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## KOUNTRY KIDS



At left, Braxton Richters was the winner in the boys' division, while Bently Grant was named the overall girls' winner during the Howard County Fair's Kountry Kids contest last weekend.

HERALD photos/Bruce Schooler

## Police look for chicken shop robber

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials are investigating a robbery reported late Monday night at the local Chicken Express restaurant where a masked suspect allegedly attacked an employee and made away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the robbery was reported at approximately 11 p.m. Monday at the restaurant, located at 2000 E. FM 700.

"The restaurant had closed at 10 p.m. and the employees were going about cleaning up and closing the business for

the night," Everett said. "One of the employees was in the office counting money. The back door had been left unlocked while the employees were cleaning and the suspect entered the building and attacked the employee in the office from behind.

"The victim said they were hit behind the ear, either with a fist or an object. At that time, while they were reeling from the blow, the suspect grabbed some of the money off the desk where they had been counting and ran. The employee chased after them and upon making it outside the building, saw the suspect meet up with a second

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## Construction continues at HC campuses

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

One construction project at Howard College is nearing completion, while preparations are under way for another.

People can be forgiven if they believe the college has become a permanent construction zone, what with all the work that's been ongoing the past few years. And that impression will contin-

ue, at least for the next few months.

The latest building project at Howard, construction of the agricultural education complex, passed another milestone when crews erected the outer shell of the show barn/classroom building and began work on the interior. Another portion of the complex, an open-air pavilion, was completed earlier this year.

When work is completed on the complex sometime in December, it will give the college one of the top ag education facilities in this part of the state, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

"This complex is going to enable our agriculture students and instructors to have facilities they've never had before," Sparks said. "All of our ag-related activities will be under one roof."

Construction of the complex was funded by gifts totaling \$2.1 million from the G.C. Broughton Foundation.

Another building project is in the works, but for a change, this won't effect anyone at the Birdwell Lane campus.

Preliminary plans have been finalized for construction of two buildings at Howard's San Angelo campus. Sparks said one of the buildings will house classrooms,

while the other will include a library and other student services.

Enrollment at San Angelo has out-paced that at other HC campuses, necessitating the need for the construction — 2,630 students are currently enrolled in courses there, Sparks said.

The buildings will be constructed adjacent to

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## Perry calls for 4-year tuition freeze for freshmen

By **JAMIE STENGLE**  
 Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Monday proposed a four-year tuition freeze for incoming college freshmen and suggested that some of the money the state spends on schools should be tied to the number of students they

graduate.

Perry, who announced his education priorities during a news conference at a Dallas high school, also called on schools to give families a better understanding of the amount of money they'll spend on college, depending on how long it takes the stu-

dent to graduate.

"More and more young Texans of all backgrounds are thinking of college as this vital component of their personal success, they're taking the active steps to get themselves to that point," Perry

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## KoKo LoCo returns for fall show

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Special to the Herald

KoKo LoCo Arts and Crafts Bazaar is coming back.

For two days, arts and craft vendors will fill Kokopelli's and offer a unique shopping experience for Crossroads residents. Doors will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Earlier this year, a spring version of KoKo LoCo took

place and according to organizers Kelly Priebe and Lonnie Prater, the event went over well enough to hold another one.

"The KoKo LoCo Arts and Crafts Bazaar we had this spring was extremely successful and lots of fun," Priebe said.

Several vendors are expected to return for the fall bazaar. There will be vendors from Big Spring, Midland, San Angelo, Lubbock, Dallas

and other area cities.

"We want to encourage everyone to come out and see the unique, handcrafted, hand painted, homemade items from all the very talented artists. There will be original paintings, jewelry, wood working, metal working, cupcakes, baby items, furniture, knitted items, holiday goodies and more," Priebe said.

Prater added, "We were very happy to hear the encouraging remarks from the

shoppers and also excited vendors wanted to have a fall bazaar!"

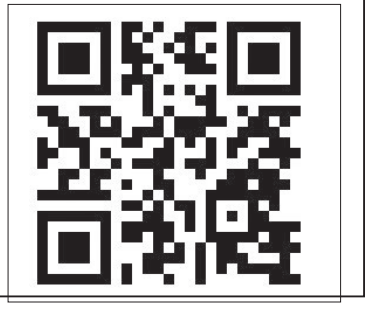
Booth spaces are available for those artists interested in being part of the bazaar.

"We are always looking for talented artists and crafters," Priebe said.

Kokopelli's is located at 4007 Chaparral. For more information, contact Priebe at 432-816-9694.

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**Holiday Cookbook**  
 Publish Date: Sunday Nov. 18th  
 Deadline to submit recipes: November 7th  
 Enter your recipe into our Holiday Cookbook Contest!  
 If your recipe is chosen, you will be asked to prepare the recipe for the Herald Judges for a chance to win a prize!

## Obituaries

### Evelyn Flynt Alsup



Evelyn Flynt Alsup, 87, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham officiating.

She was born Jan. 2, 1925, in Dawson, Texas and married Clyde Alsup Aug. 27, 1974, in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in death

Aug. 8, 1999.

Evelyn graduated from Big Spring High School in 1943. She worked as a substance abuse counselor at Big Spring State Hospital, retiring in 1987. She loved working in her yard and decorating her house.

She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, A. Brinton Jopson of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Conway of Stanton; a granddaughter, Avalon Jopson of Sarasota, Fla.; and numerous nieces & nephews, including Valyncia Kirby of Stanton.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Chester and Gladney Flynt; and three brothers, Darrell Flynt, Darwin Flynt and Ben Galyn Flynt.

The family suggests memorials be made to Compass Hospice, 602 S. Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

### Carolyn Hobbs Alexander

Carolyn Hobbs Alexander, 64, of Sweetwater, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Ward Hayes, Dr. Travis Monday and the Rev. Chris Stephens officiating. Burial will follow at Sweetwater Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- CHARLIE JAKE TURNER JR., 32, of 4215 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CECILIA MIRAMONTEZ MIER, 61, of 1201 FM 461, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault by contact.
- CECILIA MIER QUINTANA, 33, of 1201 FM 461, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault by contact.
- MOLLY GALAN, 39, of 1201 Mulberry, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault by contact.
- CHRISTINA NICOLE DEROUIN, 31, of 5106 Wasson, was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license invalid and driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- JORDAN DEAN BALIOS, 21, of 1303 Stanford, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 1700 block of E. Third Street.  
In the 600 block of Tulane.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.  
In the 1500 block of E. 17th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of Washington Blvd.
- ROBBERY was reported in the 2000 block of E. FM 700.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- HUGO VILLAGOMEZ ALMANZA, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a California warrant for fugitive — felon in possession of a firearm (Los Angeles County).
- MOLLY MIER, 39, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault by contact.
- CECILIA MIER, 61, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault by contact.
- CECILIA MIER QUINTANA, 33, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault by contact.
- JAMES HUBERT GRAY, 61, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- TIMOTHY RAY LUCIO, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of failure to appear — unau-

thorized use of a motor vehicle and motion to adjudge — unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

- CHRISTINA NICOLE DEROUIN, 31, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid.

- JORDAN BRODRICK HOLGUIN, 22, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- JORDAN DEAN BALIOS, 21, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7100 block of Kyle Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Avenue C. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of 13th Street and Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

- Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps, located at 1208 Frazier St., will be hosting an inside/yard sale and open house Saturday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Funds raised will benefit the United Way 2013 campaign.

- An account has been set up at Western Bank for Kristen Lasater and family, who lost their home to a house fire Monday afternoon. The account number, for those wanting to make a donation, is 1004597.

- Jo Anna Bailey, an aide for many years at Washington Elementary School, has been diagnosed with cancer. A medical donation account has been established for her at the Big Spring Education Credit Union, located at 1110 Benton. Your generosity will enable her to have much-needed tests and treatment.

- Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be having the third annual "Pink" pep rally in honor of breast cancer awareness month on Friday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Steer Gym. They would like to invite all breast cancer survivors, or those still battling this disease, to the pep rally. There will be a special section for them to sit in. All proceeds will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

- Big Spring Health Department will be administering flu shots from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9-10 at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B. Five dollar donations are welcomed, however, no one will be turned away for inability to play. Medicare patients, Medicare pays for flu shots and their administration so remember to bring your card. For information, call 432-263-9775.

- To honor the ideas of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary's the Virgin Episcopal Church parishioners are sponsoring a dog and cat food drive for the Howard County Humane Society through Friday. Donations can be taken to the Humane Society located at West IH-20 off the service road, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or dropped off by the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, rector of St. Mary's, will hold a community-wide Blessing of the Animal service at the Humane Society shelter. The community is encouraged to bring their pets or stuffed animals, tour the shelter and consider bringing home a furry friend during this pet adoption drive event. Please make sure all living animals are secure either by a leash or carrier. Sunday the church will hold a second community-wide Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. in the Parish's Bennett Garden, 1001 S. Goliad. Food donations for the Humane Society will be taken at this time.

- The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic have teamed up for a fundraiser to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. October 13, from 8 a.m. until noon, your dog or cat can have a parvo, distemper shot for a donation of \$10 or a rabies shot for a donation of \$5 or both for a donation of \$15. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. The benefit will be held at the Humane Society, 5710 IH 20 West.

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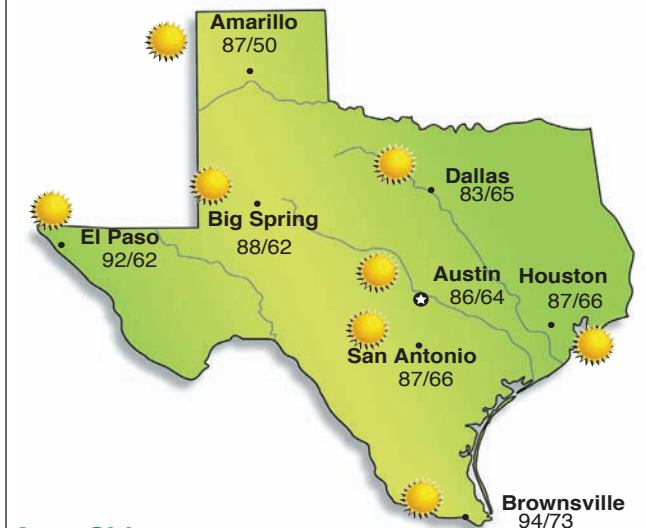
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 10/4	Fri 10/5	Sat 10/6	Sun 10/7	Mon 10/8
<b>88/62</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>77/56</b> Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>79/63</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>78/48</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>71/56</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 7:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 7:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 7:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 7:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 7:22 PM

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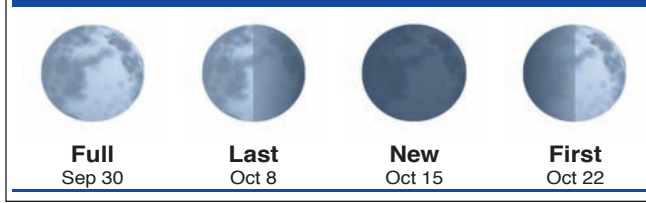
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	83	64	sunny	Kingsville	92	70	sunny
Amarillo	87	50	sunny	Livingston	86	61	sunny
Austin	86	64	sunny	Longview	82	61	sunny
Beaumont	86	65	sunny	Lubbock	87	55	sunny
Brownsville	94	73	sunny	Lufkin	86	62	sunny
Brownwood	85	63	sunny	Midland	90	64	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	73	sunny	Raymondville	95	70	sunny
Corsicana	82	63	sunny	Rosenberg	87	66	sunny
Dallas	83	65	sunny	San Antonio	87	66	sunny
Del Rio	93	66	sunny	San Marcos	87	64	sunny
El Paso	92	62	sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	63	sunny
Fort Stockton	92	63	sunny	Sweetwater	84	63	sunny
Gainesville	82	62	sunny	Tyler	83	62	sunny
Greenville	82	61	sunny	Weatherford	81	62	sunny
Houston	87	66	sunny	Wichita Falls	82	61	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	78	54	mst sunny	Minneapolis	79	48	sunny
Boston	70	62	rain	New York	76	68	t-storm
Chicago	66	53	rain	Phoenix	97	71	sunny
Dallas	83	65	sunny	San Francisco	74	57	sunny
Denver	76	35	sunny	Seattle	65	44	sunny
Houston	87	66	sunny	St. Louis	72	58	rain
Los Angeles	83	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	83	66	t-storm
Miami	88	78	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

- 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.

- 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 appliance. 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.

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# Sadler looks to debate to revive Texas Senate race

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Democrat Paul Sadler is hoping to use Tuesday night's debate to convince Texas voters that Republican Ted Cruz isn't a shoo-in to win the U.S. Senate race.

Sadler insists his tea party-backed opponent is too extreme for moderates and that if he can prove that Tuesday, it'll help rejuvenate his seemingly longshot campaign in the deeply conservative state.

Sadler plans to press Cruz on his support for building a fence stretching the length of Texas' border with Mexico and his unwillingness "to protect Social Security and Medicare."

He also says that even fiercely conservative Texas doesn't support Cruz's calls to abolish the U.S. Department of Education, because it could hurt the state's students and schools, or to wipe out all of the White House-backed health care law since so many Texans don't have health insurance.

"His views, they are about as extreme as it gets," Sadler said by phone Monday.

Cruz has refused to respond to Sadler's charges. The debate "is another opportunity to champion the voices of thousands of Texans who want Washington to stop spending money we don't have and get off the backs of small business owners," said Cruz spokesman Sean Rush-

ton. A former Ivy League debating champion, Cruz argued cases on behalf of Texas as the state's longest-serving solicitor general from 2003 until 2008.

Though he is known for his fiery oratory, Cruz's lead might be large enough that he doesn't have to engage much with Sadler during the debate, hosted by WFAA.

Bruce Buchanan, a government professor at the University of Texas, said Sadler has had difficulty raising money. He said a strong debate performance by Sadler could spur donations — but it's in Cruz's interest to keep ducking his opponent's attacks so as not make too many waves before next month's election.

"Sadler has to throw some long passes here to see what he can stir up," Buchanan said.

Sadler was a state representative from 1991 until 2003. He helped bolster local authority for school districts but also backed increasing teacher salaries while reducing property taxes.

Cruz himself was once a major underdog but embraced an anti-establishment mantra and became a tea party and conservative grassroots darling to prevail in the Republican senatorial primary against longtime Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Cruz's unlikely victory landed him a speaking slot at the Republican National Convention.

He has since appeared at

fundraisers with traditional Texas GOP stalwarts, including the woman he wants to succeed, retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Dewhurst even attended a Cruz fundraiser in Houston last week, and the lieutenant governor's highest-profile backer during the primary campaign, Gov. Rick Perry, plans to appear at a Cruz event Thursday in Austin.

It may look to some like he's mending fences with the mainstream party. But Ruston noted that Cruz is running the same campaign he has since the beginning, saying his candidate "continues meeting daily with Texans who understand that politicians from both parties have let us down."

## Support Groups

**MONDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek

Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered Recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship, for further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support

group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

## ROBBERY

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suspect, at which time they fled into the wooded area south of the restaurant."

Everett said the suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5 feet, 10 inches in height, wearing all black clothing with a

red bandana covering his face. The second suspect believed to be waiting outside was described as a black male simply wearing all black clothing.

Everett said the Chicken Express employee who was attacked sustained only minor injuries as a result of the attack.

"The employee refused medical treatment

at the scene," Everett said. "We're thinking they were most likely hit with a fist instead of a weapon or object because of the lack of serious injury. The employee never saw either of the suspects with a weapon during the course of the crime."

Everett said investigators are still in the process of interviewing the other employees.

"As far as we can tell so far, none of the other employees witnessed the crime," Everett said. "However, we won't know for sure until we finish interviewing all of them. We're still in the process of talking to all of the witnesses involved."

No arrests have been made at this time, according to Everett.

Anyone with infor-

mation regarding this or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 264-TIPS (8477).

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## TUITION

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said. "As state officials, we have to do everything that we can to remove the roadblocks."

The Republican governor also renewed his call for universities to create bachelor's degree options for \$10,000 or less. Perry challenged universities last year to come up with \$10,000 or less bachelor's degrees and he said that so far, nine institutions in Texas currently offer or have announced plans for such degrees.

Perry said that a four-year tuition freeze for incoming freshmen not only gives them certainty about the amount they'll be paying each year but also provides incentive for them to finish their degrees on time.

He said less than 30

percent of students at Texas' four-year institutions graduate in four years and only 58 percent have a degree in six years.

"That is a system that can be and must be improved. That's why we also need to link a portion of each university's funding to state outcomes," he said.

Perry said that under the existing formula, university funding is mostly based on enrollment, but he now wants 10 percent of that funding to be tied to how many students are actually getting degrees.

"If you're not graduating your students, you'll get less state funding," he said.

Perry first publicly floated the idea of locked-in tuition last month.

University of Texas President Bill Powers said last week he welcomed discussions about how to give stu-

dents predictability in pricing for an education but stopped short of endorsing Perry's idea of locking in a four-year tuition rate. Powers said the Legislature should be more consistent with funding for higher education.

State lawmakers cut nearly \$1 billion from higher education in 2011, including about \$92 million from the University of Texas.

At Monday's news conference, Perry acknowledged that agency heads would "probably love to be able to know that all of the funding you want is always going to be in the queue coming towards you" but said that was not how the process works.

"I think that what we're looking for is consistency for the taxpayers," Perry said.

UT spokesman Gary Susswein said Monday that the school would welcome state funding

tied to graduation rate. He said the school graduates more students on time than any other public university in the state.

Democrat Judith Zafirini, who chairs the influential Senate Higher Education Committee, said she wants to hear from university officials on how the proposals might impact them.

"Texas is a very large state, one size does not fit all," she said. "We have to ensure that whatever we do, we provide flexibility."

University of North Texas System Chancellor Lee Jackson, a former state representative, said he'd also like to see various incentives related to tuition freezes. For instance, he'd like to see an incen-

tive for students who are able to graduate in three years.

"I believe that we can come up with something that will work in our circumstances and I believe that most universities in Texas, given the opportunities to tailor it to their own student bodies, will be able to do that," Jackson said.

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## ANOTHER VIEW

# Election still up in the air

Attend enough campaign rallies and listen to enough of those my-opponent-stinks commercials and you could come away convinced that the country is hopelessly divided and fearful. It's the moochers vs. the 1 percent, the patriots vs. the peaceniks, "real" Americans vs. "other" Americans. Unless our candidate wins, we're doomed.

We don't buy it. This electoral season, the first presidential race since the Citizens United decision, has produced more divisive campaign ads than ever before, and the frustratingly weak economy has raised the anxiety level over the nation's future.

But candidates and the electorate seem to agree on urgent priorities — the what, if not the how.

The national debt is out of control and must be fixed. The recovery has been weak, more and better jobs are desperately needed. The immigration system is broken and must be reformed. Our schools need help. Whoever wins will have to make tough decisions over how to repair Medicare and Social Security.

Committed ideologues aside, most voters aren't looking for a conservative or liberal approach to these issues. They want fair and workable solutions. That's what the campaign ought to be about.

Yet for all the differences, major questions remain. Mitt Romney rebuffs calls for a "balanced" approach to the budget — raising revenue and reducing spending. But his detailed, 59-point economic plan dodges the tough questions on how to do it.

President Barack Obama, for his part, has not made clear how he would tackle Medicare and Social Security to make these programs more sustainable.

As the presidential debates begin, undecided voters should be looking for answers on these and other key questions.

Romney has been so vague on specifics that it's hard to know what he really believes. Obama still has to show exactly how he would change his approach to make a second term — and his relations with Congress — better than his first term. At this point, neither candidate has this election in the bag.

— *The Miami Herald*

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# Romney must go on offensive

Mitt Romney must use the debates to spotlight President Obama's disastrous record — with no mercy.

Let's just consider a few major points Romney must make on domestic issues.

Obama's record and his agenda for a second term



DAVID LIMBAUGH

are a target-rich environment. Unless the majority of voting Americans have decided to embrace Obama's vision of a fundamentally changed America — an America that barely resembles the freest, most prosperous and mightiest land in world history that we have come to adore — then Obama will experience a crushing defeat in November.

Indeed, Romney should be unafraid to point out that Obama's thinking is out of step with the American idea. He should demand that Obama explain why he has so little confidence in the private sector and free markets to generate economic growth.

Romney mustn't dare understate his case; he cannot pull any punches in describing the gravity of our national predicament and in drawing the sharpest contrast between his agenda and Obama's record and plans for the next four years.

I am convinced that for a number of reasons, far too many Americans don't realize how damaging Obama's policies have been and how dangerous his continued presidency would be for the future of this nation.

Romney must not let Obama get away with claiming that he and other Republicans don't care about minorities or the poor — and explain that his pro-growth message is for all Americans, irrespective of race, gender or one's income level.

Romney must turn that malicious charge right around on Obama, pointing out that he's the one who has been engaging in the politics of division and de-

monizing groups and sectors of our society. If Obama were truly dedicated to lifting up minorities and lower-income groups, he would be inspiring them with a message of hope and opportunity rather than promising them more government assistance, more food stamps and more cellphones.

Romney must be unafraid to point out that there is nothing compassionate about policies that harm the economy, diminish people's opportunities to work and become self-sufficient, and saddle future generations with crushing debt.

He must very clearly tie Obama and his policies to our current economic condition and note that it is irresponsible and unprecedented for any president to refuse to accept responsibility for his own policies.

Romney must show that we are destined for financial ruin if we don't change course and that Obama has given every indication he would not change course.

When Romney is finished making his case, there should be no question in the voters' minds that he believes it is urgent that Obama be defeated.

This isn't rocket science. Romney should prove that Obama is the worst spender in the nation's history and ridicule Obama's claim that he is the most frugal president in the past 60 years.

Romney should tell the voters that though we are on a collision course for a Grecian-style financial catastrophe, our course is eminently correctable and that he and Paul Ryan have concrete workable plans to bring our budget into long-term solvency and restructure entitlements in a way that would preserve Medicare, protect those who are 55 or older and enhance options for those who are younger.

It's important that Romney take the offensive here and say that Obama has been disingenuous in telling the voters that Romney's plan would destroy, rather than save, Medicare. He must stress that it is Obama's policies that are guaranteed to destroy Medicare, because

everyone acknowledges that unless the program is restructured, it will become insolvent. Yet Obama has not only obstructed the Republicans' realistic plans to reform entitlements and bring spending under control but also refused to come up with any plan on his own — ever.

Nor must Romney allow Obama to persist with the lies that President George W. Bush's "two wars and tax cuts for the wealthy" caused our exploding deficits and debt. The tax cuts did not diminish revenue. Our problem is spending, and Obama has grown the debt at significantly more than double the rate of President Bush. Obama will have added almost \$6 trillion to the debt in his first four years, compared with Bush's \$5 trillion in eight years, which was plenty bad enough.

Romney must relentlessly press Obama on why he has been so cynically casual about his accumulation of debt and our impending financial train wreck. He must be explicit that an Obama second term would necessarily give us more of the same because he refuses to back away from reckless spending packages — his jobs bill, his incessant demand for high-speed rail and greater infrastructure expenditures, his commitment to seemingly unlimited Solondra-like projects, and his own budgets, which project deficits averaging \$1 trillion a year in perpetuity.

Next, there are the minor matters of Obamacare, Obama's upcoming record tax hikes, his war on domestic energy and business, and his egregious foreign policy — for starters.

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# In politics, hate can backfire

Republicans were supposed to have an easy time of it in North Dakota's U.S. Senate race. The multi-term Democrat, Kent Conrad, wasn't running for re-election, and this region



FROMA HARROP

is supposed to be Republican in its conservative soul. Thus, according to the script, Republican Rep. Rick Berg should have had this Senate seat in the bag — as his Democratic foe, Heidi Heitkamp, tried to crawl uphill with a heavy D on her back. Contrary to these expectations, the RealClearPolitics poll average rates this race a "tossup."

Which suggests flaws in the assumption, does it not? The wisdom bubbling up from Washington's partisan bunkers ignores a political reality of the northern Great Plains: People in Nebraska and the Dakotas vote the person more than the party. Their worldview may burn a Republican red, but their votes trend purple. They vote for the person they like and trust, and they split tickets. Out-of-state activists pouring contempt on locals running for office do so at their own risk.

Recall all that boiling oil right-wingers threw on former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, a thorn in George W. Bush's side. The hotter the attacks the higher rose his standing as the state's most respected politician.

Heitkamp's campaign has stuck to practical concerns, such as maintaining adequate flight connections and finding federal

**Hating another's ideas is not a problem and may have a role in civic debate. Hating the holder of the ideas is a problem that boomerangs on the party encouraging such distemper.**

dollars to repair flood-ravaged cities. (Despite the region's reputation for conservative self-sufficiency, it is highly dependent on farm subsidies and tax breaks for wind power.) The Democrat's strongest card could be her super kindness to ordinary folk in a state where the people are few and so each one counts — and where niceness is a virtue. Berg comes off as the businessguy wanting to make his mark on the national stage.

People in Massachusetts are less famous for being nice, but even there, Sen. Scott Brown has shown that an affable Republican can go far in a Democratic stronghold. (Former Gov. Mitt Romney was another example.) Brown is running a strong race against the spear-throwing Democrat Elizabeth Warren.

Hating another's ideas is not a problem and may have a role in civic debate. Hating the holder of the ideas is a problem that boomerangs on the party encouraging such distemper. Witness the strange primary races in which partisans condemn certain contenders by showing pictures of them shaking hands with leaders from the other party. They don't get it that citizens outside their high walls might put such photos in frames.

In Indiana, Dick Lugar's Senate seat would still be in his safe Republican hands had the party enforcers not insisted on replacing him with someone they could better control. During the primary, Lugar was condemned as "Obama's favorite Republican."

Lugar refused to recant on positions deemed too moderate for the tea party activists. While officially endorsing the victor, he issued a tough-worded statement, urging state Treasurer Richard Mourdock "to revise his stated goal of bringing more partisanship to Washington."

Lugar was so revered and the primary brawl turned so nasty that a significant number of Republicans aren't supporting Mourdock, now tied in the polls with Democratic Rep. Joe Donnelly. Lugar's favorability numbers remain twice Mourdock's, and some of the nominee's backers now want the senator to actively campaign for their man. Good luck on that.

Back in North Dakota, Democrat Heitkamp is saying, "I fundamentally believe we need to get partisanship out of government if we're going to get anything done."

Republican Berg is saying, "This whole thing kind of boils down to, Do you want someone who's going to fight against President Obama?" Is that the "whole thing"? Small wonder he's not doing better in the polls.

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Carrot King

Not many people love carrots

more than Gilbert Freesport.

Gilbert eats carrots every

\_\_\_\_\_ with dinner. But he

NOUN

also has them for breakfast.

often making them with a stack

of \_\_\_\_\_

ADJECTIVE

\_\_\_\_\_.

PLURAL NOUN

Gilbert has a large collection of

\_\_\_\_\_ made entirely

PLURAL NOUN

out of carrots. People travel

from miles around to

\_\_\_\_\_ through his carrot

VERB

art gallery.

One year, Gilbert decided to try

to grow the world's most

\_\_\_\_\_ carrot. In his

ADJECTIVE

garden, Gilbert planted some

\_\_\_\_\_ seeds and poured

ADJECTIVE

\_\_\_\_\_ into the soil

PLURAL NOUN

every day. Soon, \_\_\_\_\_

PLURAL NOUN

sprouts popped up through the

\_\_\_\_\_. Gilbert was

NOUN

very excited, but on harvest day,

instead of a carrot, Gilbert had

grown a \_\_\_\_\_

ADJECTIVE

\_\_\_\_\_. He sent it to

NOUN

the \_\_\_\_\_ store and it

NOUN

sold for a \_\_\_\_\_ price.

ADJECTIVE

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

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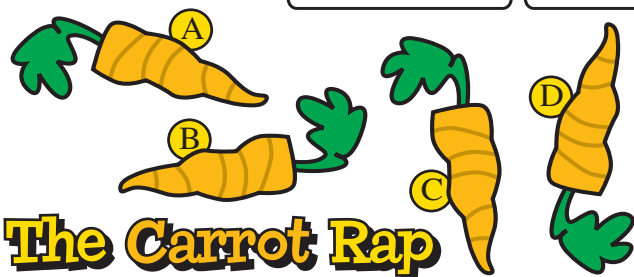
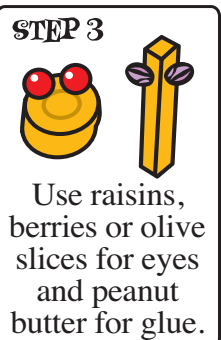
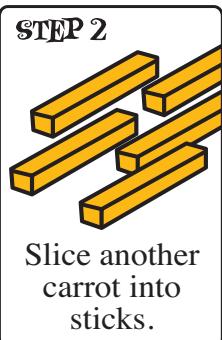
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Standards Link: History: Know nutritional value of certain foods.

Create a SCARROT!

Use carrots, fruits and vegetables and imagination to make creepy treats!



What is a Baby Carrot?

The small carrots that most people call baby carrots are not young carrots. They are small segments of regular carrots that have been peeled, and made to look like smaller, hence younger, carrots.

Look carefully! Only one of these carrots is different than the others. Can you find it?

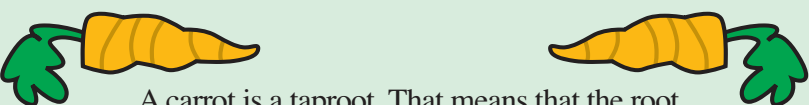
Root Vegetables

A carrot is a root vegetable. That means it grows underground and is part of the root of its plant.

Cross out the word CARROT each time it appears in this box. Write down the remaining letters to discover some other root vegetables.

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TCARROTCARROTTUCARROTR  
CARROTNICARROTPCARROTRA  
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CARROTEECARROTTCARROTS


Kid Scoop Puzzler



A carrot is a taproot. That means that the root grows directly down into the ground and becomes larger as it holds food and water.

Add one letter to each of the following sentences to discover some other edible taproots.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine meaning.



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- SKIN
- EYES
- ROOT
- RAW

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

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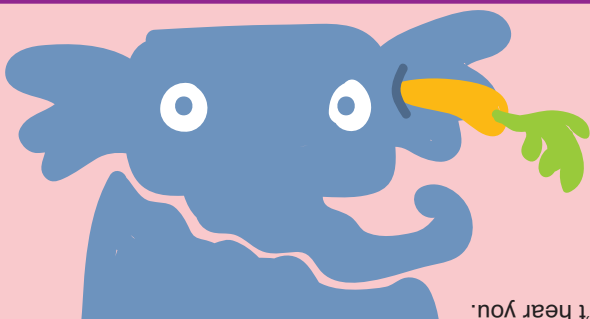
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Standards Link: Writing: Evaluate writing.



What do you call an elephant with a carrot in his ear?

ANSWER: Anything you want. he can't hear you.

Write On!

What's Up, Doc?

Bugs Bunny loves carrots! Pretend you are Bugs Bunny. Describe a carrot from his point of view. Describe the carrot's looks, taste, what is it like to eat and more!

# Bird Poop: The owl and the pussycat

Although the first day of autumn had come and gone, warm afternoons and cool nights prevailed. "Indian Summer," she thought as she closed the screen door and went back to the kitchen.

After the scorching summer, fall offered a respite for everyone on the ranch. The constant effort to provide feed and water for the cattle had taken its toll on the owners as well as the hands.

Glancing out her kitchen window, she watched "Ranger" search for the next perfect place to curl up and sleep an afternoon away. Born in the barn, the lanky feline had earned his keep as guardian of the flowerbeds and overseer of baled hay.

As the cat disappeared from view, a slight gust of wind reminded her that not every day would be as calm. Leaving the kitchen, she missed the stranger's arrival.

After landing on a nearby fence post, it quickly scanned the area surrounding the

ranch house. Gliding to the ground, it searched waning clumps of grass.

Taking flight to a straggly mesquite, it surveyed the open expanse in front of the barn.

Littered with remnants of alfalfa, the entrance beckoned to insects, mice, and other critters as to what might be potentially stored inside.

With a few flaps of its wings, the small raptor neared the building. Hunting during the afternoon and evenings as conditions changed, it was accustomed to relying on its instincts.

Landing where the brightness of the day met a deepening darkness, it settled into a fine dust.

Highlighted by the sun's rays, a myriad of dried grass particles seemed suspended in space.

Inside, Ranger watched the bird's arrival with interest. Leaving his nest in the hay, he crept slowly forward.

Even with his belly close to the floor, the wary intruder detected his next step. Neither moved.

As the final clothespin secured her husband's shirt to the line, the woman saw an explosion of dust and debris framed by the barn's entrance. Sensing the

cat might have caught something, she yelled "Ranger" at the top of her voice.

Wanting his prize, yet fearful of his owner's wrath, "Ranger" dropped the bird. The rapidity of its slashing talons had left deep scratches on his nose and forehead.

As he sought his favorite hiding place amidst the bales inside, the woman ran toward a dazed and flopping owl. Throwing her apron over the bird, she scooped the struggling mass of feathers from the dirt.

With help from one of the hands, she laid it on its back on the kitchen table. Flesh on one wing had been torn. She described the wound to a retired rehabilitator, whose comment, "Come on over. Now!" encouraged her to think they might save the bird.

With skilled hands, sutures closed the gap in the raw flesh. Advised to call us, the woman then drove nearly sixty miles to deliver the little raptor.

Inside a cardboard box stood a burrowing owl.

Its wings and back were the typical color of dirt, a blend of tan and brown.

On top, its feathers were spotted with white. Underneath, its creamy plumage was heavily barred with



Courtesy photo

Only about nine inches in length, burrowing owls accept vacant prairie dog holes for shelter and nest sites. Buzzing like muted rattlesnakes, they warn other owls of the approach of intruders such as ground squirrels and coyotes.

brown. A black streak divided its white throat from its upper chest.

Its long legs and stubby tail lent to its comical appearance. Standing erect as possible, the bird of prey appeared to be insulted by its captivity.

Although it had no ear tufts, its round head with large, yellow eyes and white eyebrows was captivating. Suddenly it puffed itself up by ruffling its feathers.

As quickly as it had seemed to enlarge its presence, the bird lessened in size as its

plumage settled back in place.

Far from any known prairie dog colonies, the burrowing owl had probably been on a hunting adventure. If it had not sustained any other injuries or nerve damage, it had an opportunity to recover and be releasable.

Delivered by a game warden to South Plains in Lubbock, it proved to be a welcome, though temporary guest. Once its wound healed, it was soon gaining altitude with its nearly two-foot wingspan.

Able to catch and eat the equivalent of its own weight within a twenty-four hour period, the small raptor would easily display its hunting prowess in the wild.

Its frequent landings, and continued searches of open land, would result in its talons seizing the rewards of relentless pursuit.

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

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## Our destiny is our's to make

A few days ago I heard someone say, "Well, I guess that's my destiny!" I got to thinking about that statement and decided I'd do a little research on that topic.

What is destiny? The dictionary describes it this way: The inevitable or necessary fate to which a particular person or thing is destined; one's lot in life, or a predetermined course of events considered as something beyond human power or control, or to predetermine events: Destiny brought them together.

These definitions may be true, but I've always thought destiny was not a matter of chance but a matter of choice. Destiny is not a thing that should be waited for but a thing to be achieved. It's the action of not going down an established path but going where there is no path and leaving a trail.

Robert Louis Stevenson once said, "Don't judge each day by

the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." If we wait only for the harvest then we will never see it. We must plant the seeds and expect the results.

It was so wisely said that the first and most important step toward success is the feeling that we can succeed. In my mind, this is destiny. We work hard to achieve a result and when the result takes place we have achieved our destiny.

I believe that our destiny is set by us and the choices we make. We have free will to make our choices but we must remember that with free will comes responsibility and consequences.

A wise astrologer once said, "Character is destiny." He was actually meaning that the character you create or the person you have chosen to become determines the choices you make and the actions you take and thusly the consequences you are dwelt. I think he is right, but I also think that if we believe in ourselves and follow our dreams and keep our goals in life and surround ourselves with the things and people that make us happy, we have created our own destiny.

It has been said, "The present moment is the only moment available to us, and it is the door to all moments." Our destiny is ours to create. Franklin Roosevelt once said, "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

So, maybe it could be that destiny is a journey and not a destination. Or maybe we could listen to the immortal words of Archie Bunker as he was explaining the "destiny" of "the big quake." "California is the home of where is gonna occur the world's worst cat-a-strofe," Bunker opined. "Sittin' on a shelf out there are three states, California, Oregon and Missouri. The day of the biggest earthquake ever for our country, those three states are gonna be shoved right offa that shelf there. They call that the 'Continental Divide.' The Pope knew about this years ago. He said it was St. Andrew's fault. I guess Archie knew of destiny too.

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

## Bacon shortage 'baloney,' but prices sure to rise

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Bacon lovers can relax. They'll find all they want on supermarket shelves in the coming months, though their pocketbooks may take a hit.

The economics of the current drought are likely to nose up prices for bacon and other pork products next year, by as much as 10 percent. But U.S. agricultural economists are dismissing reports of a global bacon shortage that lent sizzle to headlines and Twitter feeds last week. Simply put, the talk of scarcity is hogwash,

officials say.

"Use of the word 'shortage' caused visions of (1970s-style) gasoline lines in a lot of people's heads, and that's not the case," said Steve Meyer, president of Iowa-based Paragon Economics and a consultant to the National Pork Producers Council and National Pork Board.

"If the definition of shortage is that you can't find it on the shelves, then no, the concern is not valid. If the concern is higher cost for it, then yes."

Fears about a scarcity of bacon swept across

social and mainstream media in recent weeks after Britain's National Pig Association said a bacon shortage was "unavoidable," citing a sharp decline in the continent's pig herd and drought-inflated feed costs.

The report caused much consternation over a product that used to be merely a breakfast staple, but nowadays flavors everything from brownies to vodka.

The alarm was quickly dismissed by the American Farm Bureau Federation as "baloney."

"Pork supplies will

decrease slightly as we go into 2013," Farm Bureau economist John Anderson said. "But the idea that there'll be widespread shortages, that we'll run out of pork, that's really overblown."

On Monday, a spokesman for the British pork trade group maintained its position that "there will be a significant tightening in the global pigmeat supply" in the second half of next year, because "the vast majority of pig producers around the world are losing money on every pig they sell."

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# News in brief

## From Albania to Zambia, one nation was on the minds of all others at UN assembly: Syria

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — After countless speeches, meetings and behind-the-scenes discussions, the unending war in Syria remained the unsolved problem that loomed over this year's gathering of world leaders at the United Nations.

As the week-long meeting of the U.N. General Assembly ended Monday, there were no breakthroughs on a civil war that has vexed diplomats, paralyzed the Security Council and raised new questions about the relevance of the United Nations.

Anyone willing to look closely, however, might spot a few glints of movement: the new international envoy Lakhdar Brahimi saying he saw an "opening" for a solution and was working on a new approach after visiting Syria, the Emir of Qatar and other leaders in the region calling for some kind of Arab-led intervention. But as the fighting in Syria raged on, and there was no sign of action that could end the escalating war, details on these few nuggets were hard to come by.

Talk about Syria, however, was heard everywhere.

Over seven days of speeches, Syria was discussed by one country after another, from Albania: Syrians "are suffering a primitive bloodshed by a regime that has irreversibly lost its legitimacy to lead," to Zambia: "Humanity has again been embarrassed by this unnecessary carnage."

## Fearing vote suppression, minority churches use 'souls to polls' to register and rally voters

MIAMI (AP) — It's not just the collection plate that's getting passed around this fall at hundreds of mainly African-American and Latino churches in presidential battleground states and across the nation.

Exhorting congregations to register to vote, church leaders are distributing registration cards in the middle of services, and many are pledging caravans of "souls to the polls" to deliver the vote.

The stepped-up effort in many states is a response by activists worried that new election rules, from tougher photo identification requirements to fewer days of early voting, are unfairly targeting minority voters — specifically, African-Americans who tend to vote heavily for Democrats. Some leaders compare their registration and get-out-the-vote efforts to the racial struggle that led to the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

"In light of all this, we are saying just let our people vote," said the Rev. Dawn Riley Duval, social justice minister at the Shorter Community A.M.E. Church in Denver. "The people are being oppressed by these measures. It has ignited a sense of urgency and collective power that we can take by engaging in the process."

In key swing states such as Florida and Ohio, proponents of the new election rules deny they are aimed at suppressing the minority vote in hopes of helping Republicans win more races. Reasons for their enactment vary between rooting out fraud and purging ineligible voters to streamlining the voting process.

## Political momentum in Pa. may be on line with voter ID in forthcoming court decision

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Some political momentum could be on the line when a judge rules on whether to keep intact Pennsylvania's tough new law requiring voters to show photo identification in next month's presidential election.

Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson is under a state Supreme Court order to rule no later than Tuesday, just five weeks before voters decide whether to re-elect President Barack Obama, a Democrat, or replace him with Mitt Romney, a Republican.

Simpson heard two days of testimony last week and said he was considering invalidating a narrow portion of the law for the Nov. 6 election. An appeal to the state Supreme Court is possible.

Up for grabs are Pennsylvania's valuable 20 electoral votes, the sixth most. For now, Republican candidates are trailing in polls on the state's top-of-the-ticket races.

The law, opposed furiously by Democrats, has nevertheless been a valuable Democratic Party tool to motivate volunteers and campaign contributions as other critics, including the NAACP, AARP and the League of Women Voters, hold voter education drives and protest rallies.

## NYPD to bolster gang unit to battle violence fueled by social media

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Police Department is planning to double the size of its gang unit to 300 detectives to combat teen violence fueled by dares and insults traded on social media.

Rather than target established street gangs involved in the drug trade, the reinforcements will focus mainly on "looser associations of younger men who identify themselves by the block they live on, or on which side of a housing development they reside," Police Commissioner Raymond said in prepared remarks.

"Their loyalty is to their friends living in a relatively small area and their rivalries are based not on narcotics trafficking or some other entrepreneurial interest, but simply on local turf," Kelly added. "In other words, 'You come in to my backyard and you get hurt. You diss my crew and you pay the price.'"

The remarks were provided in advance of Kelly's appearance Tuesday in San Diego at a gathering of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Under the new plan, the NYPD gang unit will work more closely with other divisions that monitor social media for signs of trouble.

## Army accountability stays elusive in Pakistan, despite unusually long stretch of civilian rule

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The footage was startling: A group of what appeared to be Pakistani soldiers gunning down several blindfolded men in a forested area. As the clips circulated online and the U.S. threatened to cut aid, Pakistan's army chief promised a full investigation and punishment for any wrongdoers.

Two years later: Silence.

What has the inquiry found?

The army won't say.

Was anyone punished?

Not a word.

Some rights activists question whether an investigation even took place.

Pakistan has spent nearly five years under civilian rule, an unusually long stretch for a 65-year-old country prone to military coups. But as the firing squad footage and several other prominent scandals suggest, the army remains largely unwilling to hold itself accountable to the public. This despite some pressure from more active media and judiciary and despite hopes that the military would rethink its ways after the humiliation it suffered following the unilateral U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

The army's lack of transparency and resistance to civilian oversight could cripple Pakistan's transition to a healthy democracy, something the United States says the country needs.

But the Americans can't protest too much: Washington needs the Pakistani army's cooperation as the war in Afghanistan winds down and it already struggles to balance a strained relationship as it presses the army to root out anti-U.S. insurgents hiding in Pakistan.

## Campaign travel gives Obama unvarnished view of the economy and swing-state voters

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — Sometimes all President Barack Obama has to do is look out the window to get a firsthand look at the country's economic woes.

This week in this town, the presidential motorcade speeds past opulent homes lining manmade Lake Las Vegas as he heads to the sprawling luxury development where he's preparing for the upcoming debates with Mitt Romney. But many houses here are empty, victims of Nevada's foreclosure crisis, and others are worth far less than their purchase price.

Farther down the road, a golf course is abandoned — one of two shuttered in the neighborhood. A sparkling shopping center off the main drag has no shops to fill its storefronts.

And if Obama didn't get the message of pocket-book pain, the marquee at a business — one that is open if perhaps not thriving — spells it out: "President Obama, we need lower taxes."

Views like these from the window of his fortified Chevy Suburban or armored limousine give Obama an unvarnished look both at the country he runs and the challenges he faces in winning a second term amid a struggling economic recovery.

## Friends of slain N.Y. college student urge awareness of domestic violence

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — As her family mourned her death, the friends of a college freshman who police say was beaten to death in her dorm room by her boyfriend have rallied people to wear purple to raise awareness of domestic violence.

Alexandra Kogut's body was found early Satur-

day at the State University of New York College at Brockport, near Rochester. Campus police discovered the 18-year-old Kogut's body after her mother called them concerned because she couldn't reach her, Monroe County sheriff's spokesman John Helfer said.

Kogut's boyfriend, Clayton Whittemore, 21, was arrested at a New York Thruway rest stop near Syracuse, 100 miles east, about an hour later. He told state troopers he intentionally killed Kogut, according to a criminal complaint. No motive was given.

The cause of death was ruled blunt force trauma, Helfer said, but he declined to say whether a weapon was used.

University officials described the slaying as an isolated tragedy that came without warning.

## National Retail Federation says holiday sales to rise 4.1 percent amid uncertainties

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are expected to spend more during what's traditionally the busiest shopping season of the year, but they're not exactly ready to shop 'til they drop like they have been in the past two years.

The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, said Tuesday that it expects sales during the winter holiday shopping period in November and December to rise 4.1 percent this year. That's more than a percentage point lower than the growth in each of the past two years, and the smallest increase since 2009 when sales were up just 0.3 percent.

The projections are an important indicator for retailers that depend on the last two months of the year for up to 40 percent of their annual sales. But the estimates also offer valuable insight for economists who closely watch consumer spending, which accounts for up to 70 percent of economic activity.

The holiday shopping season is one gauge of not only the shopping habits, but also the mindset of the average American during what has turned out to be a slow and uneven economic recovery. Right now, people are feeling better about rising home prices and a rebounding stock market, but job growth is still weak and prices for everything from food to gas are higher.

At the same time, there's uncertainty about who the next president will be and some Americans worry that the U.S. debt crisis could lead to another recession.

"In all the years, this is the most challenging year doing a forecast," said Matthew Shay, president and CEO of the National Retail Federation, based in Washington, D.C. "There are so many uncertainties."

## Dog in car's grill survives ride from Mass. to Rhode Island

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — Animal welfare authorities say a dog survived an 11-mile ride from Massachusetts to Rhode Island — at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour — after it was hit by a car and became wedged under the front grill.

East Providence Animal Control supervisor William Muggle says the female poodle mix ran in front of the car in Taunton on Sept. 20. The driver slammed on the brakes, but didn't see the dog, so continued driving.

Muggle tells the Taunton Daily Gazette that it wasn't until the driver reached East Providence, R.I., that another motorist pointed out the dog.

The driver went to the police station, where animal control officials freed the fluffy white pooch. The dog suffered a concussion and possibly a minor bladder rupture.

Authorities are now trying to find its owner.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## An Unusual Play

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♥ 6 4  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ A 10 3

WEST  
♠ 7 5 2  
♥ A 9  
♦ K J 10 8  
♣ J 9 8 6

EAST  
♠ A 8 6 3  
♥ Q 10 7 5 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ 5 4

SOUTH  
♠ K  
♥ K J 8 3  
♦ A Q 9 3  
♣ K Q 7 2

The bidding:  
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Opening lead — six of clubs.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the six of clubs, which you win with the seven. You play the king of spades, but, as expected, the defenders let you win it. This doesn't disturb you a bit, because you now play a low club, planning to finesse the ten and then establish dummy's spades. If the finesse wins, which seems certain, you'll score at least nine tricks.

Unfortunately, when you lead the

club deuce, West — a foeman worthy of your steel — plays the jack! You win with the ace, but this leaves you with no further entry to dummy and makes it pointless to establish the spades.

So you play a diamond and finesse the queen, hoping to find East with three to the king. In that case, you'd have a good chance of making the contract by establishing your fourth diamond. But West takes your queen of diamonds with the king and returns a club, and you eventually go down.

When you think about the hand later on, you realize that you should have made the contract. It all goes back to your play at trick one, when you should have won the club lead with the king, not the seven!

It was vital to have two entries to dummy to make use of dummy's spades, and this could have been accomplished by winning the first club with the king or queen. Then, after the king of spades was ducked at trick two, you could lead the deuce of clubs, planning to finesse the ten.

This time it would make no difference whether West put up the jack. If he did, you could win with the ace and later lead the seven of clubs to dummy's ten to collect the remaining spades.

Tomorrow: The camel's back.

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Dallas's Tony Romo gets sacked by Henry Melton during Monday's game against Chicago. The Cowboys lost 34-14.

## Bears defense too much for Romo, Cowboys

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Charles Tillman had the ball thrown right into his hands. All the Chicago Bears cornerback had to do was grab it and run 25 yards untouched down the sideline for a touchdown.

Lance Briggs had to go three times farther and sidestep a few Dallas Cowboys on his way to the end zone.

The interception returns by Tillman and Briggs, who are among the five 30-something starters on Chicago's defense, came in a 34-18 win over the Cowboys on Monday night when Tony Romo matched his career high with five picks.

"I think Lance's was better. He juiced a couple of people. His was longer, so by far I think he had the play of the

game," Tillman said. "Mine was simple and boring. His was exciting."

Briggs' interception came in a wild two-play exchange of turnovers midway through the third quarter, and put the Bears up 24-7.

The first fumble of the season for Chicago (3-1) came when Jay Cutler was sacked by DeMarcus Ware to set Dallas up at the Bears 27. It was the third forced fumble already for Ware, the Pro Bowl linebacker who turned 30 during training camp.

On the very next play, Romo was trying to escape pressure when he was hit from behind by Henry Melton. The ball popped forward into the air for Briggs.

"Just outstanding

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## MLB investigating pitcher Holland's homophobic slur

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Texas Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said someone posted a homophobic slur on pitcher Derek Holland's Twitter account Sunday that was directed at a heckler.

Major League Baseball is investigating the post, which was quickly taken down. Holland said Monday in Oakland he was either pitching at the time or in the dugout and he didn't do it. He noted that his fiancée, Lauren, is the only person he knows has access to his account and she told him she was not involved. He also checked with family members, who said they knew nothing about it.

"I honestly don't know. I know it wasn't myself," Holland said. "I've talked to my family and my fiancée and they all said the exact same thing: It wasn't them. I have no idea. All I know is MLB is taking care of it and they're going to help me

out and figure out who it was. I was blindsided by it. I had no idea."

Daniels called it a "serious issue, it's an unacceptable term to use."

"We found out shortly thereafter. Obviously we take something like that very seriously," Daniels said. "It's not a term or a sentiment we endorse in any way. We asked Derek about it. He was not aware of it happening. He had been out during the game. We alerted MLB about it so while we're doing our own investigation they can do one as well. We continue to follow up on that at this time. Derek says he didn't do it. He's not sure how it got out, obviously. That's what we're looking into."

Less than two weeks ago, the Toronto Blue Jays suspended starting shortstop Yunel Escobar for three games for wearing eye-black displaying a homophobic slur in Spanish during a game against Boston.

## Dwight Howard ready to learn from Bryant, star-studded Lakers

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Dwight Howard flattened the creases across the chest of his brand-new gold jersey and joined his teammates for a group photo, joking around and laughing even while saying cheese.

The superstar center might be an eight-year NBA veteran, but Monday still felt like the first day of school.

And it was, in a way: Howard is just getting started on his real NBA education from the Los Angeles Lakers and Kobe Bryant, who is just as eager to teach as Howard is to learn.

"I know he's going to be tough on me, but I expect that, and I want him to be that," Howard said. "I want to be that guy. I'll take all the heat he's going to give me, because I know at the end of the day, it's going to make me a bet-

ter player and a better person. ... I'm willing to go through that process, from one of the greatest ever to play the game, and I think it'll be great."

Howard and Bryant wore their gold uniforms together for the first time Monday as the Lakers opened training camp with a revamped roster and sky-high expectations. After two straight seasons ending in the second round of the playoffs, a remarkable offseason shuffle by Los Angeles general manager Mitch Kupchak and owner Jim Buss has put the Lakers in prime position to contend for their 17th NBA championship.

Even while Metta World Peace crowded about the Lakers' depth and Pau Gasol expressed his gratitude for staying in the Lakers after popping up in innu-

merable trade rumors, everybody's eyes were on Bryant and Howard, the Lakers' unquestioned leader and the supremely gifted big man he has already appointed as his heir.

"This is my team, but I want to make sure that Dwight, when I retire, this is going to be his," Bryant said. "I want to teach him everything I possibly know, so that when I step away, this organization can ride on as if I never left."

Even while both men say the situation is ideal, the entire NBA is eager to see how this teacher-student partnership will work.

The 34-year-old Bryant is a ferocious perfectionist with famously little patience for teammates who aren't serious about winning — including Andrew Bynum, the sometimes-immature All-Star cen-

ter dispatched in the deal for Howard.

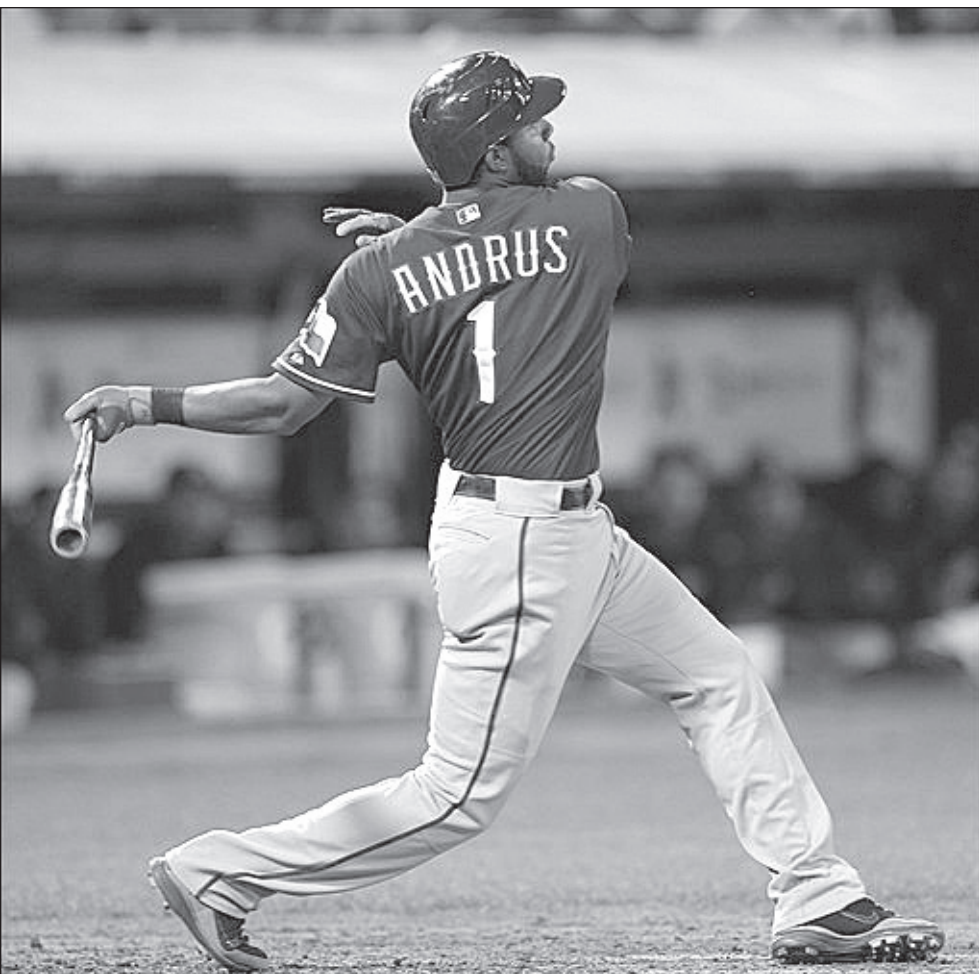
The 26-year-old Howard raised league-wide doubts about his maturity during his strange, protracted departure from Orlando over the past two years — and don't forget, Howard has just one season left on his contract.

What could possibly go wrong? Nothing, according to Howard.

"Me and Kobe have talked many times about it, and I think it'll be great," Howard said. "Learning from Kobe, I think, is something that I need for myself, so I can grow as a player and as a person. He's been through almost every situation possible, on the court and off the court."

Two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash, Gasol and World Peace joined

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Texas' Elvis Andrus connects for an RBI single during the third inning of Monday's game against the Oakland A's. The Rangers lost 4-3.

## Rangers drop opener, 4-3, to playoff-bound Athletics

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Texas Rangers are already in the playoffs, and they like their chances to win the AL West.

Two games left, one win needed against Oakland.

"We're upbeat in here. We're not worried about anything," catcher Mike Napoli said. "They made the playoffs, hats off to them. We're worried about winning the division and see what happens."

Coco Crisp's latest big hit helped put the Athletics in the playoffs for the first time in six years, and they remained in contention for a division crown by beating the first-place Rangers 4-3 on Monday night.

Oakland's victory clinched a trip to the postseason and eliminated the Los Angeles Angels and Tampa Bay Rays from playoff contention.

Crisp had a go-ahead double in the fifth inning as the A's (92-68) pulled within one game of Texas (93-67) in the division race with two to go and moved into a tie with Baltimore for the American League's top wild card.

Michael Young and Mike Napoli homered against rookie Jarrod Parker (13-8), who was otherwise solid in beating the Rangers for the third time in three chances.

"We have to win a ballgame," Young said. "Every game has been im-

portant for a long time now. We'll come out tomorrow ready to play."

Pinch-hitter Brandon Moss delivered a sacrifice fly for insurance and Josh Reddick added an RBI single for the resurgent A's, who must sweep this season-ending series against the two-time reigning AL champions to capture the West title.

"Absolutely amazing," said manager Bob Melvin, who took a whipped cream pie in the face from Reddick. "We don't get this done unless everybody believes in everybody and everybody plays selflessly."

Crisp followed the double by stealing his 39th base, then scored on

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You will find that things move at such a fast pace that it's easy to overlook the most elemental matter — for instance, what exactly is expected of you. Find out.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The moon in your sign gives evidence that your natural powers of charisma are working. Everyone wants to like you and will do so unless you give them a reason not to.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). As lucky Jupiter smiles on you, your inner drive is heightened. You appreciate all of the opportunities presented. A screening process will help you take advantage of the very best ones.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You have little interest in what people tell you they can do. You are only interested in what they actually do. It's a wise way for you to focus now, and you'll attract those who are the "real deal."

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Many will want to interact with you, but their reasons may seem vague. You'll get the most from today's correspondence when you keep it short and leave them wanting more.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Without a fear to face, the journey can't be

called an adventure. So what you must ask yourself now is: Would you rather amble along, or adventure on?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be taking on the kind of work that's difficult to judge. Really, it doesn't matter how good or bad you think it is. What matters most now is that you do it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be like a child filled with admiration and envy watching an older sibling do the impossible. Don't stay on the sidelines. Dive in. It turns out this is not so "impossible," after all.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have extra energy to give to others, so stay alert to those around you who may need help. The best part is that no matter what help you give, you'll be the ultimate benefactor.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As Venus favorably angles your guiding planet, you radiate a warmth that's difficult for others to resist. They'll want to do well for you. You'll get what you expect, so expect the best.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For reasons too complex to logically predict, a journey will be longer on the return trip. Because you're prepared

for this, you'll have a better attitude than if you'd been caught off guard.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your challenge will be to remain patient with the difficult people. You may not fully understand their function in your life at this time, but assume there's an excellent reason for why you're being tested in this way.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 2). Developments at home enliven your financial scene, and this month brings a windfall. Keeping your work tidy and your life clean leads to a major promotion. True feelings are revealed in December. Love affects your decisions strongly in January. A group effort needs your leadership in May. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 13, 20, 47 and 1.

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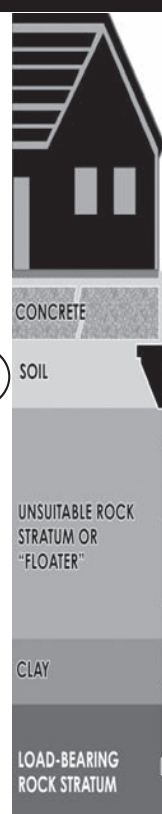
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## Cranberry Tarts

Refrigerate Time: 2 to 24 hours

Proof Time: 30 to 45 minutes

Bake Time: 12 to 15 minutes

Makes 12 tarts

- 3 1/2 to 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 envelope Fleischmann's Active Dry or RapidRise Yeast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 eggs
- Cranberry Filling (recipe follows)
- Powdered Sugar Icing, optional (recipe follows)

Combine 1 1/2 cups flour, sugar, undissolved yeast and salt in a large bowl.

Heat milk, butter and water until very warm (120°F to 130°F). Gradually add to flour mixture; beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally.

Add eggs and 1/2 cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in enough remaining flour to make stiff batter. Cover tightly with plastic wrap; refrigerate 2 to 24 hours.

Remove from refrigerator. Punch dough down. Remove dough to lightly floured surface. Roll to 21 x 12-inch rectangle.

Spread Cranberry Filling over dough to within 1/2 inch of edges. Fold crosswise in thirds, to enclose filling, making a 12 x 7-inch rectangle. Press edges to seal. Cut dough into 12 (1-inch) strips. Holding ends of each strip, twist three times. Pinch together ends of each twisted strip to form tarts; place on greased baking sheets. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until almost doubled in size, about 30 to 45 minutes.

Bake at 400°F for 12 to 15 minutes or until done, switching positions of sheets halfway through baking time for even browning. Remove tarts from baking sheets; let cool on wire racks. Drizzle tarts with Powdered Sugar Icing, if desired.

**Cranberry Filling:** Combine 1 cup finely chopped cranberries, 1/2 cup sugar, and 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange peel in a medium saucepan; bring to boil over medium heat. Reduce heat; simmer, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes or until very thick. Remove mixture from heat, and let cool.

**Powdered Sugar Frosting:** Combine 1 cup powdered sugar, 4 to 5 teaspoons evaporated milk, and 1/2 teaspoon Spice Islands Pure Vanilla Extract in a bowl. Stir until smooth.

## Premium Pecan Pie

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Bake Time: 20 minutes for the pie shell and 50 to 55 minutes for the pie

Yield: One 9-inch pie

- 1 (9-inch) pie crust
- 3 eggs (whole)
- 2/3 cup Karo Dark Corn Syrup
- 2/3 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup
- 2/3 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Spice Islands Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups pecans (halves or pieces)

Par-bake your favorite pie crust (either homemade or purchased) in a 350°F oven for about 20 minutes or until it just barely starts to brown.

Beat eggs on medium speed of electric mixer for about 30 seconds, until foamy. Add all syrups, salt and vanilla, and beat for about 1 minute on medium speed until well combined.

Add melted butter and flour.

Place pecans in the par-baked pie crust and pour mixture over pecans.

Bake at 350°F for 50 to 55 minutes.

## Individual Pumpkin Pies

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Bake Time: 50 minutes

Cool Time: 1 hour

Yield: 18 servings

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons Spice Islands Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup
- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
- 1 can (12 fluid ounces) evaporated milk
- 18 baking cups size 2 1/2 inches
- 18 vanilla wafers

Mix sugar, salt and spice in a bowl. Add eggs and beat slightly. Stir in corn syrup, pumpkin and evaporated milk; blend well.

Portion baking cups in muffin pans and place 1 vanilla wafer in each. Fill each two-thirds full of pumpkin mixture.

Bake at 300°F for 25 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans for 5 minutes; remove.

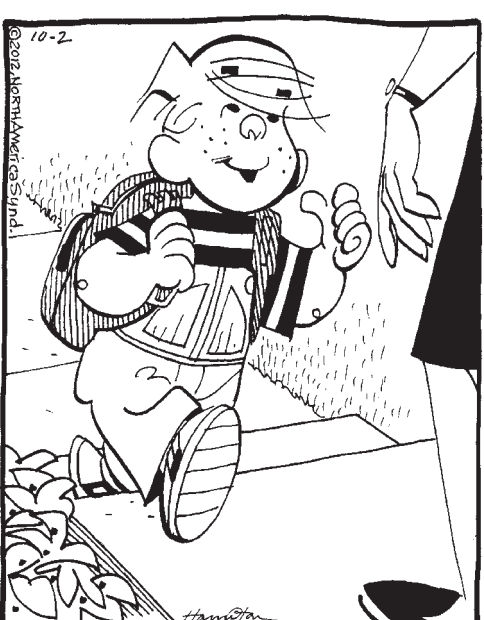
Cool a minimum of 1 hour before serving.

Garnish as desired.



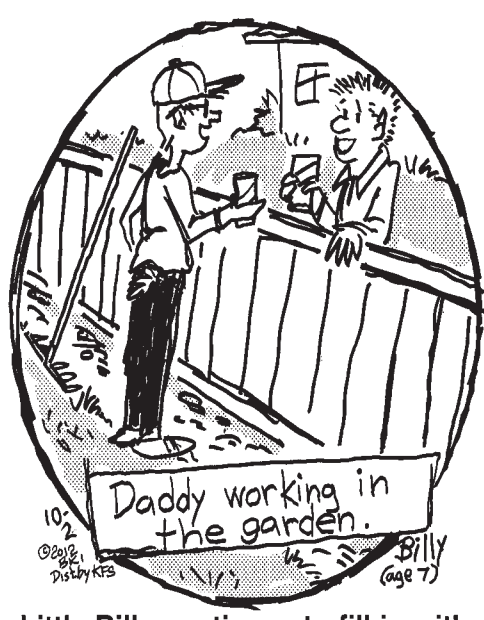
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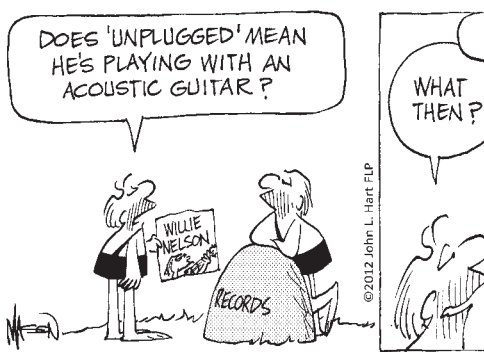
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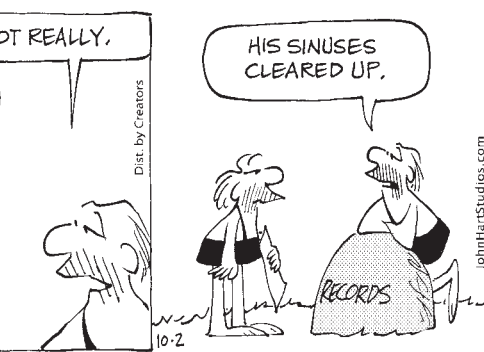
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 2, the 276th day of 2012. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 2002, the Washington, D.C. area sniper attacks began as a resident of Silver Spring, Md., was shot and killed in a store parking lot in Wheaton; the next day, five people were shot dead, setting off a frantic manhunt lasting three weeks. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were finally arrested for 10 killings and three woundings; Muhammad was executed in 2009; Malvo was sentenced to life in prison.)

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y., during the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers fought Mexican soldiers near the Guadalupe River; the Mexicans

ended up withdrawing.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies launched an all-out drive against Moscow.

In 1944, Nazi troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people were killed.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in West Africa proclaimed its independence.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

In 1970, one of two chartered twin-engine planes flying the Wichita State University football team to Utah crashed into a mountain near Silver Plume, Colo., killing 31 of the 40 people on board.

In 1971, the music program "Soul Train" made its debut in national syndication.

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson died at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 59 after battling AIDS.

In 2006, an armed milk truck driver took a group of girls hostage in an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., killing five of them and wounding five others before committing suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer-musician Leon Rausch (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys) is 85. Retired MLB All-Star Maury Wills is 80. Movie critic Rex Reed is 74. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 67. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier (sahn-YAY) is 66. Actor Avery Brooks is 64.

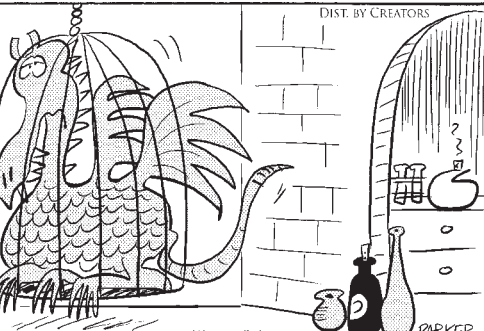
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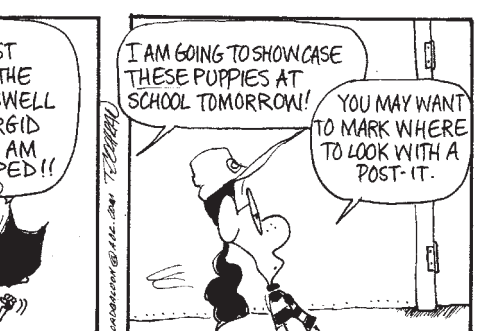
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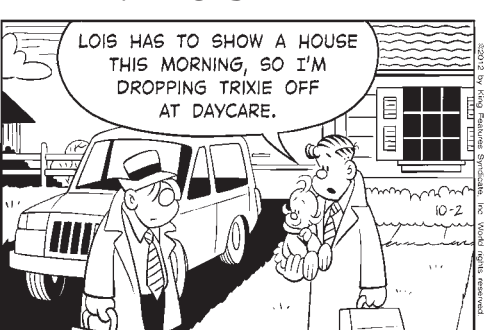
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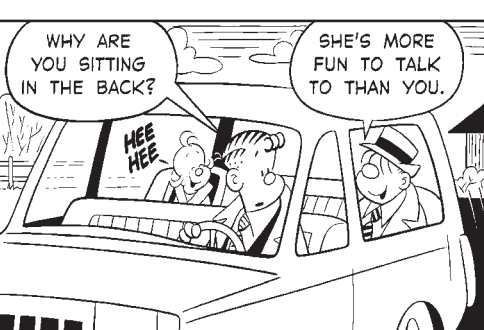
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# RANGERS

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Moss' fly ball to shallow center. Center fielder Josh Hamilton hesitated ever so slightly before making the throw home, just enough for Crisp to slide in safely.

"We're just a bunch of young guys having fun," Crisp said, standing in water wearing soggy socks. "You wouldn't think all these rookies would be doing things like this."

Playing to chants of "Let's go Oakland!" from the crowd of 21,162, the gutsy A's won their fourth straight game and sixth in

seven. Fans were on their feet chanting as closer Grant Balfour finished it out by striking out the side.

Moments later, players brought bottles of bubbly onto the field and began spraying them into the stands. Outside the aging Coliseum, car horns honked as this blue-collar city enjoyed its big moment on the baseball stage.

"Awesome! Unbelievable," Balfour said mid-celebration. "I want to keep doing it."

Parker pitched the A's back to the postseason for the first time since they were swept by Detroit in the 2006 AL championship

series. He matched teammate Tommy Milone for the Oakland rookie record of 13 wins.

Oakland moved a season-high 24 games over .500 for its best mark since ending that '06 season at 93-69.

"They play with no conscious. They're not afraid of nobody right now," said Rangers manager Ron Washington, Oakland's longtime third-base coach before leaving to manage Texas. "I'm never surprised what happens over in that clubhouse with the Oakland A's. They've always got pitching, and when you've got pitching, you never know what can happen."

# LAKERS

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Howard and Bryant at the Lakers' training complex Monday, the new starting five posing for seemingly every camera in Hollywood. Antawn Jamison, Chris Duhon, Steve Blake, Jordan Hill and Jodie Meeks were just off-stage, all thrilled to be supporting players in this superstar-driven production.

"I'm sure we'll draw a little bit of attention from time to time this year," said

Nash, who will chase his first ring after the Lakers acquired him from Phoenix. "I think probably from the outside, it appears this is going to be a cinch. We've got a bunch of great players, we'll come together and win 60-something games and go (into the playoffs) as a contender, but it's going to be a big challenge for us. With so many personalities and dominant players, to try to find a cohesion and understanding is going to be a big challenge."

After carrying the entire Magic franchise on his broad shoulders for most of the past eight years, Howard has more help than he ever imagined on the West Coast. The Lakers also appear remarkably balanced, from Nash's peerless play-making and World Peace's defensive prowess to the selfless supporting play of Gasol and Jamison, who is absolutely thrilled to be on a good team after 15 years with the NBA's also-rans.

# COWBOYS

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play by our defense," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "It seemed like everybody had a say in it. How about Lance Briggs? You guys didn't know he could run that fast."

Despite his fumble, Cutler was nearly flawless after halftime, completing 11 of 12 passes for 219 yards and two

touchdowns. He was 18 of 24 overall for 275 yards. A 34-yard TD pass to Devin Hester started the half and there was later a 31-yarder to Brandon Marshall, who had seven catches for 138 yards.

The Cowboys (2-2) are a .500 team again, alternating wins and losses this season. Since the start of the 1997 season, Dallas is 122-122 in regular-season games with one playoff victory.

"This has to be a wake-up call for us. I don't say that nonchalantly. It has to be," said Jason Witten, the Cowboys' 10th-year tight end. "You can't bounce back and forth like this and try to compete come December-time. You can't do it. We have been in that situation before. You cannot do it. And we know that, and we'll get better."

Making things worse for the Cowboys, they now head into their bye week. And their next game is Oct. 14 at Baltimore, starting a stretch of playing four of five on the road.

"These next two weeks are going to be very long," running back

DeMarco Murray said. "They're going to seem like forever."

Dallas owner Jerry Jones, however, called it a "timely bye" and a chance to reassess things for his team that opened the season by winning at the New York Giants. The defending Super Bowl champions are the next team to visit Cowboys Stadium, on Oct. 28.

"I know it's the same makeup of the team. Same personnel," Jones said. "We've seen this team play well and we can play a lot better. ... We have a lot of work to do."

Chicago scored first on Robbie Gould's 43-yard field goal with just over

4 minutes left in the first half. Three plays later, Romo threw a ball right at Tillman when intended receiver Dez Bryant kept running down the field instead of cutting toward the sideline.

"We were just seeing how the corner played," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "'Tony saw it one way. Dez saw it another way."

Romo finished 31 of 43 for 307 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown to Miles Austin just before halftime.

Chicago opened the second half with a 73-yard drive capped with the TD by Hester, who sprinted by rookie cornerback Morris Claiborne and had to make a lunging catch at the goal line — a play upheld after a replay review.

That was one of three plays reviewed by referee Walt Anderson and his crew. The regular refs were back to work a week after that disputed Monday night ending in which Seattle won at home against Green Bay.

Romo was picked off again when his short pass deflected off receiver Kevin Ogletree and was caught by Major Wright.

The Bears ran only two plays before the teams traded turnovers on consecutive snaps with Briggs' first interception return for a score since 2005.

"We have a ton of athletes, a great mixture of old and young, a great core," Briggs said. "All of the talk coming into training camp about the offense. The defense, we've got a lot of pride. We want to be consistent. We want to get turnovers. We want to get after the passer. We want to shut down the run."

The Bears did all of that against the Cowboys, who had only 41 yards rushing.

Murray had 131 yards rushing in the Cowboys' season-opening victory at the Giants. He has only 106 in the last three games, including 24 on 11 carries Monday night with an 11-yard run.

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