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## Computer glitch leaves entities scrambling

### County recalculates tax rate, sets hearings

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Blame it on the computers. Howard County commissioners were forced to refigure the county's proposed tax rate for the new fiscal year Monday morning and the main culprit, it turned out, was faulty software.

A glitch in the computer system at the county tax appraisal district resulted in incorrect information being passed on to the area's taxing entities, forcing all of them to go back to the drawing board and determine new tax rates for the coming 12 months.

In Howard County's case, it meant adding slightly more than a penny to the proposed rate, boosting it to 32.7 cents per \$100, County Auditor Jackie Olson said.

A penny may not sound like much, but the error could have resulted in a major shortfall for the county.

"If we had gone with the (incorrect) rate," Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long

### Two polling locations to see change

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

There will be a pair of new polling places when it comes to election time in November.

Howard County commissioners approved the new polling places during their Monday meeting in the county courthouse.

The reason behind the new locations is simple — the old ones are no longer available — the old home for the Precinct 1 poll, the

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**Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson looks over financial data during the commissioners' budget workshop Monday morning.**

said, "we would have lost about \$400,000."

The newest proposed rate is 2 cents above the effective rate — the figure which

would have raised the same amount of revenue as the previous year — and is the maximum the county can charge without possibly triggering a

rollback election, Long said.

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

sioners). In addition, employees will receive an additional \$20 per month for every year

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## TAX RATE MISHAP WON'T DERAIL HOWARD COLLEGE

### Trustees must reschedule public hearings, however

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Call it a do over. Several Howard County taxing entities received a call Monday morning from the county tax assessor/collector's

office informing them the effective tax rate figures used in determining their proposed budgets and tax rates were incorrect.

"An incorrect number was given to the tax collector's office by the software company for calculation purposes," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

That left Howard College officials — who were only hours away from a 2015 budget hearing and board meeting — to

vigorously put pencil to paper to figure out what effect the new numbers would have on the proposed budget.

According to the Texas State Comptroller's truth in taxation website, the effective rate is a calculated rate that allows the taxing entity to raise about the same revenue as last year. Entities are limited in setting a tax rate above this number to raise more tax revenue before going over the roll back rate. That could

subject the tax rate to a voter-approved election.

According to Sparks, the new effective tax rate for maintenance and operation is 12.6092 cents per \$100 valuation up from the original 12.3832 cents per \$100.

However, Howard College officials said even with the new number, the impact on the taxpayer's purse strings is relatively unchanged. The college expects to raise 3.76 percent more in tax revenue

this next year, about what officials originally project when the budget was constructed.

To raise that project revenue, officials are working off a tax rate of 17.6620 cents per \$100 valuation, up from 17.3457 cents per \$100 valuation. That breaks down to 13.6171 cents per valuation \$100, up from the original rate of 13.2730 per valuation for maintenance and opera-

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## College art department receives Raku art supplies

**By ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
 Staff Writer

Through a generous donation by Big Spring resident Woodie Fowler, the Howard College Art Department received various ceramics art supplies totaling about \$350-\$400 in molds, greenware and bisqueware. The items will be used for the Raku workshops scheduled for the fall and spring semesters.

"Mr. Fowler's mother had been a ceramic artist and he had thought of us upon seeing our recent ceramic raku

grant announcement article in the paper and hoped we could use the items," said Stacy Slaten, Howard College assistant professor and head of the art department. "I told him that we absolutely could and I met with him and received the supplies Aug. 20."

The art department received a grant from the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau earlier this year,

specifically to fund the Raku projects.

The unique firing technique was first introduced in the Pot's N Prints program given at the college last year. To briefly describe the Raku process, the pieces may be loaded into a cold kiln but are often preheated and loaded into a hot kiln.

The firing proceeds at a rapid pace with the wares reaching temperature in as short a cycle as 15-20 minutes (though Raku firings can last up to several hours depending

on the individual pieces and their firing requirements). The result is often a metallic appearance in the glaze.

"We are very grateful to Mr. Fowler," said Slaten, who said she is looking forward to hosting the workshops. "As soon as we get them scheduled we will let everybody know the details."

For more information or to make a donation, contact Slaten at 264-5161 or 935-1018.

To contact Andreia Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331.

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## Obituaries

## Roger Avant



Roger Avant, 78, of Palestine, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2014. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, at the Family Faith Center in Big Spring with Pastor Sam Segundo officiating.

He was born July 3, 1936, in Lamesa, Texas and married Oma Pennington Oct. 3, 1954, in Lamesa, Texas.

Roger owned Kwikie Grocery, which he opened in 1960 and operated until 2013, when he retired.

He was blessed with and enjoyed his five sons, Don Avant and wife, Sherri, Dale Avant and

wife, Karon, Dean Avant and Danny Avant, all of Big Spring, and Devin Avant and wife, Brenda of Lamesa; daughter, Cythia Reeves of Fort Worth; and eight grandchildren, John Avant, Kim Avant, Evan Avant, Tyler Avant, Nathan Avant, Kayla Avant, Sara Goath and Michael Reeves.

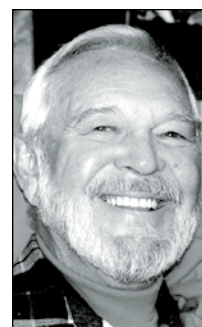
He was preceded in death by his wife, Oma Avant; his parents, Reginald and Lola Greer Avant; and a brother, Lynn Avant.

The family suggests memorials to the West Texas Dialysis Center, 501 Birdwell Lane No. 10, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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## Darrell D. Fellows



Darrell D. Fellows, 79, of Midland, passed away Friday, Aug. 22, 2014. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Darrell was born Oct. 9, 1934, to Annie and Paul Fellows in Amherst, Neb. Darrell graduated from Kearney High School and then went on to serve our country, enlisting in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of Master Sergeant. Duty assignments in Texas, England, Ohio, Okinawa, Arizona, Thailand and Alaska highlighted a 25-year career. Darrell's second career was with the Big Spring State Hospital, retiring from the maintenance department after 19 1/2 years.

He married Londa Kaye Feaster on July 3, 1990, in Midland.

Darrell enjoyed fishing and camping trips with family in earlier years. He later purchased land in Stanton and thoroughly enjoyed "building up" the "farm." He loved animals and had fun raising chickens and goats. Darrell was an early riser and would like to greet the sunrise at the farm. When not at the farm Darrell spent time on the computer working crossword puzzles and playing card games. He was an avid reader of westerns, fiction and non-fiction.

Darrell celebrated his 24th year wedding anniversary July 3 with wife, Londa. They were happily married and she doted on him. He will be remembered as having a great sense of humor and will be sorely missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Londa Kaye Fellows; son, Joel Dean Fellows of Midland, Texas; daughter, Denita Jean Kionka of Arlington, Texas; sister, Roberta Roeder of Nebraska; grandchildren, Leah Fellows of Midland, Texas and Jeff and Hayley Kionka of Arlington, Texas; and loving nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dale Fellows and Harvey Fellows; and sister, Pauline Wells.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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*Paid obituary*

## Linda Dykes



Linda Dykes, 67, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, in a Houston hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014, at the Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

She was born Feb. 20, 1947, in Big Spring, Texas and married Gerald Dykes in 1997.

Linda had worked as a dietician

at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Big Spring State Hospital and at Mountain View Lodge.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Dykes of Big Spring; one son, Joe Murley of Big Spring; one sister, Nelda Van Robeys and husband, Paul of Houston; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Randolph Alton Myric and Panzie Rupart Myric.

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## David James Green



David James Green, 47, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, in a San Antonio nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

David was born July 20, 1967, in Syracuse, N.Y. He lived in Sweetwater for more than 30 years in a home provided by Home Community Service. He moved to San Antonio in July 2011.

Survivors include his mother, Fran Green of San Antonio; a sister, Laura Carusetta and husband, Jerry of San Antonio; one nephew; and one aunt.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ken Green; and his grandparents, J.A. and Alice Faulkenberry and Peter and Laura Pandelly.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Police/Sheriff

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

• RICARDO MARTINEZ, 40, of 1000 W 4<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested on a warrant for speeding.

• RANDAL KIRK KIRHAM, 24, of 203 Terry Road, Sand Springs, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• BRANDON ANTHONY MORAN, 24, of 1902 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was arrested on a charge possession of drug paraphernalia.

• PAUL WILLIAM SHUGART, 29, of 2502 Ent Drive, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and on a warrant from another agency.

• ADAM CANDIDO AGUILAR, 38, of 1406 Dixie Ave, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.

• MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 24, of 1007

Nolan, was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license when unlicensed, failed to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts), and operate ATV on roadway.

• LISA JANELL BURRIS, 45, of 7805 N. Service Road, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction, possession of a controlled substance, more than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams; and expired registration.

• CRIMINALMICHEIF was reported in the 3700 block of Connally St.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 600 block of Edwards Boulevard and in the 6400 block of West I-20.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

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VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of W. 16<sup>th</sup> St.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of E. 13<sup>th</sup> St..

• THEFT was reported in the 1600 block S. Gregg st.

• HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1700 block of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

• RICARDO MARTINEZ, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for speeding.

• LISA JANELL BURRIS, 45, was booked by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction, possession of a controlled substance, more than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams; and display of expired registration.

• MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia

and for warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsible, failure to appear (two counts, and operating recreational vehicle on a public roadway.

• RANDALLKIRK KIRHAM, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• PAUL WILLIAM SHUGART, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and for a Bell County warrant for driving while license invalid.

• BRANDON MORAN, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ADAM CANDIDO AGUILAR, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III, 24, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, equal to or more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams; and possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

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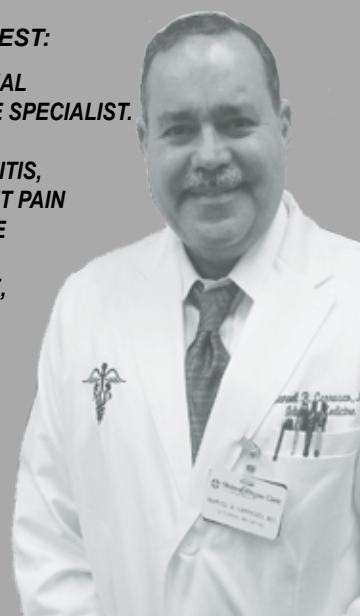
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• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• 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.

THURSDAY

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path

God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

• 7p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.



# Take Note

Tickets are now available for the first Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47 Dove Hunt for Veterans community dinner. Come show your support for four U.S. veterans — Mark Pilgram, USAF; Buck Christopher, U.S. Army; Kris Pool, U.S. Marines; and Mike Meinen, U.S. Army. The dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6, at Moss Creek Ranch in honor of these men and to say thank you for their service. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 a piece at Mr. Scrubs, Culligan, the American Legion or by calling Tommy Sullivan at 432-517-0584.

To donate to the annual Dove Hunt for Veterans, call Mike Tarpley, 432-556-2227 or Ed Meiser 432-213-2154.

The Howard County Association board invites all elementary school children, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade to attend the Howard County Fair without charge Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. These hours are available only for this age-level student. To schedule a time for your class to visit, contact Gale Pittman or Sandy Stewart at 432-267-5201,

432-935-1604 or uway@bigspringtx.com.

Friends of the Library of Howard County requests donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Oct. 17-19. If you have books you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please, no National Geographic magazines, other magazines, or condensed books.

The Cross Roads Young Marines are now

taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

A bank account has been set up to help defray funeral expenses for the family of Shelly Lopez. To make a donation to the Shelly Lopez Memorial fund contact the Big Spring Educational Employee Federal Credit Union at 263-8393 located at 1110 Benton.

Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part

of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person.

The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting." For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy

**Columns by Bebe McCasland and Darrell Ryan were left out of today's edition because of a lack of space. The Herald will make every effort to publish them as soon as possible.**

McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

# POLLS

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county road and bridge department, is scheduled for demolition to make way for a new motel, and Sand Springs Baptist Church, which housed the polls for precincts 408 and 409, was recently destroyed by

fire. Fortunately, new polling places were readily available, County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said. "We talked to the Head Start people at the old Bauer Elementary, and they're not using the cafeteria there, and they said we were welcome to use that for Precinct 1," Bloom said. "As for pre-

incts 408 and 409, we're going to temporarily move those to Coahoma ... and see what happens from there."

Also Monday, commissioners approved an agreement with Midland County which would allow the local jail to house Midland prisoners in case of overcrowding at that jail.

Howard County Sher-

iff Stan Parker said the agreement was similar to ones in place with other area counties.

"When county jails get to the level of overcrowding, they have to have contingency plans in place to house prisoners," Parker said. "The agreement we have with Midland County would allow them to house some of their prisoners

here if their jail gets too full."

In other business Monday, commissioners approved:

- A physician contract and hospital and pharmaceutical agreements with the county indigent health care office.
- Routine pipeline crossing and road maintenance matters.
- Budget amendments

and purchase requests.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

# TAXES

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of service to the county over three years.

Other major budget items include \$500,000 as the county's share of landfill costs and an increase of \$100,000 to

cover attorney fees in Child Protective Service cases.

The computer glitch did more than force officials to refigure the tax rate — it also forced a delay in the timetable for adopting both the rate and the new budget. A public hearing on the new rate, which was

supposed to be held Monday, has been delayed until Sept. 8 (a second public hearing is set for Sept. 17). Officials also will have to republish information regarding the new rate and budget information.

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ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

# COLLEGE

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tion and 4.0449 cents per \$100 valuation for debt service, up from 3.9727 cents per \$100 valuation.

Most of the increase in tax revenue will come from the hike in mineral values, Sparks said, with just a percentage impacting residential property owners. An owner with a home valued at \$100,000 will see an estimated \$14.71 decrease in their tax bill from the college district if their home value stayed relatively the same as last year.

With that knowledge in hand, Howard College trustees approved the 2015 Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf budgets Monday afternoon following the close of the hearing which drew no comment from general public.

Howard College, which includes monies for the Lamesa and San Angelo campuses, will work on a projected \$39.8 million budget in both restricted and unrestricted funds with a projected deficit of \$163,242. The SWCID budget stayed relatively flat from last year, \$4.8 million in restricted and unrestricted funds.

However for trustees, this is not the end

of the process where it concerns the tax rate. Sparks said this change means the district must start the approval process for the new tax rate over again, including publication of tax notices and holding another two public hearings. Those hearings are tentatively set for Sept. 2 and Sept 6 with final adoption of the tax rate for Sept. 15.

In other business, trustees:

- Heard certificated summer school enrollment figures were down across the district with the exception of SWCID. The district saw a drop of 337 students overall compared to last year's figures which totaled to a loss of 53,000 contact hours. The state uses contact hours in figuring funding for community colleges.
- Heard construction on the San Angelo campus is well into its final phase.
- Approved a resolution thanking the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau for the donation for Raku equipment to the college

and a resolution to the San Angelo Foundation for a \$100,000 donation for furniture and equipment at the San Angelo campus.

- Approved reappointing Lee, Reynolds & Welch as the district's accounting auditor.
- Approved changes to the catalog and handbook. Those changes include a \$30 increase to one of the Criminal Justice courses and changes to the athletic procedure manual.
- Approved a \$61,207.77 bid for digital whiteboards at the San Angelo campus using fund received through grants.

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**2014 Property Tax Rates in Howard County Junior College District**

This notice concerns the 2014 property tax rates for Howard County Junior College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$5,081,666
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,780,267
Last year's total taxes	\$6,861,933
Last year's tax base	\$3,368,018,239
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.203738/\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$6,848,272
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,023,251,151
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.170217/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$5,073,002
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,023,251,151
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.126092/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.136179/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.040449/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$0.176628/\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If Howard County Junior College District adopts a 2014 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.170217 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2013 taxes by \$9,999.

**Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$0

**Schedule B - 2014 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bond Series 2007	\$860,000	\$772,631	\$400	\$1,633,031
Total required for 2014 debt service			\$1,633,031	
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$0	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2014			\$1,633,031	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2014			\$0	
= Total Debt Levy			\$1,633,031	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 S. Main Street (County Annex Bldg.) Big Spring, Tx.

Name of person preparing this notice: Diane Carter TAC  
Title: Tax Assessor Collector  
Date Prepared: 08/25/2014

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ANSWERS

6	5	4	1	7	9	8	3	2
2	8	7	5	3	4	1	6	9
9	3	1	8	2	6	4	7	5
1	4	9	6	5	7	3	2	8
5	7	8	2	1	3	6	9	4
3	6	2	9	4	8	7	5	1
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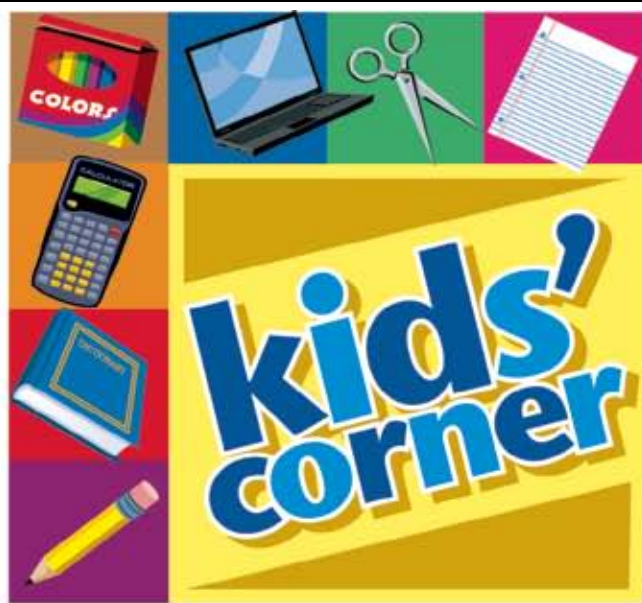
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- ITALIAN:** Chitarra
- FRENCH:** Guitare
- GERMAN:** Gitarre

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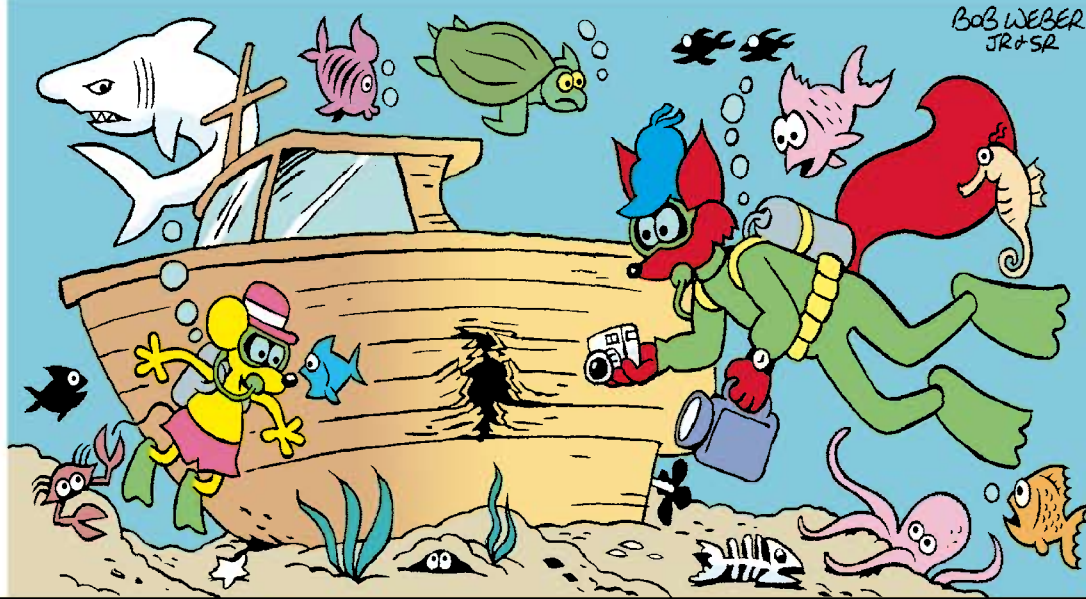
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DRUM SET

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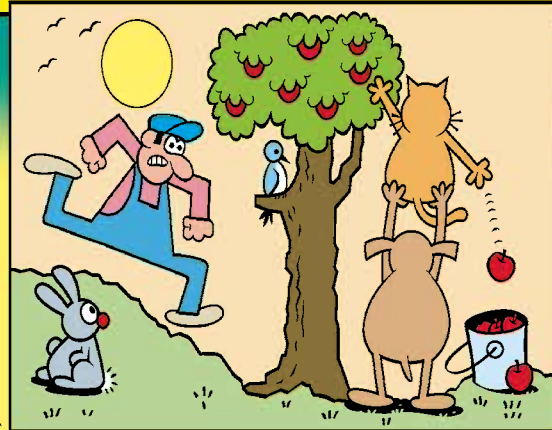
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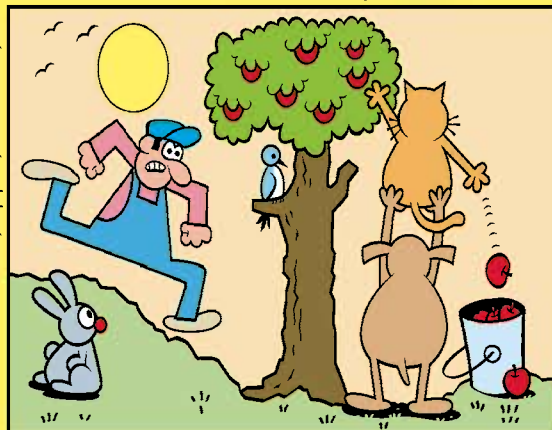


Solution -- The splintered wood around the hole points outward. The hole was made from inside the boat. Slylock concludes Shady Shrew intentionally sank the boat to collect insurance money.

## Spot six differences between these panels.



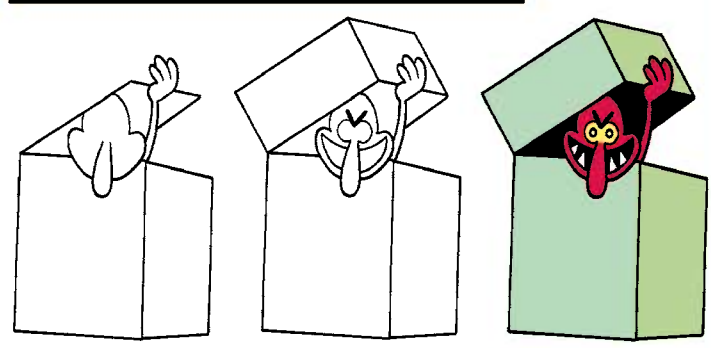
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- 2) PALPE
- 3) ALPENPEIP
- 4) REPGA

Answer -- 1) Peach 2) Apple 3) Pineapple 4) Grape



### Romo won't have much to build on for opener

IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo missed practice again Monday. It was hard to tell whether it was rest for his surgically repaired back or the first of a few days off, assuming the Dallas quarterback is finished for the preseason.

If Romo has taken his final exhibition snap, he and the Cowboys don't have much to build on for the Sept. 7 opener against San Francisco. He led two ragged quarters in a 25-20 loss to Miami and isn't

likely to play against Denver on Thursday night.

Here's all anyone needs to know about how the Dallas offense played in Romo's second game since surgery for a herniated disk last December. The Cowboys were pleased to see his back hold up through three sacks and another knockdown.

"The negative plays, the sacks, certainly were an issue for our offense," coach Jason Garrett said. "Some holding

penalties, some stuff that got us behind the chains, kept us out of rhythm. When you kind of pull back, you say, 'OK, there were some good things here.' There were some good individual performances."

The highlight for the first-team offense was a fourth-down conversion from Romo to Dez Bryant to set up the first Dallas field goal. The Cowboys were in position to go to halftime feeling a little better about things, but a pen-

alty and a sack forced them to settle for another field goal.

Now Romo figures to be watching the backups and the battles for final roster spots against the Broncos after getting 34 snaps in Miami. He had 41 snaps in his most extensive preseason action last year, when he was four months removed from surgery to remove a cyst from his back.

"I think each year is a little different," said Romo, who

was 10 of 18 for 84 yards. "If we would have probably scored in the first drive or two we might have been done at 28 or 30. It was good to kind of get in that mode and just kind of get out some of the road communication things that came up."

After the Miami game, owner Jerry Jones suggested the offensive line might need more work against the Broncos.

### Mikolas lifts Rangers by Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Miles Mikolas did the first time in his young career. He was more than happy to share the moment with rookie catcher Tomas Telis.

In his first Major League appearance, Telis guided Mikolas through eight scoreless innings of three-hit ball on Monday night, as the Texas Rangers opened a three-game set against the Seattle Mariners with a 2-0 win.

"It was great, especially knowing coming in that they're a hot team, being able to go out there and kind of ignore that fact, pitch my game and get us a win," Mikolas said. "Get the road trip off on the right foot."

Mikolas faced two batters over the minimum, erasing two of the three hits he allowed with double plays. The right-hander struck out five and walked one. It is the first time Mikolas has not allowed a run in 10 career starts.

While Mikolas was cruising, it was Telis who was orchestrating the masterpiece.

"Telis did a heck of a job back there behind the plate," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I mean, steady hands, caught every pitch the way it was thrown, didn't put anything out the zone. He did a tremendous job, he really did."

Neftali Feliz pitched the ninth for his seventh save in eight attempts.

Seattle starter Roenis Elias struggled with command, walking four, but was able to limit the Rangers to one run in five innings. The rookie stranded runners in scoring position in three innings before giving way to the bullpen after tossing 101 pitches.

"He was his own worst enemy tonight," Seattle skipper Lloyd McClendon said. "He battled all night with his stuff, his command. I'm not sure what's going on — can't quite put my finger on it, but we've got to get it straightened out."

Rougned Odor padded the lead with an RBI groundout in the seventh, scoring Leonys Martin from third.

The Rangers' best opportunity to break the game open came in the fourth, but Adam Rosales flew out to end the threat with the bases loaded. Texas left five men in scoring position.

In other news, General manager Jon Daniels said the Rangers plan to activate LHP Derek Holland from the disabled list after his start Thursday for Triple-A Round Rock.

### SWCID to open season tonight

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Lady Rattlers will kick off their 2014 volleyball season this evening against Western Texas College in the SWCID Activity Center.

The game, the first in SWCID volleyball program's history, will begin at 6 p.m.

There is no charge to attend the contest.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

### Getting ready ...

The Coahoma Bulldogs continued their preparations for Friday night's season-opening showdown with Forsan on Monday afternoon. The Bulldogs and Buffaloes are scheduled to play at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. Tickets for the game between the two Howard County rivals can be purchased at the Coahoma and Forsan schools and at the Big Spring ATC.

### Samardzija pitches A's to 8-2 win over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Samardzija was determined to get back on track Monday night after a couple of bad starts, so he was thrilled to see Josh Donaldson back in the Oakland lineup.

Samardzija pitched eight solid innings and Donaldson drove in three runs after sitting out Sunday with a knee injury to lead the Athletics over the Houston Astros 8-2.

"I told him there's no chance he's not starting the day I pitch. So I'll give him a massage on his knee if I have to, to get him in there," Samardzija said.

It didn't come to that, but

Donaldson acknowledged after the game he's still feeling pretty banged up.

"It's not something I think about too much," he said. "You learn how to play with stuff."

Samardzija (4-3) allowed six hits, two runs and tied a season high with 10 strikeouts to bounce back from a two-game skid in which he yielded 11 runs combined. The right-hander was 2-7 with the Cubs before getting traded in early July.

"I took that last one pretty personally and I wanted to come out and have a good one and get back into my groove and how I do things,"

Samardzija said.

Josh Reddick hit a two-run homer and Donaldson had three hits. Donaldson doubled twice for his first extra-base hits and RBIs in his last nine games.

Reddick's 10th home run sailed into the seats in right field to push Oakland's lead to 3-0 in the fourth.

Chris Carter hit an opposite-field, two-run homer in the eighth to pull the Astros within one, but the A's added five runs in the ninth to extend the lead to 8-2.

Houston manager Bo Porter was disappointed that his bullpen.

"Getting an opportunity

to come up in the ninth inning of a one-run game is completely different than coming up down by six," he said. "The whole object is to keep the game right there."

Scott Feldman (7-10) allowed seven hits and three runs in seven innings.

The Astros couldn't string anything together against Samardzija through the first seven innings. They didn't have more than one hit in an inning until the eighth, when Jose Altuve singled before Carter's homer.

Houston reliever Tony Sipp walked all four batters he faced in the ninth to push Oakland's lead to 4-2.

### Rangers' Choo to have season-ending elbow surgery

(AP) — Texas outfielder Shin-Soo Choo is scheduled for Choo to be removed a bone spur from his elbow and will miss the rest of the season.

Choo was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday, and the Rangers recalled outfielder Michael Choice from Triple-A Round Rock. Choice was expected to arrive in Seattle before Monday night's game against the

Mariners.

The operation is set for Sept. 15, but it could be moved up to Friday if Choo's illness subsides. He did not travel with the team to Seattle because of a virus that kept him out of Sunday's game against Kansas City, prompting the Mariners to put him on the DL.

"By the end of October, he would be 100 percent and have a completely

normal ... offseason," general manager Jon Daniels said.

The 32-year-old Choo struggled in his first season with Texas after signing a \$130 million, seven-year contract when he was a free agent last winter. He batted .242 with 13 home runs and 40 RBIs in 123 games.

He has also played through an ankle injury as well.



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### In action ...

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before my husband, he receives the inheritance. If my husband passes away before his mother, our children receive the inheritance. While this is fine, it hurts me that I am not mentioned at all. My husband has talked to his mother about this oversight, and she said this is the way she wants her will set up.

I have been a good wife, mother and daughter and don't understand why she would ignore me this way. I don't expect to inherit money, but a special token would be nice -- perhaps a piece of jewelry that she wore or a cherished keepsake. The point is knowing that she thought of me.

Are most wills set up this way? I feel like I'm not really a part of her family. -- *Very Blessed, But Hurt*

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**Dear Annie:** I have been married to a wonderful man for 30 years. We have a large, supportive, loving family on both sides. I love my mother-in-law dearly. We have always had a wonderful, close relationship.

Here's the problem. In Mom's will, it states that if she passes away

**Dear Blessed:** Most wills are set up to provide for children and grandchildren. Spouses of the children are sometimes included, but not always. There is often a worry that the child will someday divorce the spouse, and the family heirlooms would end up with someone who is no longer related. It's also possible that by limiting the beneficiaries to immediate blood relatives, Mom is preventing rivalries between spouses. Please try not to think of this as evidence that your mother-in-law doesn't care for you. We don't believe that is the case.

**Dear Annie:** Fifteen years ago, I helped my oldest daughter and son-in-law with a down payment on a house. So far, I haven't seen so much as a dollar in repayment from them.

My husband passed away six years ago, so I sure could use the money. Why are adult children so self-centered? I'm at a loss as to what I can do. Whatever I have left I'm leaving to the SPCA. -- *Hurt Mother*

**Dear Mother:** Did your daughter consider this a loan or a gift? She may not realize it was intended to be repaid. Have you asked her? Please tell your daughter you were happy to help her when you had the opportunity, but now that you need money, you would appreciate it if she would make an effort to repay the loan. Then set up a payment schedule that she can handle.

**Dear Annie:** I want to add a cautionary tale to the recommendation you gave

"Wedding Jitters" about a prenuptial agreement.

When my mother passed away, my father remarried in Florida. He and his second wife went to a local lawyer and had a prenuptial agreement drawn up to protect his extensive assets for his children and grandchildren should he predecease his second wife. When Dad died, the agreement allowed his second wife to remain in the house and live off of their joint assets.

When my stepmother died, however, we discovered that she had moved everything into her name before my father's death and consequently willed it to her family. My sister and I retained a lawyer in New York who aggressively pursued this through the prenuptial agreement and my father's will. But apparently, his prenup is not considered a binding contract in Florida and is essentially meaningless. We inherited nothing from my parents' life of scrimping and saving. It may have protected my father in the event of a divorce, but it did not protect his estate. -- *Sad but Wiser*

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

as it is with most dramas, it's a bit trumped up. The Virgo sun will flicker the house lights periodically just to remind us that the problems on life's stage are crafty illusions.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Avoid the cynics and the sort of people who can't or won't entertain illusions. They will only bring you down. Seek the supportive enthusiasts who dream.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Destiny will not encumber you with any kind of agenda today, so you are totally free to write the next chapter of your story. The only inevitable plot point is the one you decide is next.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have a critic today, and if you think of this person as a cosmic gift instead of a bane, you will be able to turn this analyst's best insights into solid gold. Of course, picking out the best insights (and ignoring the rest) will be key.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). We are all stardust -- and when you're with certain people, it feels as though the commonalities stop there. You'll have to reach to extend your compassion, but you'll feel good about yourself at the end of the day.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Mistakes will be made. Someone is trying -- maybe it's you -- and getting it wrong, learning, experimenting. Some of the greatest inventions yet have been mistakes. Without error there will be no victory.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a time to explore and a time to get down to business. Now, you need to do what you know and repeat the action until you get a desired result. This is what will bring you a profit.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If only you could tell your loved one the complete truth, and yet you sense that this person is not quite ready for it. Test the waters

with a softer, subtler message.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you see something beautiful, you want to share! You need to share! Today brings the perfect people to share with: people who appreciate your sensibility and will get a lot out of your contribution.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just when you think you're over seeking the approval of others, someone comes along to shake up your confidence and put your true grit to the test. Watch your self-talk, and you'll stay strong.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Frustrations are everywhere if you are open to them. Try to build up your personal energy to the point where you don't worry too much about all of it. Otherwise, the world will be too stressful today.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like an actor learning their lines, it is necessary to first learn the cues that come before them so you can listen up and be ready when it's your turn.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The other person may be right. But only the most superior of beings can admit to this. If you decide that the other person is correct and you should fix your behavior, consider yourself the cream of the crop.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 26). You don't allow yourself any slack, and because of this, you'll excel where the less disciplined fail. You'll come up with brilliant creative fixes at work. While you're brainstorming the next big thing, put some energy into your love life, too! Singles get proposed to. Singles and couples go on trips in October and November. Leo and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 14, 33, 29 and 43.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Whenever you talk about Cancer,

you mention domestic things, too, like cooking and decorating at home. Well, I'm a Cancer, and I don't do any of those things. I'm a terrible cook who eats mostly frozen dinners. I can't decorate, and if I had to throw a party at my house, I'd probably be so sick with fear that I'd wind up in the hospital. Why am I so lame at the things my sign is supposed to be great at?"

Your adamant resistance to all things domestic may be a sign of hidden proficiency. If a matter has a lot of energy around it, it can be expressed in a variety of ways. Joy Behar, the famed comedian and talk-show host of "The View," once confessed that before she decided to pursue comedy she would get sick to her stomach every time she drove past a comedy venue. Part of her realized that she had a powerful talent, but in those early days, she wasn't yet ready to dive in and accept her hugely successful destiny. I challenge you to dip your toe into this area of life to see whether you have a talent you've been holding back.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Melissa McCarthy started out as a standup comic before charming fans as Sookie St. James of "Gilmore Girls." Now this Virgo is an A-list Hollywood superstar. McCarthy was born when Mars was in entertaining Leo and has her natal moon in caring Cancer. Look out for her new film "St. Vincent" with comedy great Bill Murray.

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♣ K J 8 4 2  
**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 9 6  
♥ 5 3 2  
♦ K  
♣ 10 9 7 6 3  
**SOUTH**  
♦ K J 8 3  
♥ A Q 8 6 4  
♦ 10 8 7  
♣ A  
The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥  
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

and went up with the ace. He was afraid that the nine might be a singleton, in which case, if he finessed, East would take the king and return a diamond to set the slam.  
**South also felt certain** the diamond finesse couldn't win, since West was not the type of player who would lead from a king against a slam — especially since he couldn't be sure whether dummy or declarer had the ace.  
**South's judgment** was dramatically confirmed when the ace caught East's king. Declarer then led a trump and went up with the ace after East followed low. South was planning to play a second round of trumps next to prevent East from ruffing a diamond if West started with the K-x of trumps.  
**However,** South was again rewarded when the ace caught the king, and the outcome was that declarer — after playing two tricks and nabbing two singleton kings — was able to claim the rest of the tricks.  
**Filarski was very pleased** by his partner's performance — spearing two kings in a slam — but the opponents viewed the feat with some degree of suspicion. On the next deal, they held their cards much more closely to their respective chests.

**Dutch expert Herman Filarski** likes to tell the story of this deal, which occurred in a tournament in Holland many years ago. Filarski, North, opened one diamond, and he and his partner eventually reached six hearts, which was certainly a reasonable contract.  
**West led the nine of diamonds,** and South had to decide how to play the slam. After a brief huddle, he decided not to finesse the diamond

Tomorrow: Defense is a two-way street.  
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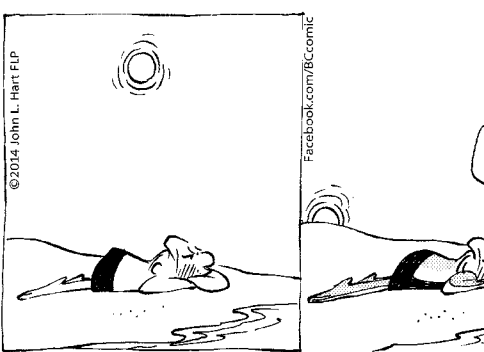
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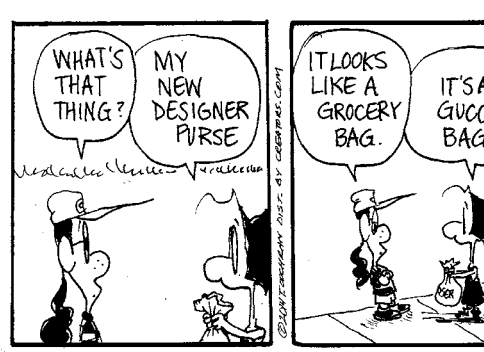
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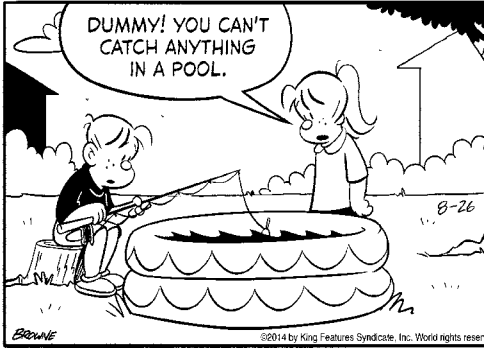
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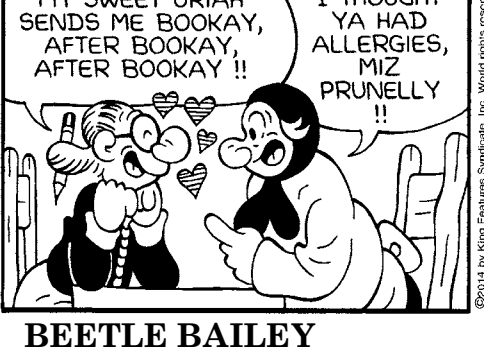
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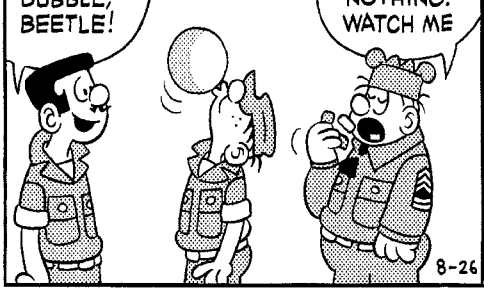
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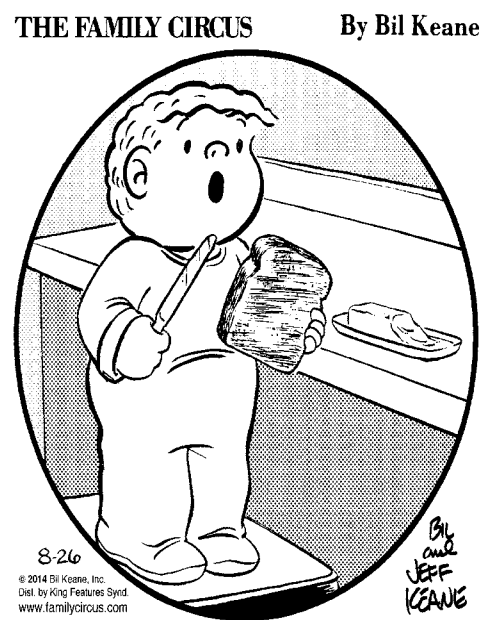
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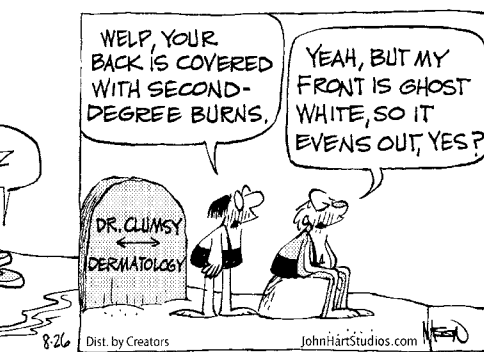


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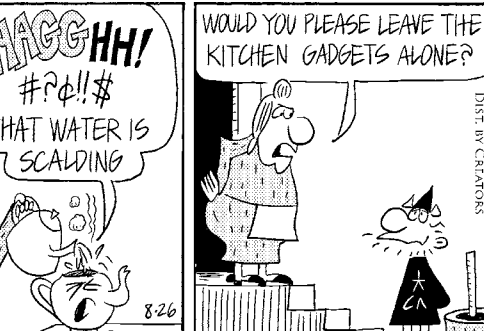


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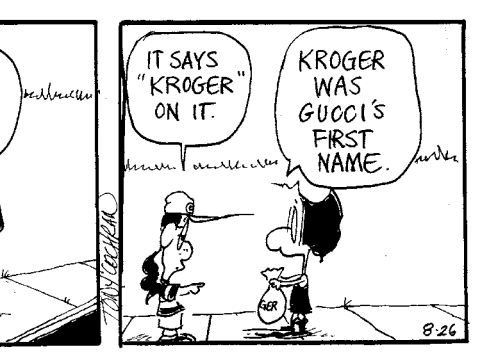
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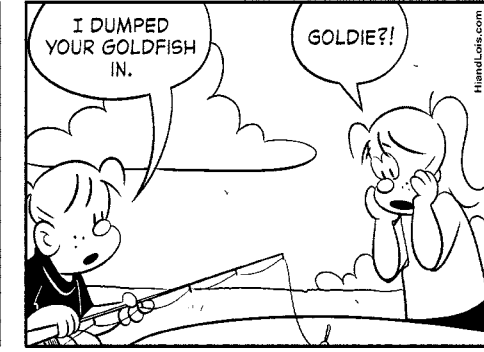
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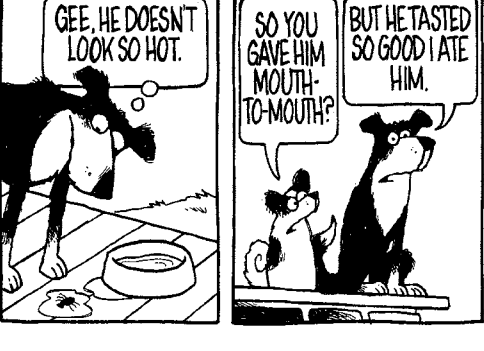
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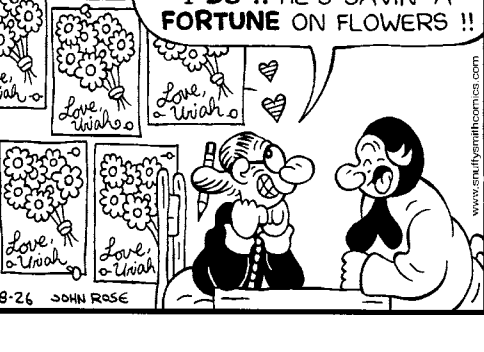
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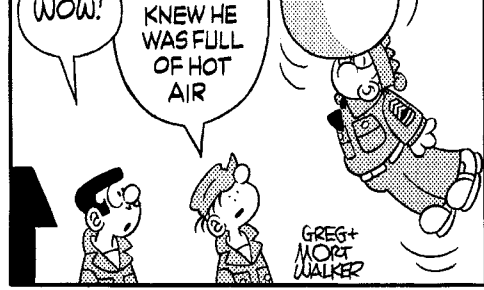
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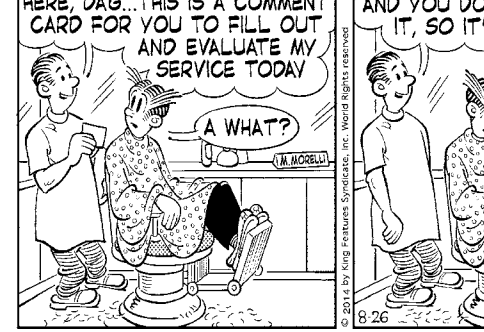
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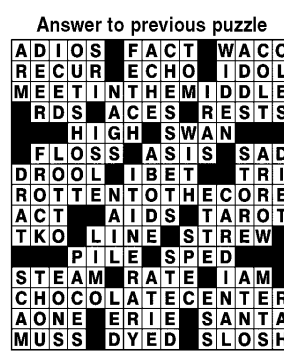
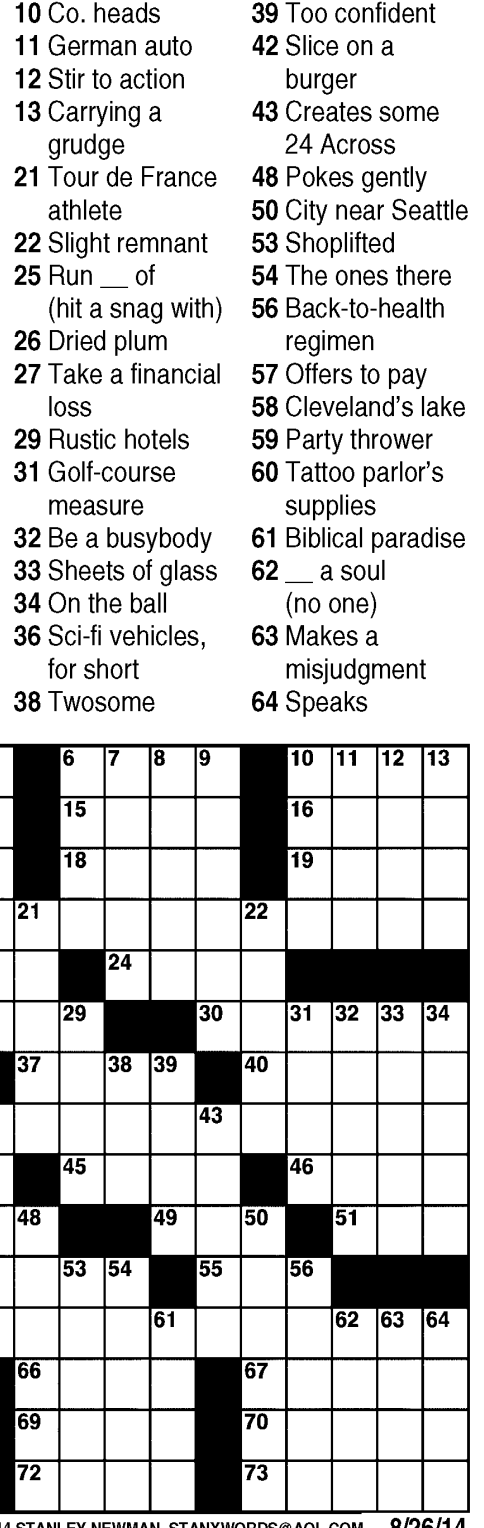
Today is Tuesday, August 26, the 238th day of 2014. There are 127 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On August 26, 1789, France's National Assembly adopted its Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen. In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day. In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby. In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS: a double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. (The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.) In 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

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Newsday Crossword

LOOK AROUND by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Untruthful ones
- 6 Pedestal bottom
- 10 Baseball hats
- 14 Circle the planet
- 15 Prepare for publication
- 16 Money in Madrid and Milan
- 17 Tire-pressure indicator
- 18 Actor Baldwin
- 19 Aroma
- 20 Look \_\_\_ (be optimistic)
- 23 Half of hex-
- 24 Stein filler
- 25 Chimp or gorilla
- 28 Glide down snow
- 30 Local pampering place
- 35 German spouse
- 37 Concludes
- 40 Artificial waterway
- 41 Look \_\_\_ (be selfish)
- 44 Workers' group
- 45 Tart-tasting
- 46 Busy person
- 47 Allows to enter \_\_\_-up-and-go (energy)
- 51 Clock setting in L.A.
- 52 Depose
- 55 Armed conflict
- 57 Look \_\_\_ (research thoroughly)
- 65 Barbell metal
- 66 Well-behaved
- 67 Scarlett of Gone With the Wind
- 68 Hockey-puck shape
- 69 Otherwise
- 70 Tie the knot
- 71 Movie backdrops
- 72 Caught a look at
- 73 Bottomless pit
- DOWN
- 1 Corporate symbol
- 2 Teheran's country
- 3 Border on
- 4 Morally correct
- 5 Drives a car
- 6 Beast seen by Goldilocks
- 7 Improvise one's lines
- 8 Prolonged attack
- 9 Engraved deeply
- 10 Co. heads
- 11 German auto
- 12 Stir to action
- 13 Carrying a grudge
- 21 Tour de France athlete
- 22 Slight remnant
- 25 Run \_\_\_ of (hit a snag with)
- 26 Dried plum
- 27 Take a financial loss
- 29 Rustic hotels
- 31 Golf-course measure
- 32 Be a busybody
- 33 Sheets of glass
- 34 On the ball
- 36 Sci-fi vehicles, for short
- 38 Twosome
- 39 Too confident
- 42 Slice on a burger
- 43 Creates some
- 24 Across
- 48 Pokes gently
- 50 City near Seattle
- 53 Shoplifted
- 54 The ones there
- 56 Back-to-health regimen
- 57 Offers to pay
- 58 Cleveland's lake
- 59 Party thrower
- 60 Tattoo parlor's supplies
- 61 Biblical paradise
- 62 \_\_\_ a soul (no one)
- 63 Makes a misjudgment
- 64 Speaks





# Scoreboard

**BASKETBALL**  
**WNBA**  
(x-if necessary)  
**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
(Best-of-3)  
Eastern Conference  
**Chicago 1, Atlanta 1**  
Friday, Aug. 22: Chicago 80, Atlanta 77  
Sunday, Aug. 24: Atlanta 92, Chicago 83  
Tuesday, Aug. 26: Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
**Indiana 2, Washington 0**  
Thursday Aug. 21: Indiana 78, Washington 73  
Saturday, Aug. 23: Indiana 81, Washington 76, OT  
**Western Conference**  
**Phoenix 2, Los Angeles 0**  
Friday, Aug. 22: Phoenix 75, Los Angeles 72  
Sunday, Aug. 24: Phoenix 93, Los Angeles 68  
**Minnesota 2, San Antonio 0**  
Thursday Aug. 21: Minnesota 88, San Antonio 84  
Saturday, Aug. 23: Minnesota 94, San Antonio 89

New York, 2.51; Lester, Oakland, 2.53; Lester, Oakland, 2.53; Richards, Los Angeles, 2.61.  
**STRIKEOUTS** — Price, Detroit, 221; Scherzer, Detroit, 209; Kluber, Cleveland, 205; F Hernandez, Seattle, 204; Darvish, Texas, 182; Lester, Oakland, 181; Sale, Chicago, 165.  
**SAVES** — Holland, Kansas City, 40; Rodney, Seattle, 38; DavRobertson, New York, 34; Perkins, Minnesota, 32; Nathan, Detroit, 27; Britton, Baltimore, 27; Uehara, Boston, 26.

Chicago 2 1 .667 60 81  
Detroit 2 1 .667 52 51  
Green Bay 2 1 .667 68 48  
**West**  
Seattle 2 1 .667 91 41  
Arizona 1 2 .333 73 49  
St. Louis 1 2 .333 64 61  
San Fran. 1 2 .333 24 64  
**Thursday, Aug. 28**  
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.  
Kansas City at Green Bay, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
St. Louis at Miami, 7 p.m.  
New England at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.  
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
San Francisco at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Baltimore at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at Tennessee, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Arizona at San Diego, 10 p.m.  
Seattle at Oakland, 10 p.m.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Waived WR Lazaar Thomas and RB Terrance Cobb. Waived/injured CB Deion Belue.  
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released WR Deon Anthony, DL Jairus Campbell, DT Jeremie Cudjo, WR Weston Dressler, G Otis Hudson, WR Jerrell Jackson, CB Brandon Jones, CB Vernon Kearney, S Jerron McMillian, TE Adam Schiltz and WR Darryl Surgent. Placed Sanders Cummings on injured reserve.  
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DT Cory Grissom and K Jake Rogers.  
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released S Brandon Bishop, OT Pierce Burton, CB Derek Cox, WR Andy Cruse, WR Kamar Jordan, WR Erik Lora, OT Kevin Murphy, DT Kheeston Randall, DE Tyler Scott, DE Jake Snyder, TE Kory Sperry, CB Robert Steeples and WR Ty Walker. Waived/injured S Mistral Raymond. Activated TE Chase Ford from the PUP list.  
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released LB James Anderson, DL Tommy Kelly, DL Will Smith and TE Justin Jones.  
NEW YORK JETS — Suspended CB Dimitri Patterson indefinitely after he left the team for 48 hours without contacting the organization.  
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Claimed DL Joe Kruger off waivers from Philadelphia. Released OT Nick Becton, RB Zach Boren, TE Jake Byrne, WR Breelan Chancellor, LB Adrian Hamilton, WR Micah Hatfield, G Darryl Johnson, TE Ryan Otten, DB Lowell Rose, P Chase Tenpenny and RB Kenwynn Williams.

**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
(Best-of-3)  
Eastern Conference  
Indiana vs. Chicago-Atlanta winner  
TBA  
**Western Conference**  
Phoenix vs. Minnesota  
Friday, Aug. 29: Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
Sunday, Aug. 31: Phoenix at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.  
x-Tuesday, Sept. 1: Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

**National League**  
**East Division**  
Washington 75 55 .577 —  
Atlanta 68 63 .519 7½  
Miami 65 65 .500 10  
New York 61 70 .466 14½  
Philadelphia 59 72 .450 16½  
**Central Division**  
Milwaukee 73 58 .557 —  
St. Louis 71 59 .546 1½  
Pittsburgh 67 64 .511 6  
Cincinnati 63 68 .481 10  
Chicago 58 72 .446 14½  
**West Division**  
Los Angeles 74 58 .561 —  
San Francisco 62 523 5  
San Diego 60 70 .462 13  
Arizona 55 76 .420 18½  
Colorado 53 77 .408 20

**Monday's Games**  
St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 2  
Philadelphia 3, Washington 2  
Miami 7, L.A. Angels 1  
Milwaukee 10, San Diego 1  
Colorado 3, San Francisco 2  
**Tuesday's Games**  
St. Louis (Lynn 14-8) at Pittsburgh (Cole 7-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-9) at Philadelphia (Hamels 7-6), 7:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (A.Wood 9-9) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 4-6), 7:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-11) at Cincinnati (Cueto 15-7), 7:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (R.Hernandez 7-9) at Arizona (Cahill 3-8), 9:40 p.m.  
Miami (Eovaldi 6-8) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 12-4), 10:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (J.Nelson 2-4) at San Diego (T.Ross 11-12), 10:10 p.m.  
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 13-8) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 14-9), 10:15 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS**  
**Major League Baseball**  
MLB — Suspended New York Yankees minor league RHP Andy Beresford (Charleston-SAL) and New York Yankees minor league 1B Leonard Thompson (GCL Yankees) 50 games apiece, after each tested positive for an amphetamine.  
**American League**  
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed SS Xander Bogaerts on the 7-day concussion disabled list, retroactive to Aug. 23. Selected the contract of INF Carlos Rivero from Pawtucket (IL).  
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed OF Shin-Soo Choo on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 24. Recalled OF Michael Choice from Round Rock (PCL). Purchased the contract of C Tomas Telis from Round Rock.  
**National League**  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Selected the contract of OF Jose Tabata from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned OF Gregory Polanco to Indianapolis. Reinstated INF Cliff Barmes from the 15-day DL. Designated INF Jayson Nix for assignment.

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**East Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Baltimore 74 55 .574 —  
New York 68 61 .527 6  
Toronto 66 65 .504 9  
Tampa Bay 64 67 .489 11  
Boston 57 74 .435 18  
**Central Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Kansas City 72 58 .554 —  
Detroit 70 59 .543 1½  
Cleveland 66 63 .512 5½  
Chicago 59 71 .454 13  
Minnesota 58 72 .446 14  
**West Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Los Angeles 77 53 .592 —  
Oakland 77 53 .592 —  
Seattle 71 59 .546 6  
Houston 55 77 .417 23  
Texas 51 79 .392 26

**Monday's Games**  
Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 1  
Boston 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings  
N.Y. Yankees 8, Kansas City 1  
Oakland 8, Houston 2  
Miami 7, L.A. Angels 1  
Texas 2, Seattle 0  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-6) at Baltimore (W.Chen 13-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Boston (R.De La Rosa 4-5) at Toronto (Dickey 10-12), 7:07 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 5-2) at Detroit (Porcello 14-8), 7:08 p.m.  
Cleveland (House 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-10), 8:10 p.m.  
Minnesota (Nolasco 5-9) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 8-11), 8:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Hammel 1-5) at Houston (Keuchel 10-9), 8:10 p.m.  
Miami (Eovaldi 6-8) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 12-4), 10:05 p.m.  
Texas (N.Martinez 3-9) at Seattle (Paxton 3-1), 10:10 p.m.

**Texas League**  
**North Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Arkansas 37 26 .587 —  
Springfield 29 33 .468 7½  
x-Tulsa 28 34 .452 8½  
NW Arkansas 27 36 .429 10  
**South Division**  
W L Pct GB  
x-Frisco 36 27 .571 —  
Midland 35 28 .556 1  
San Antonio 30 33 .476 6  
Corpus Christi 29 34 .460 7  
**Monday's Games**  
Midland 5, Frisco 1  
Corpus Christi 23, San Antonio 7  
Arkansas 12, Northwest Arkansas 1  
Tulsa 4, Springfield 3  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.  
Midland at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.  
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 8:10 p.m.  
Arkansas at Springfield, 8:10 p.m.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
NFL — Suspended Washington S Brandon Meriweather for the first two regular season games for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Baltimore WR Torrey Smith in a preseason game on Aug.23.  
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released LB Keenan Clayton, LB Jojo Dickson, C Tom Draheim, WR Reggie Dunn, K Jay Feely, LB Derrell Johnson, S Orhian Johnson, QB Ryan Lindley, WR Kevin Ozier, DT Justin Renfrow, CB Brandon Semons, OT Max Starks and RB Damien Thigpen.  
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Released S Omar Brown, WR LaQuan Williams, LB Austin Spitler, LB Nick DiMarco, OT David Mims, CB Deji Olatoye, CB Marrio Norman, RB Cierre Wood, P Richie Leone and WR Mike Willie. Waived/injured OT Brett Van Sloten and FB Shaun Chapas. Placed DE Kapron Lewis-Moore, G Will Rackley and DE Brent Urban on injured reserve.  
BUFFALO BILLS — Released S Derek Brim, QB Dennis Dixon, P Jake Dombrowski, WR Tori Gurley, S Jajuan Harley, K Dustin Hopkins, DT Damien Jacobs, C Macky MacPherson, WR Chris Summers, G J.J. 'Unga and RB Ronnie Wingo.  
CHICAGO BEARS — Terminated the contract of S Craig Steltz.  
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Terminated the contract of CB R.J. Stanford. Waived DT Larry Black, S Isaiah Lewis, K Quinn Sharp and WR Ryan Whalen.  
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived DB Royce Adams, RB Edwin Baker, OL Randall Harris, DB T.J. Heath, DL Cam Henderson, WR Jonathan Krause, OL Ryan Lee, LB Caleb McSurdy, OL Keavon Milton, LB Keith Pough, WR Tim Smith, OL Jeremiah Warren and TE Martell Webb. Terminated the contract of WR Anthony Armstrong. Claimed OL Karim Barton and OL Donald Hawkins off waivers from Philadelphia.  
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released DE Martez Wilson and FB J.C. Copeland.  
DETROIT LIONS — Released K Giorgio Tavecchio, CB Jonte Green, QB James Franklin, FB Chad Abram, P Drew Butler and CBAaron Hester. Placed S DeJon Gones on injured reserve.  
DENVER BRONCOS — Waived DT Cody Larsen. Placed WR Jordan Norwood on injured reserve.  
HOUSTON TEXANS — Released WRs Joe Adams and Alec Lemon, RB William Powell, G Sam Longo, NTs David Hunter and Austin Brown, LBs Terrance Lloyd and Lawrence Sidbury and CB Junior Mertile. Placed OT David Quessenberry on the reserve/non-football illness list and S Lonnie Ballentine on the reserve/injured list.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Waived CB Johnny Adams, CB Qua Cox, G Andre Cureton, G Marcus Hall, CB Kameron Jackson, WR Nu'Keese Richardson, LB Jonathon Sharpe, S David Sims, WR Eric Thomas, WR Tony Washington and FB Cameron White.

**American League Leaders**  
BATTING — Altuve, Houston, .333; VMartinez, Detroit, .328; Cano, Seattle, .326; Beltre, Texas, .325; Brantley, Cleveland, .311; McCabrera, Toronto, .310; McCabrera, Detroit, .308; JAbreu, Chicago, .308.  
RUNS — Dozier, Minnesota, 91; Trout, Los Angeles, 87; McCabrera, Detroit, 81; Kinsler, Detroit, 81; Donaldson, Oakland, 79; Brantley, Cleveland, 78; McCabrera, Toronto, 78.  
RBI — JAbreu, Chicago, 94; Ortiz, Boston, 93; Trout, Los Angeles, 91; McCabrera, Detroit, 89; NCruz, Baltimore, 87; Donaldson, Oakland, 87; Cespedes, Boston, 86.  
HITS — Altuve, Houston, 179; McCabrera, Toronto, 165; Cano, Seattle, 156; Kinsler, Detroit, 153; Markakis, Baltimore, 153; AJones, Baltimore, 152; Brantley, Cleveland, 150.  
DOUBLES — McCabrera, Detroit, 40; Plouffe, Minnesota, 37; McCabrera, Toronto, 34; Trout, Los Angeles, 34; Altuve, Houston, 33; EEscobar, Minnesota, 33; Kinsler, Detroit, 33.  
TRIPLES — Rios, Texas, 8; Bourn, Cleveland, 7; Eaton, Chicago, 7; Gardner, New York, 7; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 6; LMartin, Texas, 6; DaSantana, Minnesota, 6; Trout, Los Angeles, 6.  
HOME RUNS — NCruz, Baltimore, 34; JAbreu, Chicago, 33; Carter, Houston, 31; Ortiz, Boston, 30; Trout, Los Angeles, 29; Encarnacion, Toronto, 27; Donaldson, Oakland, 25; VMartinez, Detroit, 25.  
STOLEN BASES — Altuve, Houston, 47; Ellsbury, New York, 35; RDavis, Detroit, 31; JDyson, Kansas City, 29; AEscobar, Kansas City, 24; Andrus, Texas, 23; Reyes, Toronto, 23.  
PITCHING — Scherzer, Detroit, 15-4; Kazmir, Oakland, 14-6; Weaver, Los Angeles, 14-7; Porcello, Detroit, 14-8; PHughes, Minnesota, 14-8; 6 tied at 13.  
ERA — Sale, Chicago, 2.03; FHernandez, Seattle, 2.07; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.46; Tanaka,

**Canadian Football League**  
**East Division**  
W L Pts PF PA  
Toronto 3 6 6 223 249  
Hamilton 1 6 2 149 185  
Montreal 1 7 2 125 217  
Ottawa 1 7 2 126 231  
**West Division**  
W L Pts PF PA  
Edmonton 7 1 14 214 242  
Calgary 7 1 14 223 121  
Saskatchewan 6 2 12 193 151  
Winnipeg 6 3 12 230 217  
B.C. 5 4 10 212 182  
**Friday, Aug. 29**  
Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, Aug. 31**  
Winnipeg at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

**National Football League**  
**Preseason**  
**American Conference**  
**East**  
W L Pct PF PA  
Miami 2 1 .667 55 50  
New England 2 1 .667 78 65  
N.Y. Jets 2 1 .667 62 62  
Buffalo 1 3 .250 63 81  
**South**  
W L Pct PF PA  
Houston 2 1 .667 50 56  
Tennessee 2 1 .667 68 64  
Jacksonville 1 2 .333 47 43  
Indianapolis 0 3 .000 53 63  
**North**  
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open mind.  
“If you know my history, I do believe in second chances. To me, nobody should have a death sentence. If you should, you’re probably in jail,” Smith said.  
“From there, what does it hurt to talk to someone? For me, as we go forward, I’m not holier than thou. I’m going to give everybody the benefit of the doubt until I have information that tells me otherwise,” the coach added. “That’s where we are right now.”  
The Buccaneers overhauled their offensive line after last season, beginning with the release of two-time Pro Bowl guard Davin Joseph.  
Plans for the restructured unit suffered a setback on the opening day of training camp when general manager Jason Licht announced the team was parting ways with guard Carl Nicks, who missed most of last season with a MRSA infection.

# Buccaneers bringing in Incognito for a visit

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are trying to determine if Richie Incognito is a good fit for their struggling offensive line.  
Coach Lovie Smith confirmed Monday he was going to meet with one of the central figures of the bullying scandal that engulfed the Miami Dolphins last season, but also cautioned the “visit” might not necessarily end with the free agent guard resuming his career with the Bucs.  
An NFL investigation determined Incognito and two other Dolphins offensive linemen engaged in persistent harassment of Jonathan Martin, who left the team in the middle of last season. Incognito was suspended and missed the final eight games before becoming a free agent.  
Smith said it would “jumping the gun” to assume the Bucs will sign Incognito but that he would enter the meeting late Monday with an

HOUSTON (AP) — Receivers Joe Adams and Alec Lemon are among nine players released by the Houston Texans.  
The Texans also placed offensive tackle David Quessenberry on the reserve/non-football illness list Monday as he battles lymphoma.  
Houston also waived running back William Powell, guard Sam Longo, nose tackles David Hunter and Austin Brown, outside linebackers Terrance Lloyd and Lawrence Sidbury and cornerback Junior Mertile.  
The Texans also placed rookie safety Lonnie Ballentine on the reserve/injured list.

# Texans release nine players

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE**  
The Howard County Junior College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 3.76 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Tax Code, Chapter 26). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.  
The first public hearing will be held on September 2, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720.  
The second public hearing will be held on September 5, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. at Howard College, in the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720.  
The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:  
**FOR: Dr. John Freeman, Maxwell Barr, Adrian Calvio, Marie Ethridge, Murray Murphy, Dr. Charles Warren**  
**AGAINST: none**  
**PRESENT and not voting: none**  
**ABSENT: Michael Flores**  
The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District last year was \$47,358. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.203738 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$96.49.  
The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Howard County Junior College District this year is \$51,244. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.170217 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$87.23.  
If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.176620 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$90.51.  
Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.  
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# - 2014 Big 12 Preseason Football Preview -

## Baylor Bears

Once the league's perennial last-place team, Baylor has four consecutive winning seasons for the first since 1985-88, with four consecutive bowls after 16 seasons in a row without a post-game game.

Quarterback Bryce Petty, now a legitimate Heisman candidate, and a talented group of receivers led by Antwan Goodley (1,339 yards receiving with Big 12-high 13 TDs) are back on an offense that led the nation with 619 total yards and an NCAA-record 52.4 points per game last season.

Petty threw for Big 12-leading 4,200 yards with 32 touchdowns and only three interceptions. He also led the league with 14 rushing TDs.

## Iowa St. Cyclones

Even Iowa State knows that it probably won't win the Big 12 this year.

The Cyclones just want to win a bowl game.

Iowa State went to three bowls in its first four years under coach Paul Rhoads. But the Cyclones fell apart last season, losing seven straight Big 12 games and finishing 3-9 — by far their worst mark for Rhoads.

Iowa State has predictably been picked to finish ninth in the 10-team league, ahead of only Kansas. But Rhoads has set the bar at a post-season victory.

There are some reasons to believe that the Cyclones can be better than most people think.

"They've brought in Mark Mangino, one of the brightest offensive minds in Big 12 history,

to revamp an attack that was held to 21 points or less six times last season. The former Kansas coach and Oklahoma offensive coordinator will have the luxury of using a returning starter at every spot if he chooses.

## Kansas Jayhawks

Kansas coach Charlie Weis settled into a seat behind a small table, pored over the sheet of paper in front of him — the tentative two-deep heading into fall camp — and offered quite possibly the most accurate assessment of his program.

"When we hand out a roster," Weis said, "this is the best we feel by a wide margin about the talent we have here. But that being said, we've done very little to back that up, me included."

Weis is entering the third year of his five-year contract with the Jayhawks.

Weis made a bold move in the spring of naming Montell Cozart his starting quarterback, rather than let the competition carry over into the fall.

## Kansas St. Wildcats

The cliché runs off the tongue of quarterback Jake Waters, one that is used in everyday life by millions of people but perhaps most accurately reflects that situation at Kansas State.

"What a difference a year makes," he said.

Indeed, a year ago Waters was the junior college transfer in a heated battle with Daniel Sam to win the starting job. The Wildcats were replacing nine starters on defense.

And after a loss to lower-division North Dakota

State in their opener, expectations were hitting a nadir.

Now, a full 12 months later, Waters is firmly entrenched as the starter with Sams having transferred to McNeese State. The defense returns a bevy of talent led by All-Big 12 defensive end Ryan Mueller. And after winning six of their final seven games, including a blowout of Michigan in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, expectations are once again soaring.

## Okla. St. Cowboys

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy is about to find out how far his program has come.

When Gundy took over in 2005, little was expected of the Cowboys, especially during rebuilding years. Now, the Cowboys are still considered dangerous by many experts, despite returning just six starters on offense and four on defense from a team that went 10-3 and lost in the Cotton Bowl.

Some of that optimism comes from Oklahoma State's 59 wins since the start of the 2008 season — eighth most in the nation.

Oklahoma State should again be dangerous on offense. J.W. Walsh is the likely starting quarterback after starting five games last season and passing for 1,333 yards and nine touchdowns last season. Running back Desmond Roland returns after scoring 16 touchdowns from scrimmage last season.

## Oklahoma Sooners

The Oklahoma Sooners are boldly talking about playing for a national title.

"It's where you want to be," quarterback Trevor Knight said.

There's plenty of reason for confidence. The Sooners capped off a strong finish to last season with a win over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl that energized the rabid fan base. Oklahoma now must back up the excitement it has generated, starting Aug. 30 at home against Louisiana Tech.

Tight end Blake Bell said the Sooners have put in the time to be great.

"This year seems like it could be a special year," he said.

The Sooners could be tested Sept. 13 at home against Tennessee, but play most of their toughest Big 12 games at home.

## TCU Horned Frogs

After four conference losses by three points or less last year, including three losses the final month by a combined eight points to cap a 4-8 season, Gary Patterson knew it was time for "truly a change of philosophy." He hired co-coordinators Doug Meacham from Houston and Sonny Cumbie from Texas Tech to give TCU its own version of a fast-paced spread offense.

While the Frogs have put up big offensive numbers in the past, and scored at least 27 points seven times last season, the changes come heading into their third Big 12 season after a dominating run in the Mountain West.

## Texas Longhorns

New Texas coach Charlie Strong wasted no time delivering fans a

bit of the honesty he demands from his players.

Way back in April, on the first stop of a statewide introductory tour, Strong told Longhorns fans Texas "will not be in the national championship game."

Wait. What? Talk about a culture change. Strong promised one and he plans to deliver.

Until Texas sheds its entitlement image — even after four years of mediocre football — it can't expect to play for any kind of trophies.

Few outside of Texas would presume the Longhorns could even argue their way into the Top 25 after four years without a Big 12 title and a paltry 18-17 record in league play. Those results ended the 16-year tenure of Mack Brown and when Strong was hired from Louisville, he promised a return to championship form the first day he was on campus.

## Texas Tech Red Raiders

Coach Kliff Kingsbury and his quarterback are in similar territory entering their second seasons at Texas Tech.

Both say they've have put last year behind them, especially after the Red Raiders (8-5) had five straight losses to close the regular season and finished near the

bottom in penalties and turnovers.

Progress is needed in several areas and mistakes lessened, Kingsbury said.

"That's going to happen with young quarterbacks," he said. "If we improve upon that, then things will be looking up."

For the first time in years Texas Tech's starting quarterback is already set. Davis Webb will be the one taking snaps for the Red Raiders after competing with Baker Mayfield, last season's Big 12 freshman offensive player of the year. Mayfield transferred to Oklahoma.

## WVU Mountaineers

Coach Dana Holgorsen needs no reminder about the lack of success he's seen on the field since ushering in West Virginia's move to the Big 12.

Hired to make the Mountaineers a national fixture, Holgorsen brought immediate success with a Big East title and resounding Orange Bowl win over Clemson in the 2011 season. But the last two years mostly have been a disappointment and Holgorsen is hoping some changes to his defensive staff can help bring immediate results.

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