

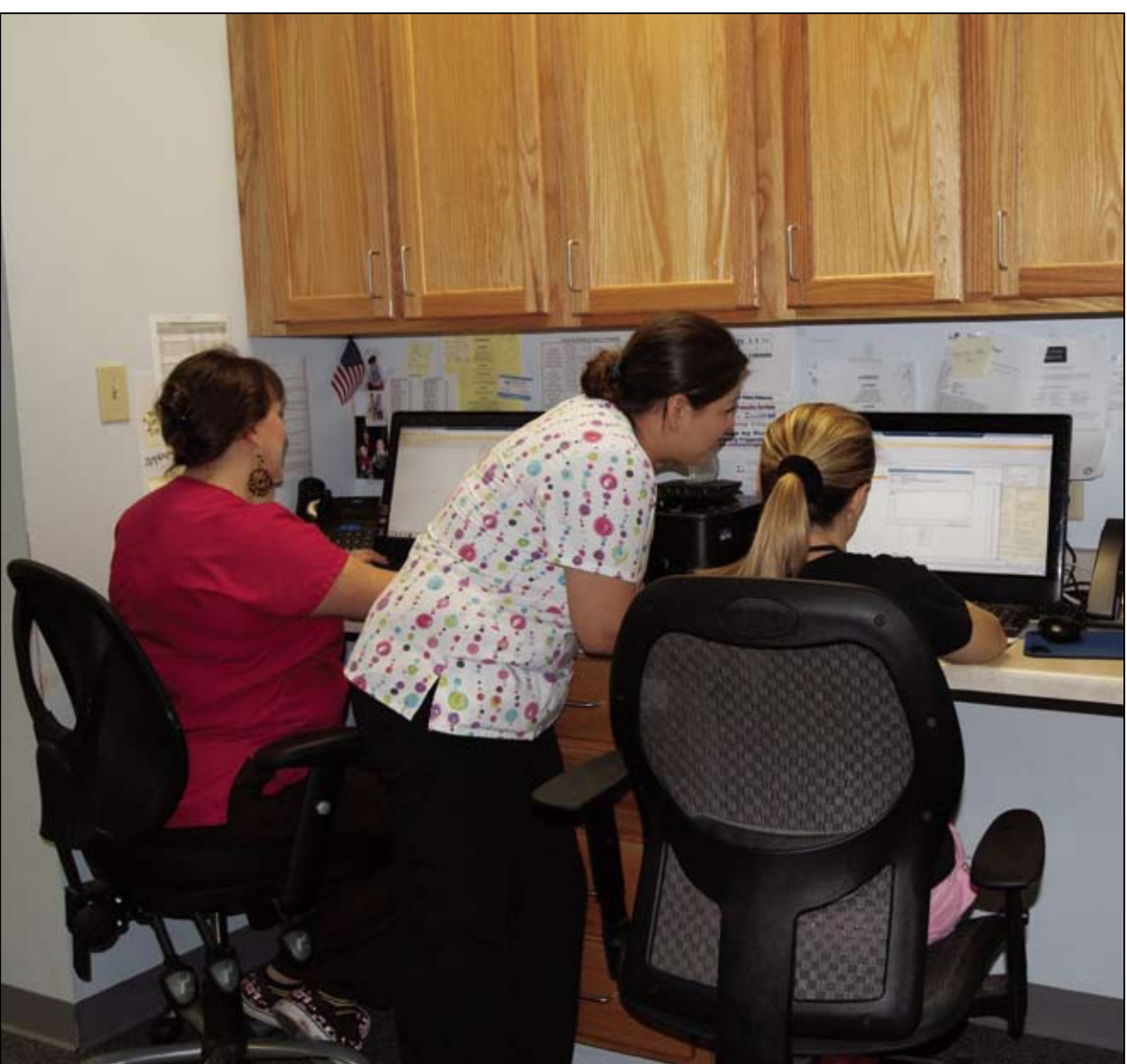


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From left, Emily McCann, Tarah Billingsley and Petra Mier work on patient records and appointments before they begin the day at the Howard County Community Health Care Center. The center has been operating in Howard County for a little more than a year and will soon include a dental clinic, optometry clinic and pharmacy.

Heath clinic clientele, services continue to grow, CEO reports

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

A year has already gone by and client base continues to grow.

Howard County Health Care Center is moving forward and expanding services and staff.

Dr. Judith Madura, CEO of Howard County Community Health Clinic, spoke on progress made during the first year at the center during the State of the Community Series Part 3: Medical Update.

"We were able to open our doors last July for the medical portion of the facility," Madura said. "We had hoped to secure additional funding for the ex-

"The client base is really starting to come to the center and I think once the dental clinic is open it will only further grow."

—Dr. Judith Madura, health center CEO

pansion of the rest of the facility for dental, pharmacy and optometry, but didn't have the funding at the time."

The medical facility, with one full-time practitioner, has continued to show growth during the past year with 2,100 patients having been seen at the clinic for a total of more than 4,000 visits. In the past three months, two additional funding sources were secured, which will be used to help ex-

pand the local center to include the dental clinic, optometry unit and pharmacy. Funding came through government funding for immediate facilities improvement, which was marked as the last round given to health centers.

"We are expecting to be open and functional by the first of the year in the dental clinic," Madura said.

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New leader in place for SWCID

By **CINDY SMITH**

Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING — After several months of searching for the right person to fit the bill, Howard College officials have announced the selection of Mary Karol Matchett as the new provost for their SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

Matchett, coming to SWCID from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology with more than 18 years of experience in the field of higher education, will be filling the position recently vacated by provost Mark Myers after his move back to the East Coast and the service of Dom Bonura as interim provost.

"We are excited to welcome Mary Karol to the SWCID campus and feel confident she is the right fit for the job," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College president. "We appreciate the leadership of



Matchett

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Neighbors help family escape from house fire

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Alert neighbors are being credited with helping a family escape a house fire which heavily damaged their home early Sunday morning.

Officials are still trying to determine the cause of the fire, which began at around 1:30 a.m. in the 1200 block of Lloyd Street.

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said the fire started in a storage area/workshop behind the home, advanced to engulf the carport and a vehicle, then the house itself.

"It was going pretty good," Condray said. "Our guys could see the glow from the fire when they were leaving the station."

Fortunately for the home's occupants, who were sleeping at the time, neighbors noticed the fire and acted quickly.

"Neighbors were able to alert the people inside the

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Girl's Night Out is Thursday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Staff Writer

Let your hair down girls, it's time for your night out.

Healthy Woman — a program sponsored by Scenic Mountail Medical Center — will be hosting Girls Night Out Triple Treat from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday.

"We usually do our Girls Night Out around Christmas-



Cline

Woman coordinator, said. "School will just have started

time to give the ladies a way to relax and relieve stress, but this time we thought it would be the perfect time with the start of school," Anita Cline, Healthy Woman coordinator, said.

and the moms have been running around shopping for school supplies and clothes ... this will give them a chance to relax and take time for themselves."

All women — and any men who so choose — can take part in what three local businesses have to offer. Merle Norman, located at 1210 S. Gregg; Uptown Salon and

Day Spa, located at 600 Runnels; and Jake Witzel Gifts and Interiors, located at 223 S. Main, will all have doors open and specials deals during the event.

"Each shop will feature their own flair through giveaways and door prizes," Cline said. "For those who want to

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Obituaries

Barbara Jean Vieira



Barbara Jean Vieira, 77, of Weatherford, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 27, 2012. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Grave-side services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park with Pastor Ron Liles officiating.

Barbara was born to Grady and Mary Gardner on July 3, 1935, in Birmingham, Ala. She was a lifetime member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Women's International Bowling Congress. She worked for the Bowl-a-Rama for many years.

Barbara married Adelino "Rocky" Vieira on Jan. 4, 1953, in Pascagoula, Miss. He preceded her in death Oct. 27, 2007.

She is survived by her children, Kathy Robertson and husband George, Thresa Russell and husband Kelly and Tony Vieira, all of Weatherford, Texas, Mark Vieira of Hueytown, Ala., Michelle Griffith and husband Don of Greenfield, Ind., Monalisa Ake and husband Donny of Portales, N.M., and Todd Gardner of Springtown, Texas; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Michael and Robert Gardner; three sisters, Patricia Sprouse, Geri Smith and Debra Leber; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Sandra Bowers and Susan Renda; and her grandchildren, Cherish Roxanne Walter, Matthew Vaughn Robertson and Wade Allen Gardner.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Guadalupe R. 'Lupe' Gonzales



Guadalupe R. "Lupe" Gonzales, 86, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 4, 1926, in Del Rio, Texas, to Teodora and Felipe Ramirez. She moved to Big Spring in 1941 and married Carmen Gonzales on Sept. 7, 1948, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 6, 2007.

She was a homemaker, but was also employed at the Big Spring State Hospital for 19 years and at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for 20 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Beatrice DeLeon and Maria Gonzalez of Arlington; two sons, Robert Gonzales of San Antonio and Carmen Gonzales, Jr. and Elaine of Dallas; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Jose Gonzales; two sisters, Lola Ramirez and Frances Carrillo; and four brothers, Felipe Ramirez, Jose Ramirez, Camilo Ramirez and Octaviano Ramirez.

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Police blotter

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

- KEELIE BREANN PARKS, 21, of 1306 Monmouth, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- TANEKIA CAMILE STEPHENSON, 20, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 47, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a minor.
- MARKUS DEWAYNE GRAVES, 27, of 1700 S. Johnson, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of public intoxication.
- LISA MARIE DIMIDJIAN, 43, of 1100 Thorpe, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES RAY OSHEA, 39, of 632 Settles, was arrested Monday on three warrants from other agencies and warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to appear (five counts), no driver's license – when unlicensed (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired

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- MICHAEL DEWAYNE NORRIS, 39, of 3500 W. Interstate Highway 20 Apt. 14, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the area of FM 2230. In the 400 block of E. Third Street.
- THEFT was reported: In the 300 block of S. Main Street. In the 1000 block of N. Main Street. In the 1200 block of Douglas
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- CHRISTOPHER LEE MYRICK, 36, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a bench warrant.
- CURTIS DWAYNE WOODRUFF, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a bench warrant.
- MICHAEL SHANE SHULTS, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500 and charges of criminal mischief, assault – family violence and violation of a promise to appear.
- JAMES RAY OSHEA, 39, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts), violation of a promise to appear (two counts), driving while license invalid, failure to appear (four counts) and expired motor vehicle inspection.
- LISA MARIE DIMIDJIAN, 43, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- FRED RUBIO, 47, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear and warrants for driving while license invalid, possession of a controlled substance and speeding.
- MICHAEL DEWAYNE NORRIS, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

- Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

- The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.
- Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school

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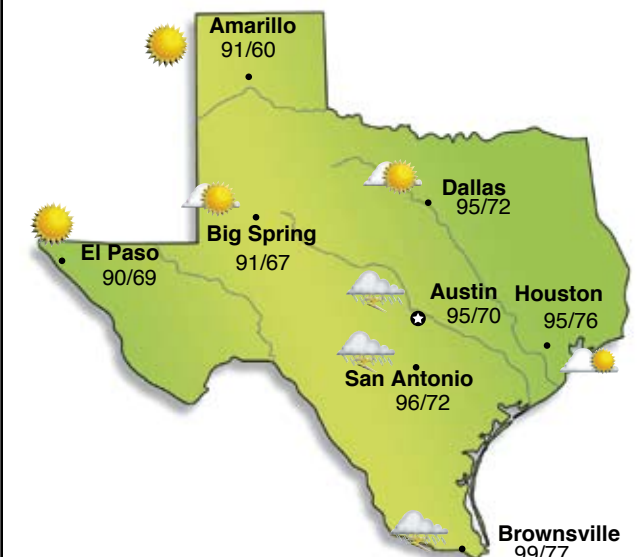
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 8/30	Fri 8/31	Sat 9/1	Sun 9/2	Mon 9/3
91/67 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	94/66 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	98/70 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	100/73 Sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.	98/73 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	66	pt sunny	Kingsville	100	75	t-storm
Amarillo	91	60	sunny	Livingston	93	72	pt sunny
Austin	95	70	t-storm	Longview	91	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	92	76	rain	Lubbock	90	61	sunny
Brownsville	99	77	t-storm	Lufkin	95	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	95	68	mst sunny	Midland	91	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	98	77	t-storm	Raymondville	100	76	t-storm
Corsicana	94	70	pt sunny	Rosenberg	96	74	pt sunny
Dallas	95	72	mst sunny	San Antonio	96	72	t-storm
Del Rio	97	74	t-storm	San Marcos	95	70	t-storm
El Paso	90	69	sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	72	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	88	66	t-storm	Sweetwater	92	65	mst sunny
Gainesville	94	69	mst sunny	Tyler	93	73	pt sunny
Greenville	94	69	mst sunny	Weatherford	94	68	mst sunny
Houston	95	76	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	97	67	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	93	70	pt sunny
Boston	77	56	sunny	New York	78	63	sunny
Chicago	84	61	sunny	Phoenix	101	81	sunny
Dallas	95	72	mst sunny	San Francisco	66	54	pt sunny
Denver	93	62	sunny	Seattle	66	56	rain
Houston	95	76	pt sunny	St. Louis	92	66	sunny
Los Angeles	90	69	pt sunny	Washington, DC	85	68	mst sunny
Miami	89	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allan's Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliances. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

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State news briefs

‘Bless Me, Ultima’ to be screened in N.M. after all

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A movie based on Rudolfo Anaya’s iconic New Mexico-based novel “Bless Me, Ultima” will be screened in the state after all.

The *Albuquerque Journal* reports the Santa Fe Independent Film Festival has scheduled a screening of the film Oct. 17 to kick off the film festival.

The move comes after producers of the film announced it was to premiere in El Paso, Texas at the historic Plaza Theatre, although the novel is set in the small town of Guadalupe, N.M., during World War II, and the film was entirely shot in New Mexico.

The novel follows 6-year-old Antonio Marez, and a curandera named Ultima.

“Bless Me, Ultima” has been credited with sparking the Mexican-American literature movement. It has been banned in some Arizona schools.

Dallas-area shelter opens to prep for Isaac

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas-area shelter has opened for possible evacuees as Tropical Storm Isaac moved closer to becoming a hurricane off Louisiana.

Volunteers with the American Red Cross were ready Tuesday at a shelter at Faith Baptist Church in DeSoto.

Gov. Rick Perry on Monday activated a disaster district committee in Beaumont to help people who might be evacuating from Louisiana. The Texas emergency operations center in Austin continues to monitor the progress of Isaac.

Forecasters say Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida could see flooding linked to Isaac. A storm surge and heavy rains were anticipated in New Orleans.

Dallas chief meets with family of slain woman

DALLAS (AP) — Relatives of a Dallas woman who called 911 but was later found slain in her bathtub have met with police Chief David Brown.

The *Dallas Morning News* reports Brown met privately Monday with Deanna Cook’s mother and two sisters at police headquarters. All later declined comment.

Cook’s ex-husband, Delvecchio Patrick, has been charged with killing her and remains in custody.

Brown has said a 911 operator mishandled Cook’s Aug. 17 call by not relaying that her life appeared to be in danger. Two officers went to Cook’s house but left when nobody answered the door.

Her family discovered her body Aug. 19.

Police last week updated procedures to require officers to use flashing lights and sirens on calls where the victim is in danger of injury or death.

Man’s body found near Marlin

MARLIN, Texas (AP) — Investigators in Central Texas say a man’s body has been found near where a missing Texas A&M student’s vehicle was located.

Police in Marlin says search dogs located the body Monday night in a wooded area. No identity has been released. Police Chief Darrell Allen says an autopsy has been ordered.

Relatives say Anthony Joseph Carey of Houston left home last Thursday, bound for school in College Station. Allen says a car belonging to the 22-year-old senior was found Saturday along a road in Marlin, about 25 miles southeast of Waco.

Man charged in 3 homicides

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A 63-year-old man who was living in Texas when police say he recently called them to confess to several unsolved Oregon homicides has been charged in three deaths.

A grand jury on Monday indicted Jeffrey Paul Cutlip in the deaths of 44-year-old Marlene Claire Carlson in 1975, 15-year-old Julie Marie Bennett in 1977 and 33-year-old Nielene Doll in 1993.

Cutlip was living in Brownsville, Texas, when he called police in July. He was extradited to Oregon earlier this month and is held in the Multnomah County Jail in Portland.

Oregon Corrections Department records show Cutlip has spent much of the past three decades behind bars for crimes including sodomy, burglary and robbery.

SWCID

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Dr. Myers and have been fortunate to have Dom fill in for us through this time of transition. He has left things in good order for her to take the reigns and move forward.”

Matchett has most recently held the position of director of career exploration studies at NTID, but also has experience in student retention, academic and career counseling and social work, as well as teaching.

She is currently working on her education doctorate in executive leadership through St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y., expecting to complete this step in September 2013. She received her bachelor of science in social work from RIT in Rochester and a masters of social work from Syracuse University.

“Great things are happening at SWCID and I am really looking forward to being a part of this campus and college district,” said Matchett. “I know the faculty and staff have been doing a great job and I am anxious to start working with them.”

Matchett’s extensive experience in student retention and career counseling will be most beneficial to the SWCID campus at this time when more focus is being placed on outcomes for students.

“Mary Karol’s experience is right on target with where the SWCID campus is heading,” said Sparks. “We need to make sure our students stay in college and finish their programs of study so they can be successful throughout their careers of choice. She is the perfect person to continue leading our campus in this direction.”

Student outcomes will remain the priority for Matchett and the SWCID faculty and staff. With recent enrollment growth, the air is ripe for innovative strategies and fresh ideas for program improvement, officials said.

“We are going to take this opportunity to hold on to our solid history guided by previous SWCID leaders while facing the future with fresh ideas and new leadership,” added Sparks. “While focusing on our strengths, Mary Karol and the faculty and staff will take SWCID to the next level.”

Cindy Smith, Howard College director of information, can be reached at 432-264-5034 or csmith@howardcollege.edu.

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The dental clinic is projected to be a four-chair operator unit, with full-time dental hygienist and full-time dentist on staff. Once opened, the facility is expected to be able to provide services for the majority of dental care.

In addition to the service and space additions, a new provider — family practitioner — will be coming on in the next few weeks which will double capacity for seeing clients. Also in recent weeks, a second nurse practitioner has been added and has already compiled a full list of clients.

“The client base is really starting to come to the center and I think

once the dental clinic is open it will only further grow,” Madura said.

There are nine employees at the health center, with an additional four coming on next month and seven more in the next three months.

Due to the growth, the interior will also have to be remodeled.

“We will be incorporating another nurse’s station and remodeling to ensure patient privacy,”

Behavioral health services were also added this year, with a counselor coming in once a week.

Optometry is projected to be open in the next two months and will include an optical dispensary and contact lens dispensary. This will enable the clients of the health center to get

their glasses and contacts right on site.

“Just as all our services are, the optometry, dental and optical and contact dispensaries will also be on the sliding pay scale,” Madura said. “It is figured by the family size and income. Every client is eligible to receive those discounts.”

The pharmacy — class A — is schedule to open in the next couple of months. A full-time pharmacist and three pharmacy technicians will be included in the staff. There will be several assistance programs made available through the pharmacy as well, according to her. Those programs will include, 340B program, Pfizer Share the Care and Astrazeneca federal assistance pro-

gram.

“There will be assistance programs that the client can apply to themselves or we can submit on their behalf which will expedite that process. When they may not qualify for 340 B medicines, they may qualify for some of the brand name medications we can get for less than wholesale costs,” Madura said.

Access point funding, obtained recently, will allow purchase of an electronic dental health record system which will interface with the medical electronic record system and help tie all the locations together.

“This way, any patient seen in any of the sites, their records will be able to be accessed from any site immediately in

our system,” she said. “We are also looking at becoming involved with the Health Information Exchange in the state, which will tie medical and dental records to be shared with other entities within the state.”

Next year, the goal is to double the number of patients seen in the facility. Projected goals are 3,700 dental clients, 1,200 dental clients and 1,200 optometry clients. At this rate, it is expected the pharmacy will be filling 100 to 150 prescriptions per day.

“It is going to get really busy with us. Recruiting is going well, but we are still looking for a dentist. We do have some leads, but hopefully we will have that secured in the next few months and be able

to move forward,” Madura said.

Howard County Community Health Center is located at 1300 S. Gregg Street. For an appointment or more information, call 432-517-4557.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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FIRE

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home and they were out of the structure by the time our units arrived on the scene,” Condray said.

Three Big Spring Fire Department units battled the fire for about three hours before leaving the scene around 5 a.m. Condray said damage to the house was “extensive,” but added that no injuries were re-

ported.

Condray said investigators suspect an electrical problem as the cause of the fire, but said the incident was still under

investigation.

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visit all three shops that evening, there will be the opportunity of winning a large gift basket.”

Healthy Woman sponsors numerous events throughout the year, each focusing on empowering women in the community.

“This is event is geared more toward the

spirit and body. We are hoping it proves to be a nice, relaxing evening for all those attending,” she said.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make an effort, Lord, to spread
Your word and love to everyone we come
in contact with. Amen

Bush may not be in Tampa, but doesn't mean his ideas aren't

The name of George W. Bush graces no chair at the Republican National Convention in

Tampa, Fla. The 43rd president left behind monumental deficits and an economy in tatters. Republicans hold him responsible for the party's straying from its alleged small-government ethic. They want the public to forget the man.

Thing is, the man wasn't the problem. His plan was the problem. And there is very little in the "new" Republican proposals that would change the plan. It's more tax cuts targeting the well-to-do, a bigger defense budget and less regulation. The one place Republicans suggest real change is in Medicare. Mitt Romney's pick for vice president, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, proposes a Medicare voucher system that would save money by making sure that taxpayer subsidies don't keep pace with projected health care costs.

There are less radical ways to curb soaring Medicare costs, but Ryan's idea does deserve half a credit for courage. It doesn't get a full credit for two reasons. One is it would not impose the voucher system on anyone 55 or older — that is, for those who are really paying attention. The second reason is that it privatizes the hard conversations on what Medicare should offer,

discussions the public should be having with their government. What privatizing coverage does is move the tough calls to insurance company executive suites, where the profit motive strongly favors denying care.

Another part of the Bush plan is a continued demonizing of government regulation. In the Bush years, weakened regulation led to billions being stolen in Iraq. It let Wall Street do as it pleased, including speculate with money backed by taxpayer guarantees. Lax regulations created the housing bubble: Government looked the other way as hucksters roped otherwise prudent Americans into abusive mortgage terms.

Many foolish regulations no doubt fester and need the ax, but the Republicans' generalized hostility to the very concept of setting ground rules shows a party that learned little from the Bush fiasco.

It is unclear why folks demanding smaller government also want more defense spending. Ronald Reagan and Bush pushed for larger Pentagon budgets, as do Romney and Ryan today. The 2012 candidates would do us a service by explaining their case for bigger military budgets. David Stockman, a former Reagan budget director and critic of the Republican lust for military spending, recently noted that the defense budget today (after inflation) is almost double what it was when President Eisenhower left office and America faced a genuine Soviet nuclear threat.

Ryan styles himself the paragon of restored fiscal rectitude,

but during the Bush years he voted for two unfunded wars, the Medicare drug benefit (entirely paid for with borrowed money) plus enormous tax cuts. We should note that a few principled Republicans opposed the tax cuts as fiscally reckless and the drug benefit as an expensive expansion of government. Not Paul Ryan, and also not House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, another self-proclaimed "young gun."

The Bush tax cuts drained the Treasury of money needed to pay for what the Republicans wanted, never mind the Democrats. Ryan now calls for even more tax cuts with the proviso that they be partly offset by closing loopholes. Broadening the tax base is not a bad idea, but Ryan's plan fails to impress because it does not specify what loopholes would go. How about doing away with the big popular deductions, like those for health coverage or mortgage interest? Ryan's lips are sealed.

So while the Tampa convention hosts no George W. Bush, it has his plan. More defense spending. Less regulation. More tax cuts for the upper incomes. As another famous Republican might have said: Here we go again.

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Romney's an extremist, and Obama isn't? That is funny.

President Obama's casting of Mitt Romney as extreme is one of the most glaring incidents of political projection in the modern era. Romney doesn't approach extremism in substance, style or disposition. Obama swims in it.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Obama said Romney has locked himself into "extreme positions" on economic and social issues and would implement them if in office.

Accusing Romney of extremism is just another arrow in Obama's fantasy quiver, because reality just doesn't help him. Romney is anything but extreme, and no serious political analyst believes otherwise. He is certainly extremely bullish on America, American business and the free enterprise system, and he doubtless wants to move the nation extremely away from the disastrous course on which Obama is taking it, but that's about the extent of his extremism. Romney's policies are right of center, to be sure, but not extreme, except from the perspective of a radical leftist, which brings us to Obama.

Let's use Obama's bill of particulars against Romney as a yardstick to measure his own place on the political spectrum — as if it weren't painfully obvious.

Obama says Romney is locked into extreme positions on economic issues because Romney favors across-the-board tax cuts that "would mostly help the rich."

Obama discredits himself in the very words of his charge. If the cuts are across-the-board, they don't mostly favor the rich. In fact, Romney — to my disappointment, by the way — is suggesting reducing deductions for upper-income earners. Obama, on the other hand, apparently

believes that the bottom 49.5 percent of income earners are getting ripped off because they are paying zero income taxes. He must think his actions in expanding the public sector, increasing the food stamp rolls and removing the work requirement for welfare are moderate.

Obama says Romney is extreme for not signing on to his quixotic wind energy hallucinations — as if anyone who doesn't believe in the government's throwing away billions more at failed and scandalous green energy experiments is the extremist — as opposed to recklessly implementing such policies when the nation has one foot in the bankruptcy door.

Obama says Romney lacks "serious ideas" and refuses to "own up" to the responsibilities of what it takes to be president. These take the cake.

Romney is proposing serious entitlement, tax and spending reform and reducing the unprecedented regulatory burden strangling the private sector.

Nothing remotely extreme here. Sorry, Mr. Obama; that rabid dog will not hunt.

Obama has amassed deficits in excess of \$1 trillion in each of his four years. He has not produced a budget that would yield deficits below that threshold in the next decade. He has not even presented a plan to reform entitlements, has obstructed Republican reform bills and has saddled us with a brand-new budget-busting entitlement (Obamacare). His own budgets failed to get a single vote — not even a Democratic vote. Extremism?

How about Obama's serious ideas? The only idea Obama has come up with since 2008 has been government spending. There is no evidence he can even ponder economic solutions straying from that nightmare. He certainly will not reduce the tax and regulatory burden on producers and small businesses, and he most definitely will not take his pillow off the face of the smothered private sector. He

can't, because he is a dogmatic extremist who would rather preside over national financial catastrophe than deviate from his straightjacketing ideology.

How about owning up to the responsibilities of being president? Do these include intentionally dividing Americans, sidestepping a bipartisan budget commission he formed for political cover, orchestrating America's military decline, sabotaging domestic energy producers, grotesquely gloating over the killing of Osama bin Laden, and endless golf outings?

Social issue extremism? Romney can hardly be called an extremist on abortion. He not only rejects Todd Akin's formulation; he supports the rape exception. Obama, on the other hand, opposed Illinois' Born Alive Infant Protection Act and supports partial-birth abortion.

Perhaps most laughable is Obama's assertion that unlike Romney, he will be willing to compromise on a range of issues. If his entire first term doesn't prove that claim is sheer carnival barkery, then nothing can. Romney, on the other hand, has sometimes been criticized from the right for compromising too much with Democrats.

Obama's left wing has become so extreme that it would have the nation believe that mainstream conservative ideas are now extreme and that the extreme positions it promotes are moderate, reasonable and routine.

Only if George Orwell defines the terms — and for Obama and today's left, he increasingly does — is Romney extreme and Obama a centrist. I suspect that in November, Obama is going to find out just how far out of phase he is with the electorate, but we shall see.

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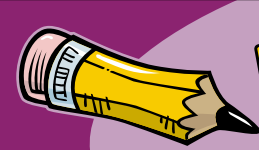


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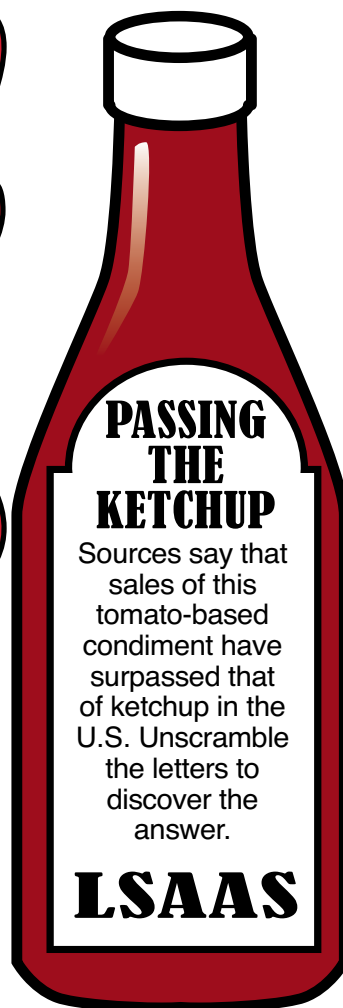
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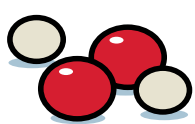
Did you know...

- Tomatoes are originally from **17**.
- **26** Aztecs and Mayans gave the tomato its name, first “xitomatle,” then “tomatle” or “tomati.”
- Thomas Jefferson was one of the first **25** to grow tomatoes in his home garden.



Red & White Ball Salad

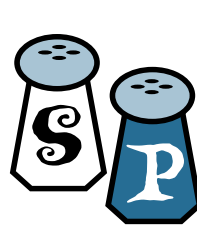
Make this tasty salad next time you want something healthy to munch.



Mix cherry tomatoes with small balls of mozzarella cheese in a bowl.



Sprinkle with extra virgin olive oil.



Season with a little salt and pepper.



Take a bite!
Can you bite a tomato without squirting?

MEET THE MUTANT TOMATO!

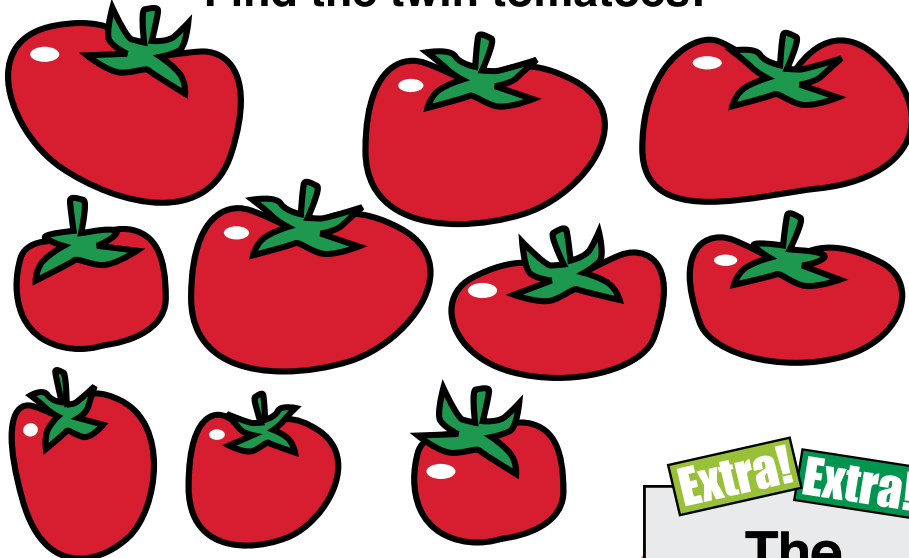


Not all tomatoes are smooth and round. They come in lots of shapes and sizes.

This tomato with a face like a Chinese lion mask was harvested in Japan.

The surprised farmer said, “It’s the first time I’ve ever seen a tomato with a fully-formed face.”

Find the twin tomatoes:



CANCER FIGHTER!

Tomatoes contain a chemical called **lycopene**, which gives tomatoes their reddish color. Many scientists believe it helps keep people healthy and prevents certain kinds of cancer and heart disease.



Try This!

Select one other page in the newspaper and use it to see if you can find and circle all the letters that spell lycopene. Connect the circled letters with lines, like a dot-to-dot! Color your lycopene design.

Super Sauce Secret!

Hold this page up to a mirror to read:

Cooked tomato products such as sauces and juices contain higher amounts of lycopene than raw tomatoes. That's because it takes many cups of raw tomatoes to make one cup of tomato sauce. So pour that sauce into your spaghetti, and gulp down the healthy lycopene.

The Answer is TOMATO

Have the answer for a series of questions be the word **tomato**.

Now look through the newspaper to help you think of questions that would have **tomato** as the answer. Challenge a friend and see who can come up with the most.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In the book, *I will Never NOT EVER Eat a Tomato* by Lauren Child, Lola gives tomatoes a funny name. To discover what she called them, cross out the word TOMATO each time it appears in this box. The leftover letters reveal the answer.

Why do you think she gave tomatoes this funny name?

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TOMATOTTOMATOETOMATORTOMATOS

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Join Tommy Tomato and his friend Buzz to learn more about tomatoes while playing games and having fun. Visit:
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Double Double Word Search

TOMATOES
SALAD
SPRINKLE
HEART
AZTECS
LYCOPENE
RAW
MASK
MUNCH
SALT
BITE
OLIVE
GROW
OIL
YOU

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

S	A	L	T	X	S	L	E	O	T
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M	W	K	L	E	W	T	N	V	C
R	A	Y	T	A	C	O	I	E	O
G	O	S	L	R	S	S	R	B	P
U	T	Y	K	M	A	C	P	G	E
T	O	M	A	T	O	E	S	V	N
O	S	H	C	N	U	M	H	T	E

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

Kid Scoop Together: Funny Filler

Have a friend give you **NOUNS, VERBS and ADJECTIVES** to fill in the blanks in this story. Then read the story aloud. Prepare for big laughs!

At the Farmer's Market

Last weekend, Peter and

Pauline Pimento family

went to the Farmer's

Market to buy some

_____ vegetables.

ADJECTIVE

Pauline found some nice,

ripe _____ right

away and began to place

them in her basket. Pete

selected a dozen

ADJECTIVE _____ and put

_____ PLURAL NOUN

them in his _____ NOUN

Pauline saw a large

pumpkin for sale and said,

“That will make a

delicious _____ !”

NOUN

Pete agreed and said, “This

fresh _____ will

NOUN

really spice it up nicely.”

After an hour, they had a

large assortment of

_____ PLURAL NOUN

_____ and

_____ PLURAL NOUN

PLURAL NOUN

Pete carefully loaded all of

the _____ into the

PLURAL NOUN

back of their _____ NOUN

“Dinner tonight will be

just amazing,” said

Pauline. “There’s nothing

like

ADJECTIVE

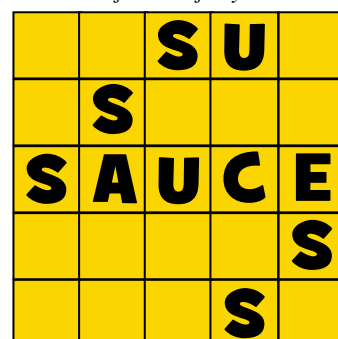
_____ stew!”

NOUN

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

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SAUCE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



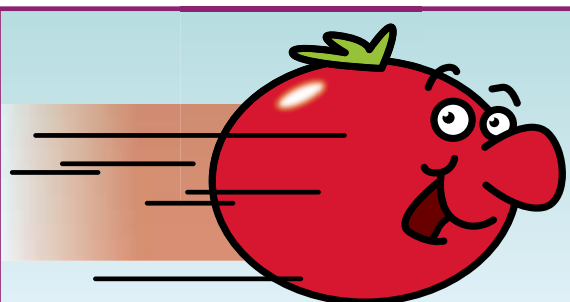
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Harvest News

Look through the newspaper for an article about food being grown and/or harvested. Summarize the article in one paragraph. Be sure to report the **who, what, when, where, why** and **how**.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.



Why can't you ever run faster than a tomato?

ANSWER: They always ketchup.

Write On!

BIG Tomato Story

Imagine that you planted tomatoes in your garden. One morning, you wake up to discover a gigantic tomato larger than a house! What do your neighbors say? What happens next?

Flooded out of their chimney home

In spite of ringing our doorbell with his finger, the teenager kept his hands cupped together. Before opening the door, a glance out the window informed me immediately that he must have a bird tucked inside. Slowly, the young man raised his thumbs to show me what lay in the palms of his hands. Stirring from that slight motion were two wiggling youngsters; both still had their eyes closed.

As he carefully transferred the nestlings into my hand, he told of finding the twosome atop an empty grate. Due to water coursing down his fireplace

during a storm the night before, their stick nest had been loosened from the rough brick and mortar lining the inside of the chimney. When it finally stopped its descent, the nest had cushioned their landing in spite of losing its shape.

In building the stick creation that was held together and to the chimney wall with her saliva, their mother's efforts had been successful.

The home she had provided had protected her offspring through the ride of their lives.

Introduced to our makeshift nest to resemble their former home, both chimney swifts immediately grabbed the rough sides with their tiny toes. The birds seemed quite contented. Soon, a diet of formula and insects were readily being accepted.

With so few swifts coming our way, sev-

eral books helped us realize how quickly they would develop.

On the 14th or 15th day of life, their eyes would open. Pinfeathers would emerge quickly and feathers unfurl.

Some four to five weeks after hatching, these swifts would be able to fly from a chimney.

On a hot mid-August day that promised more stormy tantrums, we delivered the birds to South Plains in Lubbock.

Like other youngsters, they would soon



The mother chimney swift and her young enjoy the comfort of their vertical nest. After the nestlings fledge, they will spend much of their existence, including eating, bathing, gathering nest materials and courtship, in flight. Their tiny beaks are no indication of how far their gaping mouths can expand to capture a day's offering.

be clinging to any vertical surface. As-sets, such as tail feathers tipped with spines to brace their bodies,

and forward-facing toes, were their secrets in resting upright throughout the night, even in a chimney.

Taking short flights with other swifts in a special area at the Center, the twosome would sport the sooty attire typical of their parents. When released, they would be totally dependent upon air-borne insects they would hunt during daylight hours and early evenings.

The temporary home for the birds of summer served its purpose. Heard by many a homeowner during July and early August, the raucous noise of young swifts echoing from chimneys was replaced by a familiar twittering and chatting from somewhere high above. Now, silent chimneys await another year's hatch and graduation to the skies.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The King Can Do No Wrong

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 10 5

♥ 6

♦ Q 6 2

♣ K 10 8 7 5 3

WEST

♠ K 3

♥ A Q J 9 5

♦ 10 9 8

♣ Q J 4

EAST

♠ 6 4

♥ 10 8 3

♦ K 7 5 3

♣ A 9 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q 9 8 7 2

♥ K 7 4 2

♦ A J 4

♣ —

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

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

There are many deals where declarer is in greater danger if one defender leads rather than the other obtains the lead. A failure to make the necessary adjustment to this problem resulted in South's defeat in today's hand.

South won West's ten-of-diamonds lead with the jack and, with an eye toward ruffing his heart losers in dummy, led a low heart toward dummy at trick two. East took the heart with the eight and returned a trump. South did the best

Tomorrow: The two-way guess.

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Arts: Part of human history

Through the years, we have been devoted to the study of the

arts and history justifies that devotion. Long before humans were building cities or writing on stones, they were painting, dancing and playing music.

Paleontologists have found evidence of humans making music with the discovery of carved flutes more than 35,000 years old, which have been found in caves in Europe. Humans have been expressing themselves in a variety of ways for years and watching children create art or music is an inspiring sight that transcends language.

The arts teach children that problems

can have many solutions and that there are many ways to see and interpret the world. We have seen how teaching children through art or music helps them remember the facts of math or language, to manage their emotions and express their thoughts and feelings. Using art and music often times ignites a child's emotions or creativity in the learning process.

An interesting new study by the National Education Association show that students from the lower end of the socioeconomic ladder tend to achieve less than those from more upscale families; however, one sub-group of these youngsters tend to exceed expectations: those who participate heavily in the arts. Students with a history of intensive arts experiences show achievement levels closer to — and in some cases exceeding — the levels shown by the general

population.

These findings suggest that in-school or extracurricular programs offering intensive arts involvement help to narrow the gap in achievement levels among youth. There is a remarkably strong association between participation in the arts and a wide variety of positive outcomes. Research reveals that students who had arts-rich experiences in high school showed higher overall grade point averages than did students who lacked those experiences.

Disadvantaged high school students heavily involved in the arts activities enrolled in competitive colleges at higher rates than their counterparts who avoided the arts.

Crunching the numbers from the studies, the researchers found 71 percent of low-socio-economic students who were heavily involved in the arts attended some sort of college

after graduating from high school, and 39 percent attended a four-year college. In contrast, for those who had little or no involvement with the arts, 48 percent attended a college of any type, and only 17 percent attended a four-year college.

It has been found that students who have arts-rich experiences in school do better academically in all subjects, and they also become more active and engaged citizens. In this light, the arts contribute to a person's existence and assists people in cultural co-existence.

To use a term I learned in physics, I guess the parts are greater than the whole. To use a Yogi Berra expression, "I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger; then it hit me."

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District

Pianist Van Cliburn diagnosed with cancer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Renowned classical pianist Van Cliburn has been diag-

nosed with advanced bone cancer and is resting comfortably at his Texas home, his publi-

cist said Monday.

The 78-year-old Cliburn is under excellent care and his spirits are high, said longtime friend and publicist Mary Lou Falcone.

Cliburn skyrocketed to fame in 1958 when he won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow at age 23. He triumphantly returned to a New York ticker tape parade, the only one ever for a classical musician, and

a Time magazine cover proclaimed him "The Texan Who Conquered Russia."

In the years that followed, Cliburn's popularity soared, and the young man from the small east Texas town of Kilgore sold out concerts, broke record sales, caused riots when spotted in public and even prompted an Elvis Presley fan club to change its name to his.

Until only recently, Cliburn practiced daily and performed limited engagements.

Youth Football League Signups Open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Registration will close Saturday, Sept. 1. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (6-8 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available, but must be paid in full by Sept. 14. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 816-6871. The league will be providing financial assistance to those who apply and qualify. There are limited resources so please apply a.s.a.p. at a registration time.

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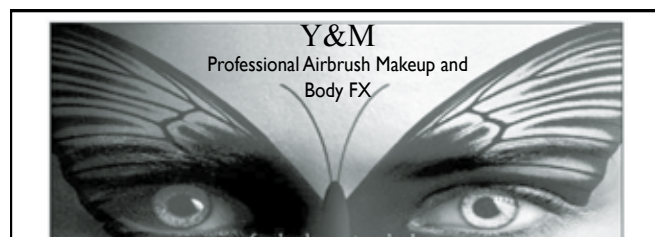


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Steers herd together at pep rally

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Big Spring High School football players huddle up during Monday's pep rally held for the community at Memorial Stadium. The Steers will open regular season play Friday on the road against Fort Stockton.

Beltre strikes again, Texas tops Rays

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Adrian Beltre extended his hot seven-game streak into another week.

Beltre was 3 for 3 with a home run and four RBIs, including driving in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth inning, to lead the Texas Rangers to a 6-5 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night.

Elvis Andrus scored on Beltre's single to give the AL West leaders a series-opening win. Nelson Cruz also homered and Mike Olt added an RBI for Texas.

Derek Holland (9-6) got the win, giving up five runs — three earned — on six hits in six innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Beltre, who was selected AL player of the week after a three-homer game and another in which he hit for the cycle, is hitting .385 with six homers and 13 RBIs in his last eight games.

"He's locked in," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We need everything he's giving us right now. He's one of the guys in our lineup that makes it work."

Relievers Alexi Ogando and Mike Adams, and closer Joe Nathan struck out six of the nine hitters they faced in working perfect seventh, eighth and ninth innings. Nathan earned his 23rd consecutive save opportunity and 26th this season.

Tampa Bay ace David Price (16-5) snapped a stretch of 12 consecutive quality starts in which he had pitched at least seven innings. The lefty, who entered with a majors-low 2.28 ERA and tied for the league lead for victories, didn't make it to the fifth, giving up six runs on 10 hits in four innings.

In eight career regular-season starts against the Rangers, Price is 1-3 with a 6.04 ERA. In four starts at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, his ERA is 10.26.

"I didn't feel like I was throwing the ball any different than I was during the stretch where I've been successful," Price said. "It's Texas, they're a good-hitting team, and they're feeling it right now."

The Rangers continually jumped on first-pitch fastballs.

"We were trying to look for a pitch we could handle," said Beltre, noting that Price likes to get ahead of hitters. "He comes after hitters, so we were ready."

The Rays entered with the AL's best road record (35-27), but found they were no match for Beltre.

Beltre, who reached base a fourth time with a walk in the seventh, and Cruz had back-to-back home runs in the bottom of the second to erase a 2-0 deficit — the first time Price has allowed consecutive homers in his career.

Olt's groundout to shortstop Ben Zobrist drove in the Rangers' third run.

Beltre's double with no outs in the third doubled Elvis Andrus and Josh Hamilton to make the score 5-3.

Price was able to limit the damage by retiring the next three hitters on two groundouts and a strikeout of Geovany Soto.

Over his last 65 games, Beltre is hitting .332 with 15 homers, 14 doubles and 44 RBIs.

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Cowboys working with WR Bryant on issues

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are trying to provide some guidance for Dez Bryant, the talented young receiver who has had issues off the field.

Coach Jason Garrett wouldn't go into specifics Monday or describe potential discipline for not abiding by the rules, but he said the Cowboys (No. 15 in AP Pro32) want to support Bryant and his family.

"What we've tried to do is come up with a plan for Dez like we would for any player who we feel like needs our support, and help him be his best as a player and as a person," Garrett said. "And the accountability factor is an important part of that with him and with anybody on our football team."

According to numerous reports, Bryant will attend weekly counseling sessions, have a full-time security team and not be allowed to consume alcohol or attend strip clubs.

The security members will drive Bryant to team functions, including practices and games, and the receiver will also be subject to a curfew.

Bryant was arrested in July for allegedly assaulting his mother, who has since said she doesn't want authorities to pursue charges against him. The Dallas County district attorney's office has yet to make a decision about misdemeanor family violence charges.

There is still the chance that the NFL could discipline Bryant, who is going into his third season with the Cowboys.

Despite other off-the-field issues in the past, Bryant was having a solid offseason until his arrest two weeks before the start of training camp. Bryant's adviser, David Wells, and the player's attorney, Royce West, didn't return messages to the AP.

From top to bottom, changes abound in Big XII

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Times are changing in the Big 12.

A new commissioner, two new schools and a batch of new starting quarterbacks bring a distinctly different flavor to the conference this season after a period of turmoil when one-third of the original members left.

Big East champion West Virginia and Mountain West champ TCU will at least partially fill the void left by Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Texas A&M scattering to other leagues.

Exactly who will take over the superstar roles filled by Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III and fellow first-round NFL draft picks Justin Blackmon, Ryan Tannehill, Brandon Weeden and Kendall Wright remains to be seen.

It all makes for an unpredictable season. But can it be a great one?

"We don't want the SEC to win another national championship,"

new commissioner Bob Bowlsby proclaimed Monday during a stop on Oklahoma's campus.

"We think the University of Oklahoma can compete at that level and have a chance, and we think there are several others this year that can do similar."

Defending conference champion Oklahoma State (Wes Lunt), Baylor (Nick Florence) and Kansas (Dayne Crist) will all be breaking in new quarterbacks. And although they're not new to starting college football games, West Virginia's Geno Smith and TCU's Casey Pachall will be new to the Big 12 and trying to continue their championship-winning ways.

"When you're going into a new conference, a new landscape, it's all about finding a way to win," said TCU coach Gary Patterson, who'll wait an extra week to make his Big 12 debut Sept. 8 against Grambling State.

"We've had this plan before. This is not the

first time we've changed conferences."

Patterson's Horned Frogs are rejoining some former Southwest Conference foes after hopscotching to the WAC, Conference USA and Mountain West.

"You've just got to keep growing up. That's what good programs do, and that's what we intend to do here," Patterson said. "It's not going to be a sprint. It's three to five years, and then over the course of 10 years, how do we get as a program as we keep recruiting to the Big 12 to become what we need to become?"

Whoever can overcome all of the changes the best will be crowned the champion in December.

Oklahoma State is attempting to get there with Lunt, who's just out of high school, taking over for the 28-year old Weeden. Yet coach Mike Gundy says the Cowboys won't be changing their offense up — or relying heavily on the run — to ease Lunt into the

college game.

"There'll be mistakes, growing pains," said Gundy, whose Cowboys open the season Saturday against Savannah State.

"We had them with Brandon Weeden here, and he had been in practice and was obviously very mature with his age. ... He'll make mistakes just like any other young player, and you go with it and you keep playing."

Kansas, which didn't win a single conference game last season, is turning to the former Notre Dame connection of Crist and coach Charlie Weis. Weis was brought in to replace Turner Gill, who was fired after two losing seasons, and said his players have been through a "pretty grueling offseason" to try and improve.

"I think they're really looking forward to showing everyone they're not as bad as they were," Weis said.

Bowlsby believes

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Longhorn Ash said he 'expected' to be starting QB

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — David Ash never doubted he would be the starting quarterback at No. 15 Texas.

Now that he has won the job, the challenge is keeping it beyond Saturday's season-opener against Wyoming.

Ash, who rotated last season with Case McCoy, won the preseason battle to take over the job without an "or" between their names on the depth chart. Coach Mack Brown announced the decision last week and Ash met with reporters Monday.

"I expected it," Ash said. "I worked really hard. The coaches have given me a shot. That's all you can really ask for."

Ash still has a lot to prove on the field. He was 3-3 as a freshman starter last season with just four touchdown passes and eight interceptions. His completion rate was under 58 percent and Texas ranked 86th nationally in passing.

Ash seemed to be asserting himself as the Longhorns' No. 1 when he played every snap of Texas' Holiday Bowl win over California. Ash was named the most valuable player of the game after passing for one touchdown, catching another and not committing any turnovers.

But even with that game under this belt, Texas opened their 2012 training camp with Brown refusing to name a starter and he insisted McCoy was battling Ash for the job.

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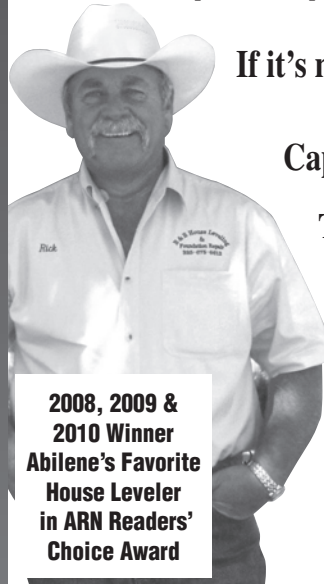
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World Briefs

In bayou country and city alike, people batten down as Isaac takes aim at low-lying Louisiana

CHAUVIN, La. (AP) — Isaac was on the verge of becoming a full-blown hurricane Tuesday as it rolled over the Gulf of Mexico toward Louisiana, where residents of the low-lying coast left boarded-up homes for inland shelter while people in New Orleans waited behind levees fortified after Katrina.

Forecasters predicted the tropical storm would power up to hurricane strength, which starts at winds of 74 mph, later in the day and be at least a Category 1 hurricane by the time it's expected to reach the swampy coast of southeast Louisiana early Wednesday. The forecast track has the storm aimed at New Orleans, but hurricane warnings extended across 280 miles from Morgan City, La., to the Florida-Alabama state line. It could become the first hurricane to hit the Gulf Coast since 2008.

Early Tuesday, Isaac was a large and potent tropical storm packing top sustained winds of 70 mph. The storm system was centered about 125 miles southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River at 5 a.m. EDT and moving northwest at 12 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Although Isaac's approach on the eve of the Katrina anniversary invited obvious comparisons, the storm is nowhere near as powerful as Katrina was when it struck on Aug. 29, 2005. Katrina at one point reached Category 5 status with winds of more

than 157 mph, and made landfall as a Category 3 storm.

Still, forecasters at the National Hurricane Center warned that Isaac, especially if it strikes at high tide, could cause storm surges of up to 12 feet along low-lying areas including south Lafourche Parish, where hurricane veteran Windell Curole kept a close eye on the levee system he oversees; and in Houma, a city southwest of New Orleans, where people filled up a municipal auditorium-turned shelter.

Republicans find it's an awkward time for politics as convention opens and Isaac threatens U.S.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — For the thousands of Republican convention-goers who've been cooling their heels in Tampa, the party is finally on. But with New Orleans and much of the Gulf Coast waiting fearfully to see where a massive storm makes landfall, politics has become an awkward enterprise and no one knows what sort of party it will turn out to be.

At least for now, the Republican National Convention will go on Tuesday according to its latest script: delivering Mitt Romney the presidential nomination he fought years to achieve, calling the party to unify around him and setting the stage for the final stretch of the hotly contested campaign to unseat President Barack Obama.

Romney was coming to Tampa on Tuesday, in

time to see his wife's speech in the evening, although it was kept a mystery whether he would attend the convention before his big address Thursday night.

The high campaign season opens with Romney and Obama about even in the last of the pre-convention polls, with each candidate possessing distinct and important advantages. The Democrat is the more likable or empathetic leader; the Republican is more highly regarded as the candidate who can restore the economy, the top issue for voters.

Ann Romney's convention speech was designed to speak to that divide. It was an important part of the GOP's effort to flesh out her husband and present him to the nation as more than a successful businessman and the former Republican governor of a Democratic state, Massachusetts.

Mexico sect vows to fight to keep public schooling out of its community

NUEVA JERUSALEN, Mexico (AP) — Sprouting out of the corn fields of western Mexico rises a hill crowned with two arches and four towers, marking the gates of an improvised "holy land" that farmers built brick by brick over nearly four decades to mark the only spot they believe will be saved in the coming apocalypse: Nueva Jerusalem, or "New Jerusalem."

The faith of the people who live here is built on messages purportedly passed from the Virgin Mary to a defrocked Catholic priest, an illiterate old woman and a clairvoyant who passed messages from beyond the grave.

In the intervening decades, a cult has sprung around the detailed instructions that Our Lady of the Rosary supposedly left for followers describing where new temples should be built in the labyrinthine compound, and how believers should dress and live. No non-religious music, no alcohol or tobacco, no television, no radio, no modern dress.

But beyond the complex hierarchy of brightly-robed followers, with women wearing purple, red, white or green robes, depending on their "order" or vocation, there is one injunction that has landed the sect in trouble: no public education.

That's at the heart of a confrontation brewing at the complex among the sect's traditionalists, its more reformist members, and the Mexican government.

7 years after Katrina, New Orleans sees gentrification spreading into old neighborhoods

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With Isaac bearing down on New Orleans, the city finds itself at a delicate moment in its rebuilding since Hurricane Katrina struck seven years ago.

Private and government investment is fueling the push to overhaul some of the city's troubled but culturally rich neighborhoods near the French Quarter, where poor families are being replaced as wealthier ones move in. While the city's in a boom and even gentrifying, some question whether it will wither the roots that grew the city's distinctive identity.

"New Orleans is becoming a boutique city like San Francisco," said Gary Clark, a politics professor at Dillard University. "You may see black middle class moving in, but with gentrification there's overwhelmingly white individuals of means who become the new urban pioneers."

The number of whites, although smaller than before Katrina, has grown as an overall percentage from 28 percent to 33 percent of the city's population. The city has its first white mayor since the 1970s, while the City Council now has a majority of white members.

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My 81-year-old mother lives alone, drives her own car and manages her own finances. Between savings, retirement income and inheritance, she is well fixed.

What worries me is that Mom has been enrolled in ballroom dance lessons for several years. These lessons are exorbitantly expensive, costing in the six figures annually.

There are multiple lessons each week, as well as competition trips. The instructors, managers and owners of the club flatter Mom and tell her what a wonderful dancer she is.

But, Annie, I've seen her performances, and she looks lost, doesn't remember the steps and has no clue what to do next.

I believe this dance studio is taking advantage of her. I spoke to management, but they said it's none of my business. Mom used to be quite frugal, and I worry that she no longer has the judgment to manage her money. Yet I can't do anything about it other than wring my hands. She won't listen to a word I say.

Mom never visits the grandchildren. She has no interest in family activities and has abandoned the things she used to do before she discovered dancing. She had a small stroke two years ago, and her doctor has made numerous appointments with a neurologist, but she always finds a reason to cancel.

If Mom burns through her resources, I will not have the means to help when she can no longer live independently. I am

hurt that she lies to me when all I want is to see that she is provided for. — *Only Child in Music City*

Dear Music City: We're glad Mom enjoys her dance lessons, and it's good exercise, but it sounds as if this dance studio may be guilty of financial abuse. Call the Better Business Bureau in your city and find out whether complaints have been registered. Also contact the National Center on Elder Abuse (ncea.aoa.gov) and the Eldercare Locator (1-800-677-1116) and ask for assistance. Then, when your mother has her next doctor's appointment, ask if you can go along. Alert the doctor's office in advance, and request a more extensive exam.

Dear Annie: My father-in-law loves going to yard sales and likes to buy sale items for our home and our four sons. The problem is that we have limited space and don't need all this junk. The toys tend to have a missing part or be partially broken, and the clothes have stains or holes.

My husband wants to simply accept the items because my father-in-law would otherwise be offended. But it upsets me that they give us so many used items. We just got back from a weeklong visit and were barraged with bags of these things. — *Tired of Used Stuff*

Dear Tired: Even used junk is a gift that requires a "thank you." Please accept your father-in-law's yard sale items with graciousness. He means well. Then throw

them away as soon as you see a garbage can, give them to charity, fuse them into a garden sculpture or do whatever else you wish with them.

Dear Annie: "Frustrated in the Midwest," who doesn't want her parents to attend her children's school events, comes across as very self-absorbed. I am 63 and was reared in a generation where we enjoyed our families. We included our parents in our lives. I cherish the memories of them sharing our children's activities.

I have first-hand knowledge of this "new generation" attitude. My oldest son and daughter-in-law have banned me from seeing my grandchildren. My youngest daughter-in-law is downright rude to me. "Family time" is a thing of the past. If a Grandma wants to show love and concern, she is meddling. Merely calling to see if everyone is OK is intrusive. My generation will be passing away soon, and sadly, these kids will wake up too late, if at all. — *One Frustrated Grandma*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you stumble, don't worry. Falling is an opportunity. While you're down there, pick up something off of the ground that might be useful to you when you come back up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have an open heart. People watch you interact in the world, and they can feel the warm energy you project. For this reason, you'll attract many different types of people, and you'll have to weed out what you don't want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your timing is exquisite. You will be enthusiastic when it counts, confident when it matters most and restful when your body and mind most need restoration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today provides you with the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge your competition. After all, they are the reason you'll get so good at what you have set out to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're a productivity ninja. Like the best ninjas, you carefully choose your target, you don't act unless you're sure, and you use the elements in your environment to your best advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes it's actually better to procrastinate. It saves you from potentially futile efforts. You'd be amazed at how many problems will solve themselves today simply because you neglected them.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 28). You'll further your aims as you look for opportunities to give your knowledge, energy and other resources to those who could use them. September begins a journey. You'll trade old habits for a new look in October. November settles a debt. January brings fresh relationships and a mentor who helps you

earn. Gemini and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 24, 19, 48 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: I just switched jobs, and the new culture at work is very different from what I was used to. Before, I worked with a group of women, and we made decisions more or less assuming that everyone on the team was an equal. Our projects usually turned out great. Now, I work with a group of mostly men who do whatever the boss says, even if it's not fair. I'm regularly given tasks that are not my expertise. I'm afraid that by continuing to accept these assignments, I'll lose position. Should I look for other work? — *Scorpio Exec*

For independent Scorpio, it's important to recognize that a team effort requires a different mindset from that which you would adopt for solo work. Being part of a team means doing what the leader wants you to do, even if it's not in your job description. It's more important to prove that you can bring value to your team, even if the task at hand seems beneath you. Chances are, no one is trying to insult you. You don't have to like the plan to be loyal to it. Instead of wasting energy second-guessing, try to make it work for at least two more months. Mid-September brings the chance to bond and solidify your role.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jack Black often plays the slacker/outsider with a cocky attitude, though his stars suggest that the actor, musician, writer and comedy king is as hardworking and fastidious as most Virgos tend to be. Born under a Pisces moon, Black has the chart for serious Academy Award-type acting, as well. His Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus in Libra indicates an incurable romantic.

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It's surprising when something you think will make you happy doesn't, and it's even more surprising when something you don't think will make you happy does. Such expectation busters will be life affirming as the void-of-course Capricorn moon changes gears and slips into Aquarius, the sign of unanticipated glee.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Artists inspire you, but that doesn't mean you want to copy what they do. There's something in the essence that carries over into your work. The result is an homage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've had many practice runs at a certain task, and now you're ready to show that you can do it for real. Your courage and confidence rise as your safety net depletes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need privacy, silence and long stretches of time to do your work. Stake your claim on a room with a door that closes out the rest of the world, even if that room happens to be a closet.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Ask for a favor and elaborate some as to the reason why you need it. People will love to help you (especially fellow water signs) when they understand why you need the help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Success depends on self-reliance. Dive in, and along the way, you'll pick up the skills, supplies and knowledge you need. A Capricorn will be instrumental.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you do the things that feed your soul, your soul will grow, animating even the smallest parts of your daily life and radiating through your words and actions.



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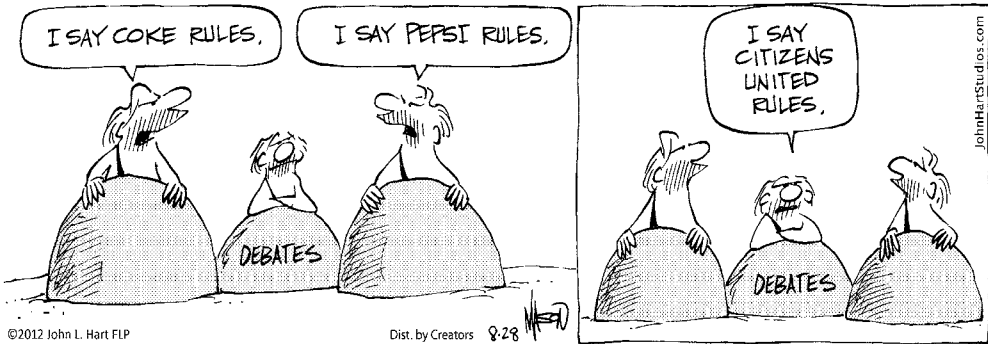
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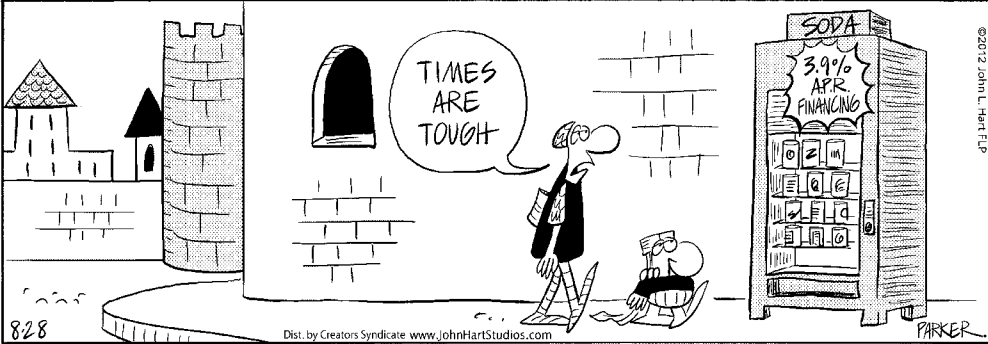
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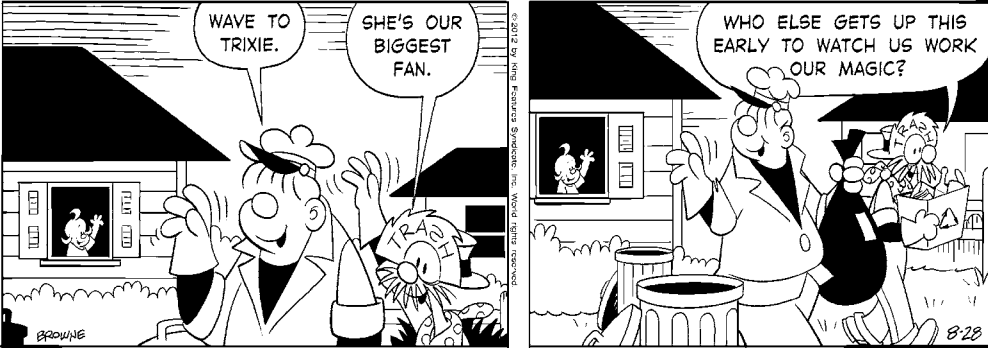
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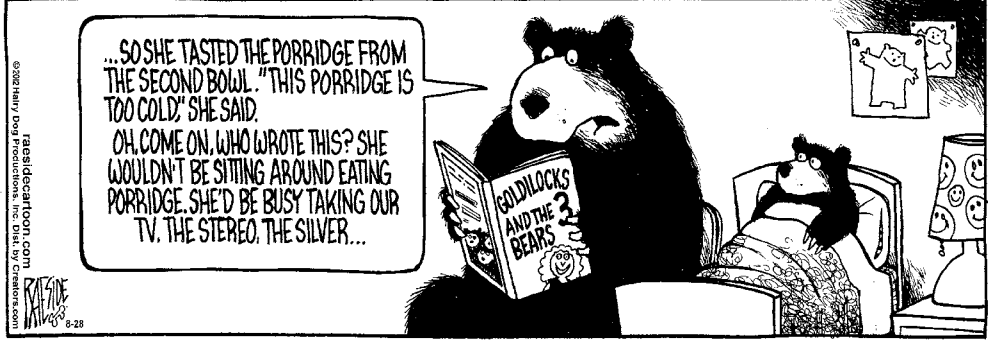
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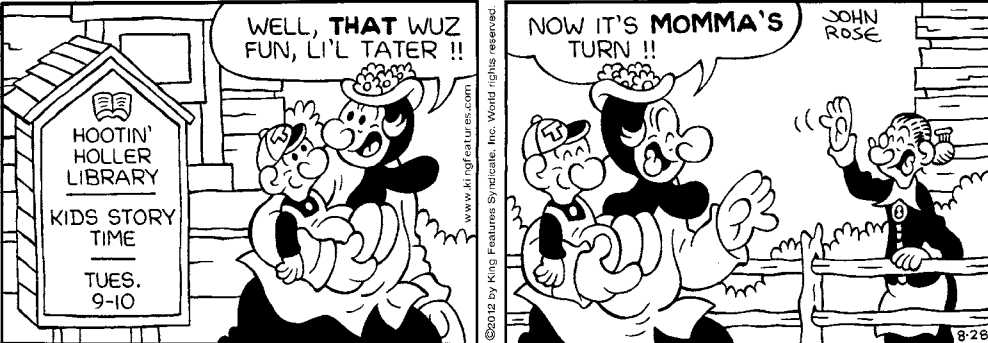
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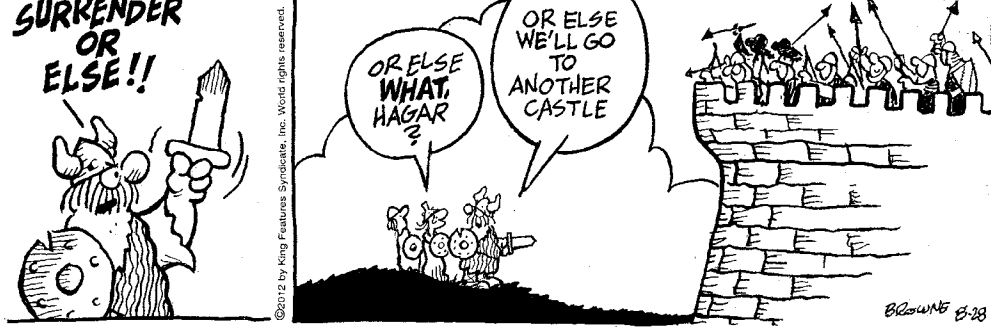
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 28, the 241st day of 2012. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 28, 1862, the Second Battle of Bull Run (also known as Second Manassas) began in Prince William County, Va., during the Civil War (the result was a Confederate victory).

On this date:

In 1609, English sea explorer Henry Hudson and his ship, the Half Moon, reached present-day Delaware Bay.

In 1910, the Kingdom of Montenegro was proclaimed.

In 1922, the first-ever radio commercial aired on station WEAf in New York City (the 10-minute advertisement was for the Queensboro Realty Co., which had paid a fee of \$100).

In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete (man-oh-LEH'-tay) died after being gored during a fight in Linares, Spain; he was 30.

In 1955, Emmett Till, a black

teen-ager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later.

In 1962, Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter resigned; President John F. Kennedy nominated Arthur Goldberg to succeed him.

In 1963, more than 200,000 people listened as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1972, Mark Spitz of the United States won the first two of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter butterfly and anchoring the 400-meter freestyle relay. The Soviet women gymnasts won the team all-around.

In 1987, a fire damaged the Arcadia, Fla., home of Ricky, Robert and Randy Ray, three hemophiliac brothers infected

with AIDS whose court-ordered school attendance had sparked a local uproar. Academy Award-winning movie director John Huston died in Middletown, R.I., at age 81.

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein (RAHM'-shtyn), West Germany.

In 1990, an F5 tornado struck the Chicago area, killing 29 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sonny Shroyer is 77. Actor Ken Jenkins is 72. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 72. Actor David Soul is 69. MLB manager Lou Piniella is 69. Actress Barbara Bach is 66.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Foundation
- 6 Shopper's event
- 10 Long story
- 14 Is of __ (helps)
- 15 Scary dinosaur, for short
- 16 Word on a door handle
- 17 Distance runner
- 18 Get __ on the shoulder
- 19 Cain's father
- 20 Port St. Lucie neighbor
- 23 Wife of 19 Across
- 24 Mined resource
- 25 Meager
- 29 The Red Planet
- 31 Recent USNA grad.
- 34 " __ there yet?"
- 35 Cost of a cab ride
- 36 Forehead
- 37 It's east of Des Moines
- 40 Price stickers
- 41 West Coast sch.
- 42 Introduce to the mix
- 43 U-turn from NNW
- 44 Poker pot starter
- 45 Fussess by a mirror
- 46 It's between Can. and Mex.
- 47 Unhappy
- 48 Chicago suburb
- 57 Passes with flying colors
- 58 Fascinated by

- 59 Hospital pro
- 60 Theme of the puzzle
- 61 Belgrade native
- 62 Justice Kagan
- 63 Mailed out
- 64 Piano's 88
- 65 Mail chute openings

DOWN

- 1 Strike slightly
- 2 Tibet's continent
- 3 Auction off
- 4 News tidbit
- 5 Wizard
- 6 Connecticut or Colorado
- 7 Pretentious
- 8 Piece of lettuce
- 9 Looked into
- 10 Fifth tire
- 11 German auto
- 12 Tickled pink
- 13 __ mater
- 21 Climbing plant
- 22 Surgery sites: Abbr.
- 25 Treaties
- 26 Fields of study
- 27 Narrow shelf
- 28 " __ the night before ..."
- 29 Syrup flavor
- 30 Opera solo
- 31 Wear away
- 32 Hopeless, as a situation
- 33 Graceful birds
- 35 Fiction's opposite
- 36 __ one's time (wait)

- 38 Take chances
- 39 Fish in a can
- 44 Quick __ flash
- 45 Chum
- 46 Surprise victory
- 47 Untidy ones
- 48 Granola grains
- 49 Farmland measure
- 50 Sharp as a tack
- 51 Place for a pants patch
- 52 "Just doing my best"
- 53 __ and void
- 54 Triple-decker cookie
- 55 "Small world, it?"
- 56 Salty bodies of water

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Vince Young among best known veterans cut as deadline passes

(AP) — Vince Young is out of work, Terrell Suggs is on PUP and several veteran NFL kickers are on the street after the first set of mandatory NFL cuts.

Teams needed to be down to 75 players Monday, and Young was the biggest name to lose his job. After Buffalo acquired Tarvaris Jackson from Seattle to backup quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, 2006 Offensive Rookie of the Year Young was released.

“Vince, I don’t want to get into what he can do and can’t do, it just didn’t work out,” general manager Buddy Nix said. “We just need to move on and give this guy a try.”

Young knew what was coming and tweeted earlier in the day: “Respect Bills fans. I want to thank the Bills organization for the opportunity and with the organization and my teammates

good luck this season.”

It’s been a tough few years for Young since he was exiled by the Titans for inconsistent play on the field and several incidents off it. Young had a disappointing season as Michael Vick’s backup in Philadelphia last year, and couldn’t make it through the pre-season with Buffalo (No. 19 in the AP Pro32).

Suggs, on the other hand, comes off his best

pro season, when he was voted Defensive Player of the Year. But he tore his right Achilles tendon in the offseason and isn’t expected back before November.

By placing him on the physically unable to perform list, the Ravens (No. 5, AP Pro32) must be without Suggs for the first six weeks of the season.

Detroit (No. 11 tie, AP Pro32) placed on PUP

running back Jahvid Best, who hasn’t played since October because of concussion problems.

All 32 teams must be down to the regular-season roster limit of 53 on Friday.

Veteran punter Nick Harris was beaten out by sixth-round draft pick Brad Nortman.

“Both of those decisions at kicker were very difficult,” Panthers general manager Marty

Hurney said. “In both situations we felt like we had two young kickers with strong legs who had very good training camps. So did Olindo and Nick, but we made a decision to go with the younger guys based on their performances.”

Brown lost out to incumbent Nick Folk in New York (No 17, AP Pro32), and Rackers was beaten out by Graham Gano in Washington

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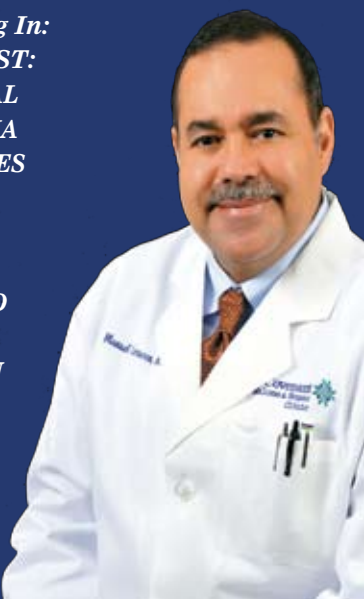
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BIG XII

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there’s depth in the Big 12 from top to bottom that can help the conference build on its reputation.

The league has been dumped on at times over the past two years

as longtime members have headed toward the door. Bowlsby believes there is stability ahead as he tries to conclude negotiations on a television contract worth as much as \$2.6 billion, along with a written agreement among the 10 schools to give their grant of rights to the conference.

The latter part of that deal would be as close as the league can come to ensuring that no more schools will leave, since they would have to forfeit millions upon millions of TV dollars to do so.

“There are no real stumbling blocks. It’s a matter of just fine-tuning the wording and

some things like that. I think the grant of rights will fall into place almost automatically,” said University of Oklahoma President David Boren, seated next to Bowlsby.

If Bowlsby can complete that, it might finally be time for the change to slow down for a while and for the conference to get back to talking about championships instead of its possible extinction.

“What enhances athletic reputation? Winning,” Bowlsby said. “And it isn’t just winning conference championships. It’s having our conference champion go on and win national championships. We’re going to do that. We’ve had a rich tradition of it, and we’re going to continue to do it.”

TEXAS

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“I don’t know,” Beltre said when asked if he’s ever had a streak like the past eight games. “Probably. I don’t keep track. Right now, I feel good. I feel comfortable, and have confidence offensively.”

B.J. Upton’s run-scoring triple and Zobrist’s RBI single tied the score at 5-all in the fifth.

An error led to two unearned runs for the Rays in the first inning.

Upton reached base on a fielding miscue by Andrus at short, who then dropped a potential double play relay on the next hitter, Ben Zobrist, who reached on a fielder’s choice.

Evan Longoria, who was 2 for 4, then took a 3-2 pitch deep off the left-field foul pole for a home run.

“We screwed up the first inning,” Washington said, “but the offenses wouldn’t stop.”

The Rays’ Nos. 5-9 hitters went 0 for 18 with eight strikeouts.



On Saturday, August 18, 2012, your very own Matt “The Experiment” Castaneda competed in front of family and friends and many others in attendance at a full contact cage match in Odessa, TX at the Far West Event Center. The show was put on by Fabian Butler - 24/7 Entertainment.

This was Castaneda’s long awaited debut full contact fight and his first in his very promising Mixed Martial Arts career and he did not disappoint.

The first round was pushed by Matt’s superior cardio and superb footwork. There was a point at which his opponent lifted him in the air and slammed him to the canvas, even this would not break his spirit through the hardcore training Castaneda has been through. He had been in this situation before and it kept him calm and collected. Even as Castaneda was on his back his strikes from the bottom dominated the fight.

Round two was a repeat of the first round until Castaneda decided to take his opponent’s back and used his remarkable ground and pound techniques to take his opponent’s will to continue or defend.

The referee had to step in and end the fight giving Castaneda his well deserved first TKO! Matt Castaneda is a freestyle fighter from the 51/50 Fight Team from the School of Intelligent Violence out of Big Spring, Texas.



Thanks goes out to Matt “Hot Rod” Rodriguez and Nathan Torres for the corner support and Jessie Cuellar for helping us have a place to train.

And a very big thank you to Fabian Butler of 24/7 Entertainment for the promotion and opportunity to compete.

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