his major league-leading total of groundball double plays induced with his 36th of the season in the sixth inning. The Brewers scored in every inning in which their leadoff batter reached and failed to score in innings in which the leadoff man was retired.

MIAMI

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wear Fernandez's No. 16, with hastily made uniforms flown in. His number was also stenciled on the back of the mound.

The pregame ceremony included a slow, solemn solo trumpet rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Following the national anthem, New York manager Terry Collins led his Mets across the field to share hugs with the Marlins, and fans briefly chanted "Jose, Jose."

The Marlins then clustered around the mound and put their hands to the dirt.

Some scratched out Jose's number or a message of love, and some just rubbed the mound — his mound. His career record at Marlins Park was 29-2.

Fans established a makeshift memorial on the plaza outside the ballpark entrance, leaving dozens of flower arrangements — daisies, carnations, roses and lilies, the result as colorful as Fernandez's personality. There were also candles, and messages scrawled on balls, balloons, photos and jerseys.

The situation was emotional even for the Mets, who are in the thick of the chase for an NL wild card with one week left in the season.

On their dugout wall hung a Mets jersey with Fernandez's name and number.

"Hearts are heavy," New York outfielder Jay Bruce said.

"From a professional standpoint, you just try to prepare and play the game and respect the game. But I can't even imagine what it's like over in that other clubhouse."

Collins spoke about Fernandez in the present tense.

"He epitomizes what the game's about," Collins said. "Our game is bigger than a lot of things. It will always go on. We'll remember Jose. You've got to play the game in his honor. He would want to be out

there."

Plans for a public funeral had not been finalized, but it was expected to be Thursday, the Marlins' final off day of the season.

Fernandez defected from Cuba at age 15, won the NL Rookie of the Year award and became a two-time All-Star. His enormous popularity in South Florida bridged the divide between the franchise and fans antagonized by too much losing and too many payroll purges.

Fernandez left behind a girlfriend who is expecting their first child, the mother who came with him to the United States and the grandmother who helped raise him.

On Sunday evening, the entire team took two buses to Fernandez's family home and met for 45 minutes with his mother, grandmother and other relatives and friends.

Fernandez's agent, Scott Boras, spoke to reporters near the batting cage — or at least tried to. He said he paid his respects to the fam-

ily before coming to the ballpark.

"His mother wanted me to tell everyone how she felt," Boras said. "She showed me pictures of him as a boy. She actually made his uniform when he was 7 or 8, with Cuban red pants."

Boras then cut short the interview because he couldn't stop crying.

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