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A Big Spring firefighter sprays water on the remnants of a grass fire that erupted near the

intersection of Bell and West 16th streets Wednesday afternoon. No injuries or property damage was reported.

SMMC: Leave kids at home

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

tal.

Citing health concerns during flu season, Scenic Mountain Medical Center officials are asking children under 12 not visit the hospi-

The request is part of the hospital's precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses such

as the flu to pa-

tients and others.

Kim Howell, community director at the hospital, said the facility appreciates the supporting role visitors play in a patient's recovery. With an increase in seasonal flu, how-

Roever

ever, it would be best if families leave children at home, she added.

"We're not going to have the visiting police out there," Howell said. "Are we going to have armed guards posted at the elevators? No. But this is not the best time to be bringing the kids to the hospital."

This action is designed to help both children and patients, Chief Nursing Officer Judy Roever said.

"Children are usually more active and generally have lower immunity, and they can potentially spread or catch infections," Roever said. "Limiting visits by young children is a measure

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Friday is Angel Tree signup deadline

What: Angel Tree signups.

Where: Big Spring Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St...

When: Before 3 p.m. today or Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring: A picture ID for all adults in the household, social security cards for all members of the household and birth certificates for children 12 and under, and proof of income.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the local Salvation Army say the number of applications for the annual Angel Tree program are down considerably this year, as the charity gets ready to wrap-up the process Friday afternoon.

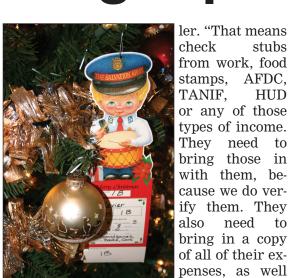
"We've had about 155 applications this year," said Paula Lafler, a social worker with the local Salvation Army. "We had more than 300 last year, so we're looking at about half of that. We're not sure why it's dropped so much this year. The process isn't any more stringent than it was last year."

The application process is

simple, according to Lafler, and for some area children it could be the difference between waking up with gifts under the tree Christmas morning and waking up to nothing.

"They need to come in and bring a picture ID for all of the adults, social

security cards for all of the household members living there, birth certificates for children 12 and under and proof of income," said Laf-



as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothes sizes and shoe sizes.

need

"The picture ID has to be a state-issued ID, not the kind you can get at certain convenience stores. Also, they need to be sure to bring either the social security card itself, or a print out from the Social Security Office. It has to appear on something official, even DHS (Department of Health

Services) records." Lafler said one new addition to the application process this year is a requirement for birth certificates for the chil-

"That's really the only change from last year's application process," she said. "However, the parents that have been coming in don't seem to have any problems

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Big Spring State Hospital employee Sandy Griffin tries to convince attendees of Wednesday's Big Spring State Hospital Employee Health Fair that the vegetable smoothie tastes just as good as the fruit smoothie. Fresh smoothies were offered to more than 144 employees who visited the health fair. The yearly event is presented by the Workforce and Cultural Diversity Committee and encourages healthy eating and exercise habits for hospital employees. More than 30 flu shots were given during the fair.

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Steers wary of overlooking Plainview

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Call it The Miracle at Plainview. That's what it took for the Big Spring

Steers to come away with a 25-21 victory over Plainview last season.

No. 7 Big Spring (6-0, 1-0) is hoping this year's version of the District 4-4A lacks for that type of drama when it hosts the Bulldogs (2-4, 0-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium.

Big Spring was down 21-19 in the fourth quarter with less than six minutes to play in the game last season. Plainview's offense was utilizing a power running game, marching down the field and using as much time from the game clock as possible.

As the time of possession for the drive approached the six minute mark, Plainview was faced with a fourth and 13 on the Big Spring 19.

Bulldogs quarterback Enrique Martinez rolled out to his left looking for a receiver. Three Steers converged on Martinez and Rance Terry, who

was a senior on last year's squad, hit the quarterback's arm as he pulled back to throw, forcing the ball to fly awkwardly into the air. The ball landed in Terry's arms and he returned it 69 yards for what turned out to be the winning touchdown with 5:13 left in the game.

"They're going to be motivated by the fact we stole a win from them last year," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "That game has factored in a lot for our guys in preparation for this week as well. I felt like Plainview played really well that night. They ran the ball right down our throats and did a nice job on us defensively. They were ready for us and I feel like that will be the same case this

Plainview has had mixed results so far this season. At times the Bulldogs have been impressive, like when they pulled off a dominant 31-13 win over Pampa two weeks ago.

However, for the most part, the Bulldogs have struggled to find what works for them on offense, keeping points at a premium. Last week, Plainview lost its District 4-4A opener to San Angelo Lake View 28-15.

"Plainview is really an unknown for us. We had a couple scouts watch them play Pampa and felt they played well.

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Plainview at **Big Spring**



Where: Memorial Stadium Game-time weather: Clear, 66°F

Radio: KBEST 95.7, KBST AM 1490,

www.kbst.com, KBYG AM 1400.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Steers quarterback Tyler Tannehill (10) passes while getting some protection from left tackle Tanner Henry during a non-district football game against Snyder Aug. 28 at Memorial Stadium. The Steers host Plainview at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma **Bulldogs** wide receiver Lupe Abrego (22) takes on a Tahoka tackler as he fights for more yardage during a nondistrict football game at Bulldog Stadium Sept. 18. Teammate Hunter Williams (88) trails the play. The **Bulldogs travel to face** the Ballinger Bearcats at 7:30 p.m. Friday in their second District 7-2A contest of the season.



Coahoma battles nemesis Ballinger

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — To say the Ballinger Bearcats have simply Coahoma Bulldogs number on the gridiron might be an understate-

The Bearcats (2-4, 0-1) and Bulldogs (3-3, 0-1)

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Coahoma at **Ballinger**



When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: Bearcat Stadium in Ballinger

Game-time weather: Clear, 65°F

Forsan searching for first district victory

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

FORSAN — If the Forsan Buffaloes accomplished anything with their 14-7 overtime loss to Stanton last week, it was notifying the rest of District 2-1A they are not willing to be the league's doormat.

The Buffs (2-4, 0-1) are still searching for their

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Forsan at Sundown



When: 7:30 p.m. Friday Where: Slaughter Field in Sundown Game-time weather: Clear, 64°F



Courtesy photo/Bob Forsan **Buffaloes** back Ty running **Johnson** avoids Stanton's Joe Cazares, who was blocked by Forsan's Patrick Robles in a District 2-1A football game Friday night at Buffalo Stadium in Forsan. Stanton won 14-7 in overtime. Forsan attempts to pick up its first district win of the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday when it travels to face the Sundown Roughnecks.

CROSSROADS SCOREBOARD WEEK 7

Plainview (2-4, 0-1)at **Big Spring** (6-0, 1-0)

Coahoma (3-3, 0-1)at Ballinger (2-4, 0-1)

Forsan (2-4, 0-1)at Sundown (3-3, 0-1)

Seagraves (5-1, 1-0)at Stanton

(3-3, 1-0)

O'Donnell (3-3, 1-0)at Grady (4-2, 1-0)

Sands (6-0)at Westbrook (1-6, 0-1)

Lubbock CTK (5-2)at **Garden City** (5-1, 1-0)

Obituaries

Billie Sue Teague Sutton

Billie Sue Teague Sutton, a daughter of pioneer Lea Countian R.M. (Mort) and Ameil Florene Patterson Teague, quietly and peacefully changed her address from Kingwood, Texas, to Heaven on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. Sue was born in Knowles,



N.M., Feb. 16, 1916. Sue's greatest loves were her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, her family, playing 42 with friends, and gardening. During her career days, she was a top real estate agent in Odessa. We will miss her sense of humor, quick wit and exemplary role model as a Christian

Sue was survived by her daughter, Bobbie Jones and husband Wayne

of Wenatchee, Wash.; her daughter, Brenda Bailey and husband Gary of Kingwood; her daughter-inlaw, Debbie Wilson of Big Spring; grandson, Gene Hodge and wife Donna of Odessa; grandson Glen Hodge and wife Sue of Wylie; granddaughter Cindy Hales Hamm and husband Jim of Seattle, Wash; grandson, Billy Wilson and wife Marie of Big Spring; granddaughter, Paula Wilson Coleman of Houston; granddaughter, Michelle Wilson Salazar and husband Tony of Big Spring; and grandson, Chris Loudermilk and wife Angela of Kingwood. Sue also had numerous great grandchildren and even two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Bill Wilson Jr.; daughter, Cathy Santana; and her first grandson, Gary Hodge.

Sue also has many siblings surviving her: Oneida and husband Dairrel Hall of Hobbs, N.M.; Nelson and wife Jenny Teague of Clarksville, Ark.; Doug and wife Doris Teague of Nederland; Denzell and wife Elizabeth Teague of Hurley, N.M.; and Weldon (Lad) Teague of Hobbs, N.M. Predeceased siblings are Estelle Walls of Lovington, N.M.; Virgie Gordon of Huntsville, Ark.; RD Teague of Hobbs, N.M.; and Quida Phillips of Ventura, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Church of God, 611 E. Dunnam St., Hobbs, with Sue's brother, Denzell Teague serving, with love, as the officiator. A viewing will be held Friday, 10/16, at 6 p.m. at Griffin Funeral Home, 401 N. Dalmont St., Hobbs.

Paid obituary

Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish from from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the post, 3205 W. Highway 80. Everyone is welcome. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$10 each. Carryouts will be available.
- Home Hospice would like to welcome anyone who would like to give a few hours of their time a month volunteering with patients or doing office work. There are many areas you can volunteer in. We train you at your convenience. Please call Sherry Hodnett, volunteer coordinator, at (432) 264-
- Robert Diaz is a lifelong Big Spring citizen and longtime city of Big Spring employee. Robert and Yvonne have four children and are raising four of their grandchildren. Robert has been on dialysis for about two years and is in need of a kidney transplant. Roberts's wife, Yvonne is a match and they have been able to start the process due to the kindness and generosity of friends, family and Big Spring citizens. They are still in need due to all the fees that they will incur from the transplant. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do that at Citizens Credit Union, account 932728. All donations are appreciated.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Linda. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh Road. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of N.
- Gregg Street. Service refused.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of Bell.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7

- NATASHA MORRIS, 23, of 1305 State, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- TOMMY GUTIERREZ, 38, of 2306 Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on two warrants from another agency.
- OSCAR MADRID, 28, of 1511 Princeton, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants and two warrants from another agency.
- WILLIAM LOCKE, 34, of 3208 Auburn, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. • BOBBY CUNNINGHAM, 39, of Cedar Park, was
- arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest or deten-
- DARYL NEWBERN, 49, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- ALMUS HILL, 66, of 200 N.W. Second St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxica-
- ISABEL LOMAS, 53, of 806 N. Goliad, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication. • RAFAEL LOPEZ, 65, of 508.5 Father Delaney,
- was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication. • FRANK HERNANDEZ, 39, of 311 Aylesford, was
- arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSHUA YBARRA, 19, of 1304 Madison, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 900 block of Willia.
- in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- in the 100 block of Ninth Street.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 1200 block of Harding. CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1100
- block of Lamesa. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of Settles.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
- in the 3200 block of 11th Street.
- in the 1000 block of Stadium.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 91 inmates at the time of this report.

- BOBBY CUNNINGHAM, 39, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance – more than 4 grams, less than 200 grams and evading arrest or
- TOMMY ANDREW GONZALES, 38, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of open container and violation of a promise to appear.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and criminal nonsupport.
- ALMUS HILL, 66, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- WILLIAM RYAN LOCKE, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ISABEL LOMAS, 53, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAFAEL LOPEZ, 65, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- OSCAR MANUEL MADRID, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a probation revocation for possession of a controlled substance and failure to appear charges for expired motor vehicle inspection, defective turn signal, displaying a suspended driver's license and violation of a promise to appear.
- BRENTLEE MARIN, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of credit card abuse.
- ANGELA AMY MAULDIN, 40, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on failure to appear charges for permitting unlicensed person to drive, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and speeding.
- DARYL RAY NEWBERN, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and public intoxication.
- DAVID ORTIZ, 40, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. • JOSHUA GUADALUPE YBARRA, 19, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts).

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Today's Weather

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73/49 Sunshine. High 73F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.	74/47 Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	73/50 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	77/57 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	82/61 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.
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Austin	75	55	mst sunny	Longview	71	50	sunny
Beaumont	76	56	mst sunny	Lubbock	70	46	mst sunny
Brownsville	86	69	rain	Lufkin	76	53	mst sunn
Brownwood	74	52	sunny	Midland	74	51	mst sunn
Corpus Christi	79	65	rain	Raymondville	86	67	rain
Corsicana	72	52	sunny	Rosenberg	78	57	pt sunny
Dallas	72	53	sunny	San Antonio	79	58	pt sunny
Del Rio	81	60	pt sunny	San Marcos	77	55	mst sunny
El Paso	84	57	sunny	Sulphur Springs	72	50	sunny
Fort Stockton	77	52	sunny	Sweetwater	71	50	mst sunny
Gainesville	71	50	mst sunny	Tyler	71	49	sunny
Greenville	71	50	sunny	Weatherford	71	51	sunny
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Here are the winning numbers from Wednesday's Cash 5 drawing: 4, 7, 14, 22, 31.

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This week's games

Plainview at Big Spring Coahoma at Ballinger Forsan at Sundown **Seagraves at Stanton** Sands at Westbrook O'Donnell at Grady **Lubbock CTK at Garden City** Abilene Wylie at Snyder **Andrews at Monahans** Jim Ned at Colorado City Grandfalls-Royalty at Borden Co. Oklahoma vs. Texas **Texas Tech at Nebraska Baylor at Iowa State Texas A&M at Kansas State** Colorado State at TCU Cincinnati at South Florida **USC** at Notre Dame Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech **Texans at Bengals Giants at Saints Ravens at Vikings** Cardinals at Seahawks **Bears at Falcons Broncos at Chargers**

Last week To date



Jonathan Hull

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FORSAN

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first district win of the season and their quest takes them 200 miles north to face the Sundown Roughnecks at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Roughnecks had become of the powers of West Texas football at the Class A level over the past few years, but have experienced a drop off this season, posting a 3-3 overall record and dropping their district opener to undefeated Plains 31-19 last week.

For Forsan, it's been a matter of getting healthy, which the Buffs can finally say they are. One of the biggest pieces Forsan got back at 100 percent last week after coming off a bye was sophomore tailback Ty Johnson, who had a 79-yard touchdown for the Buffs' only score of the game Friday. Johnson finished the game with 130 yards on 23 carries.

"We had most of our players back healthy this week. The only one we had sitting out was Chris Mims, but it's still the healthiest we've been this season," said Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips. "Getting Ty back is huge. He's going to be the fastest player on the field for the rest of the

season. We're going to face some teams with some speed, but no one has his kind of speed. The big thing is to get him back into football shape. He's still a bit rusty, but he's a major weapon for

Seagraves.

Even with Johnson back at tailback, the Buffs continue to rely on their defense to win or lose games.

District 2-1A

football standings

Team	Dist.	Overall
Plains	1-0	6-0
Seagraves	1-0	5-1
Stanton	1-0	3-3
Sundown	0-1	3-3
Forsan	0-1	2-4
Tahoka	0-1	0-6
Friday's sc	hedule: Stant	on at Forsa
Plains at	Sundown:	Tahoka

"Fulton is a dynamic player who is their best runner and can hurt you with his arm, too," noted Phillips. "We were focused on stopping him and did so. I was very proud of the defensive effort we put forth."

The Buffs picked off four of his pass-

Forsan's defensive focus against

Sundown will remain on a signal caller as the Roughnecks are led by quarterback Jason Durham. Durham had 113 yards on 17 carries against Plains and completed 7-of-15 passes Durham is complimented by run-

ning back Hunter Berry, who had 86 yards and two TDs on 10 carries last

The next step for Forsan in Phillips' mind is simply execution as he feels this young Buffs squad has finally turned the corner on cleaning up many of its mental mistakes.

"Some of the mistakes we made against McCamey and Iraan were taken care of. We really cut down on our mistakes. Our biggest issue (last week) was our execution," explained Phillips. "We would block most of our assignments, but leave one unblocked and he's the one making the tackle. Sometimes our back cut into the wrong lane. It was just stuff like that. If we could have done a few more things here and there, then we could have easily scored 28 points."

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AP sources: al-Qaida's Afghan head contacted Zazia

NEW YORK (AP) — The airport shuttle driver accused of plotting a bombing in New York had contacts with al-Qaida that went nearly all the way to the top, to an Osama bin Laden confidant believed to be the terrorist group's leader in Afghanistan, U.S. intelligence officials told The Associated Press.

Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, an Egyptian reputed to be one of the founders of the terrorist network, used a middleman to contact Afghan immigrant Najibullah Zazi as the 24-year-old man hatched a plot to use homemade backpack bombs, perhaps on the city's mass transit system, the two intelligence officials said.

Intelligence officials declined to discuss the nature of the contact or whether al-Yazid contacted Zazi to offer simple encouragement or help with the bombing plot prosecutors say Zazi was pursuing.

Al-Yazid's contact with Zazi indicates that al-Qaida leadership took an intense interest in what U.S. officials have called one of the most serious terrorism threats crafted on U.S. soil since the 9/11 attacks.

"Zazi working with the al-Qaida core is exceptionally alarming," said Daniel Bynam of the Brookings Institution's Saban Center. "The al-Qaida core is capable of far more effective terrorist attacks than jihadist terrorists acting on their own, and coordination with the core also enables bin Laden to choose the timing to maximize the benefit to his organiza-

U.S. intelligence officials said earlier that Zazi had contact with an unnamed senior alQaida operative. That distinguish helped Zazi from other wouldbe terrorists who have acted on their own in planning or attempting U.S. attacks.

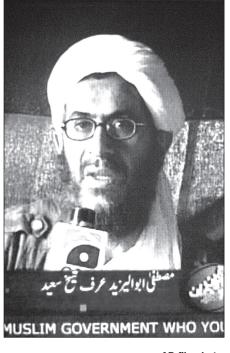
The officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the case remains under investigation, declined to describe al-Yazid's specific interaction with Zazi, who has pleaded not guilty to conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction. But one senior U.S. intelligence official said the contact between Zazi and the senior al-Qaida leader occurred through an intermediary. Just weeks before

U.S. intelligence officials identified Zazi as a possible terrorist threat in late August. John Brennan, President Barack Obama's top domestic terrorism adviser, told a Washington audience that "another attack on the U.S. homeland remains the top priority for the al-Qaida senior leadership."

U.S. intelligence officials and prosecutors have said that Zazi was recruited and trained by al-Qaida. They say he and others traveled last year to Pakistan to receive the training.

Prosecutors say Zazi, during meetings with federal investigators before his arrest last month, "admitted that he received instructions from al-Qaida operatives on subjects such as weapons and explosives" during his trip to Pakistan. Arthur Folsom, Zazi's

Denver lawyer, said Wednesday he was not aware of a claim that his client had contact with al-Yazid or any other senior al-Qaida leader. He said Zazi told inves-



This image taken from Pakistan's Geo TV shows Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, an Egyptian who heads al-Qaida Afghanistan operations, in the eastern Afghan province of Khost. al-Yazid made contact with Najibullah Zazi, a Colorado airport shuttle driver accused last month of plotting to attack New York City, U.S. intelligence officials said Wednesday.

tigators he met with a number of people while in Pakistan. "He may well have

talked to someone at a coffee shop who had some type of connection he wasn't aware of," Folsom said. "Under those grounds, guess what? I have a connection to al-Qaida and so do you."

Folsom said prosecutors have mischaracterized comments Zazi made after he voluntarily agreed to meet before his arrest last month. Folsom said those comments have "been wildly exaggerated or blown out of proportion." Folsom said Zazi never

said he visited a training camp or received explosive training from al-Qaida. Folsom said he doesn't know who the government claims his client contacted who may have had al-Qaida connections.

"They either don't know or won't say who this person is," Folsom said, referring to prosecutors. "It's hard for us to comment on this because we don't know who this person is."

Folsom said he was in New York meeting with prosecutors and investigators over the weekend and that was not mentioned. Zazi, who is

being held withbond in New York while awaiting trial. has denied receiving al-Qaida training or visiting one of the group's training camps. He said before his arrest that he traveled to Pakistan to see his wife, who lives in Pe-

shawar.

In court documents. prosecutors say Zazi is linked to three e-mail accounts that he used to pursue his bomb plot. Investigators say they found nine pages of handwritten bombmaking instructions when searching two of the e-mail accounts. The notes were sent to the e-mail accounts while Zazi was in Pakistan last year, prosecutors say.

The bomb, which can be made of hydrogen peroxide and flour, is similar to the explosives used by terrorists in the 2005 London subway bombings that killed 52 people.

Prosecutors say Zazi accessed the bombmaking instructions and downloaded them on to his computer after moving to the Denver area in January. In a Colorado hotel suite in early September, Zazi contacted someone "on multiple occasions" for help correcting mixtures of bomb ingredients, "each communication more urgent in tone than the last," court papers sav. Al-Yazid. 53, also

known as Abu Saeed al-Masri and Sheikh Said, is a well-known al-Qaida figure who initially disagreed with bin Laden's 9/11 plot, according to the 9/11 Commission Report. Al-Yazid was known at the time of the attack as head of al-Qaida's finance committee. He proclaimed in a

June interview with television Al-Jazeera that al-Qaida would use nuclear weapons in its fight against the United States. A member of Egypt's

radical Islamist movement, al-Yazid took part in the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat, according to "In the Graveyard of Empires," a book by counterterrorism Seth G. Jones. He spent three years in prison. where he joined Ayman al-Zawahiri's Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Jones wrote. al-Zawahiri is considered al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, behind Osama bin Laden.

Al-Yazid left Egypt for Afghanistan in 1988 and later moved to Sudan in 1991 with bin Laden, serving as his accountant. Al-Yazid returned to Afghanistan in 1996 and became a confidant of bin Laden and a member of its Shura Council, according to Jones.

In 2007, al-Yazid took over al-Qaida operations in Afghanistan.

He was reported killed last year in clashes with Pakistani forces near the Afghan border in August 2008 but reemerged to the surprise of counterterrorism officials. Terrorism experts say

al-Yazid's contact with Zazi in the foiled New York City bombing plot underscores the seriousness of the threat.

"I think that it would suggest the Zazi was taken seriously by al-Qaida, and that they wanted him to feel encouraged and supported," said Charles S. Faddis, who headed the weapons of mass destruction unit at the CIA's Counterterrorism Center until he retired in May 2008.

"It may also have meant that they were attempting to determine to what extent he represented an opportunity to do something inside the United States," said Faddis, who also ran operations against al-Qaida. "For instance, they may have been trying to figure out if they were looking only at an individual or at someone who represented a larger group of jihadists."

Blackledge reported from Washington, D.C.

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SIGNUP

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coming up with the birth certificates, so I seriously doubt that's the reason we're down compared to last year." Lafler said Friday will be the

last day for area parents to sign up for the program. "We'll be accepting applications

through Friday," she said. "All

they have to do is come by the office between 9 a.m. and noon, or 1 p.m. and 3 p.m." Lafler said Angel Trees will be

set up at several different locations in the city, allowing holiday shoppers to choose angel cards from the branches and purchase the presents listed on the card. "The plan, as of right now, is to

have the trees located at the same places as last year," said lafler. "However, we really haven't gotten that far yet, so there could be

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Trustworthiness, truthfulness, integrity and honor are vital to solving any disagreement and require more attention than a short sound byte or a few dollars. In the words of The Great Physician, "But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man." (Matthew 15:18).

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Area roundup: Undefeated Sands opens district play

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Big Spring isn't the only undefeated football team in the Crossroads region.

There's another one about 25 miles north of town in Ackerly. The Sands Mustangs (6-0) begin six-man Division II, District 6 play at 7:30 p.m. Friday with a trip to Westbrook (1-6, 0-1).

The Mustangs are favored to finish second in the district behind only defending state champion Borden County. They have a good matchup Friday to start their bid for the league

The Wildcats have lost six straight after opening the season with a 32-14

win over Lohn. Last week, Westbrook was routed by Grandfalls-Royalty 69-16. The Wildcats have lost via the 45-point mercy rule in four of their

In 2008, Sands ended the matchup by halftime 52-0. Sands outgained Westbrook 321-125 in total yards.

The Mustangs are coming off a bye after defeating Dawson 50-28 two weeks ago. Sands is currently ranked No. 4 in the state in Division II six-

Seagraves (5-1, 1-0) at Stanton (3-3, 1-0) STANTON — Stanton's run defense

is about to get tested at 7:30 p.m. Friday, when the Seagraves Eagles bring their volatile ground game to Buffalo Stadium.

The Eagles are averaging more than 400 yards rushing a game and are led by tailback Jirus Davis, who had racked up 1,034 yards and 14 touchdowns on 81 carries this season, averaging better than 12 yards per

Stanton has played in back-to-back overtime affairs. Last week, Stanton came away with a 14-7 victory over rival Forsan after falling short in an extra frame to Iraan, 42-35, the week

The Buffs are also a run-heavy team

and while they haven't put up numbers like Seagraves, Stanton has had three different athletes lead them in rushing for a single game this sea-

Quarterback Tyler Fulton is Stanton's leading rusher on the season, while tailback Nathan Nix has picked up the slack in a couple games this season when Fulton couldn't get loose. Most recently, the Buffs were led by sophomore Taylor Spinks, who had 109 yards rushing and a gamewinning touchdown against Forsan.

Last season, Stanton knocked off Seagraves 19-13, when Spencer

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STEERS

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Then they played in a game we thought they'd win against Lake View and Lake View dominated them from start to finish," said Ritchey. "They seem to be an inconsistent team and are having a tough time playing well on a weekly basis.

"At first, we heard Plainview was a running team, but last week they threw the ball a lot against Lake View," he added. "It seems they're trying to find their offensive identity."

Ritchey is quick to note Plainview does present some challenges for the Steers offense, particularly with its defensive line.

"Defensively, they're pretty good, especially in the front four," he said. "Their defensive line is aggressive and talented. It's going to be another big test for our offensive line, especially protecting our

Big Spring's offensive line, made up of five juniors, has passed every test laid on them this season. Jackson Watkins, Jonathan Molina, Tanner Henry, Julian Ramirez and Jacob Wylie make up the unit that has allowed running back Monte Anderson to rush for more than 1,200 yards in six games and kept quarterback Tyler Tannehill from even being touched in the pocket in several

Last week, the Steers made their claim to being the best team in 4-4A with a 28-14 win over Frenship, which has dominated the district for the better part of this decade.

Big Spring handed Frenship its first loss at home since 2005 and snapped its 16-game district win-

Anderson rushed for 184 yards and three secondhalf touchdowns on 28 carries. Defensively, the Steers held Frenship to just 83 yards in the second half and picked off four passes.

Ritchey is hopeful the Steers don't have a case of deja vu Friday night. Earlier this season, Big Spring picked up a big win over Denison, which was ranked No. 4 in the state at the time.

The Steers followed that up with a scary 55-41 victory over then winless Pampa. The Harvesters were within a single touchdown of the Steers midway through the fourth quarter.

"We have to learn from the experience against Pampa. This is a very similar week." noted Ritchev. "We're coming off a big win against Frenship and our emotions are high. We can't have another letdown. We're not unbeatable by any means. I know Plainview was at our game in Pampa and saw them score 41 points on us. There's no reason to think they can't do the same. We're going to have to be ready to play for sure."

Ritchey admits several factors make the matchup with Plainview a trap game, especially with another big game against Abilene Cooper looming next week. Not to mention, the Bulldogs are fighting to stay in the postseason hunt.

"This is a dangerous game against a very dangerous team," said Ritchey. "When a team's back is against a wall, that's when they usually play their best. It's almost like an elimination game. We have to expect we're going to get Plainview's best effort, which is what I felt we got from them last year as well. They'll be ready for us."

District 4-4A football standings

Team		Dist.	Overall	
Big Spring		1-0	6-0	
Cooper		1-0	3-3	
Lake View		1-0	2-4	
Hereford		0-1	5-1	
Frenship		0-1	4-2	
Plainview		0-1	2-4	
Friday's	schedule:	Big	Spring	at
Frenship; C	ooper at Here	eford; L	ake View	at

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face off at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Ballinger with each squad still looking for its first win of the District 7-2A season.

Based on recent results, that could be a daunting task for the Bulldogs, Coahoma and Ballinger have played five times since 2005 with the Bearcats winning each matchup decisively. The closest deficit for Coahoma in those games was 15 points. The average margin of victory for Ballinger is 36-12.

In fact, the Bulldogs haven't registered a win over Ballinger since 1979, despite having played the Bearcats 13 times since that victory.

However, Ballinger, which went undefeated in the district last season, is finding it difficult to slow down its oppo-

nents so far this season. The Bearcats are fresh off a 49-22 loss to Wall last week. Wall was able to rush for more than 300 yards against Ballinger, which has been a common theme for the Bearcats' opposition this season.

Ballinger has given up 2,000 yards rushing through six games — an average of 333.3 yards a game. Offenses have averaged nearly 9 yards per carry against the Bearcats.

That's welcome news

to a Coahoma team that has struggled to develop its ground game. In last week's 37-26 loss to Jim Ned, Coahoma managed just nine yards rushing on 16 car-

The passing game is working for Coahoma, though, behind the strong arm of senior Josh Paniagua. Paniagua

has passed for 1,445 yards and 17 touchdowns while throwing 10 interceptions. He's racked up most

of his yards by throwing to wide receivers Ray Gutierrez and Lupe Abrego, who each have more than 400 yards receiving.

Ballinger is also led by its quarterback. Junior A.J. Keesee, who is the son of Head Coach Aaron Keesee, had completed more than 60 percent of his

passes for 1,554 yards and 16 touchdowns while throwing just three interceptions. Keesee has also rushed for 210 yards and three more touchdowns.

Keesee's favorite target has been fellow junior Spencer Ryan, who has 486 yards and seven touchdowns on 27 receptions.

football standings

Team	Dist.	Overall
Colorado City	1-0	5-1
Jim Ned	1-0	4-2
Wall	1-0	4-2
Coahoma	0-1	3-3
Ballinger	0-1	2-4
Grape Creek	0-1	1-5
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By Steve Becker

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East South West North Pass 4 💠 Opening lead — king of clubs. The basic purpose of a pre-

emptive bid is to crowd the bidding so that the opponents — who are presumed to have the better hands—will have very limited space in which to exchange information. Quite often

this tactic succeeds in jockeying the opponents into the wrong contract. West's four-club bid in today's deal is a typical pre-emptive bid. With seven winners in his hand and 100 honors to boot, West cannot lose

more than 400 points even if he is doubled and goes down three.

Furthermore, if it should turn out that his partner does not provide him

with a single trick, the 400-point loss becomes very worthwhile, since the opponents are then almost sure to have a game, if not a slam. From every viewpoint, therefore, the jump-overcall by West is a sound tactical measure.

Consider North's predicament after the four-club bid. It is not clear what he should do. His actual raise to six diamonds — though a shot in the dark — is probably as reasonable an action as any.

The way things turned out, though, North should have bid only five diamonds. West led the king of clubs, covered by the ace and ruffed by East. Declarer later lost a heart trick and so went down one.

However, the outcome does not prove that North was wrong to bid the slam. In fact, had his partner played the hand more carefully, he would have made six diamonds. He should have anticipated the possibility that East had no clubs, and protected against it by playing low from dummy at trick one, allowing West's king to win the trick!

If West continued with a second club, South would again play low from dummy and ruff in his hand. With the ace of clubs still in dummy and available for a heart discard, it would then have been a simple matter for declarer to score the 12 tricks he had started with.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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Our View

Be sure to get both vaccines this flu season

lthough it's not the time of year that many of us would consider flu season, it's encouraging that local health officials say thousands of area residents have already received flu vaccinations this year.

That's important, perhaps more than ever before, because the H1N1 "swine flu" is creating fears among many people across the country.

Texas Health Department officials say seasonal flu vaccinations have been available from healthcare providers since earlier this month and doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine should be available by the end of the month.

Stephanie Ferguson, team leader at the Department of State Health Services Big Spring office, said her department has dispensed almost 3,000 doses of the seasonal vaccine and noted that other healthcare agencies, including hospitals, clinics and pharmacies, have been busy as well.

The DSHS clinic is dispensing vaccines between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. every Wednesday to those 6 months of age or older. Cost is \$10 per person, and those on Medicare or Medicaid are not be charged.

Vaccinations also are available at Leonard's Pharmacy between 10 a.m. and noon and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The vaccines cost \$30 and are covered by Medicare or Medicaid. No appointment is necessary.

Physicians at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Malone-Hogan Clinic also have vaccinations

In addition to getting vaccinated, there are some common-sense steps people can take to lower their risk of infection, including regular washing of hands, covering one's nose with a tissue when sneezing and avoiding persons who are sick with

That's important because the best way to avoid a cold or flu is to minimize your risks of illness

So, like health officials, we here at the Herald are encouraging readers to protect themselves and their families. Make sure to get both the seasonal and H1N1 vaccinations.

And if you do get sick, use some common sense and get plenty of rest and drink lots of water or juice. And if you're sick, stay home. Don't spread the infection by going to work or school and exposing the sickness to others.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not jump into battles, Lord, but live the life You would want us to.

Bad idea turns even worse

ll along, it was obvious that deputizing local cops to do the job of federal immigration agents would be a bad idea. It was clear that such a policy would make undocumented immigrants reluc-

tant to report real crimes and would drive them further underground at a time when so many hypocritical politicians kept claiming they wanted to bring those people "out of the shadows.' But we never ex-

profiling!



PEREZ

pected the so-called 287(g) local immigration enforcement program to become as dreadful as it has. We never thought it would be used as an excuse to justify racial

Yet that is exactly what this program has become, an excuse for Draconian crackdowns against undocumented immigrants that potentially can affect any American who looks, behaves or sounds like a foreigner. You don't believe me? Go for

a drive in Maricopa County, Arizona — just outside Phoenix. But for your own security, make sure you take your passport, birth certificate or green card! After all, that's where Sheriff Joe Arpaio claims his deputies have the talent to tell whether people are here illegally just by looking at them!

"It has to do with their conduct, what type of clothes they're wearing, their speech, if they admit it. They may have phony IDs. A lot of variables (are) involved," Arpaio told CNN's Rick Sanchez in a live TV interview Clearly amazed by the re-

sponse, Sanchez pressed on. 'You judge people and arrest them based on their speech and the clothes that they're wearing, sir?" But the new poster boy of

immigrant-bashers was not budging.

In fact, Arpaio was on CNN to denounce the federal government's recent efforts to curtail his 287(g) powers. He was told that his department no longer has the authority to make immigration arrests in the field and that he must limit his immigration checks to the prisoners in his jails, but he vowed to continue staging his high-profile immigration sweeps in defiance of federal authorities. He said he will continue his personal crusade by using state laws to prosecute undocumented immigrants, just as he has in the past under federal laws. Arpaio insisted that his ex-

traordinary tactics are backed by federal law and by the training his officers received from the Department of Homeland Security.

It's true. By deputizing local cops to enforce federal immigration laws, our politicians created these monsters with expanded powers. Bigots with badges have become a public menace. And now the feds don't know exactly how to rein them in. There are allegations that

287(g) is being used as an excuse for profiling by some of the 66 other local law enforcement agencies using this program throughout the country, but Arpaio is the only one who boasts about it. He doesn't call it by its proper

duct, clothes and speech" explanation defines "racial profiling" quite perfectly. In his jails and on the streets,

name, of course, but his "con-

Arpaio proudly claims to have identified 33,000 undocumented immigrants.

Even though he is under investigation by the Justice Department for alleged human rights violations related to racial profiling under this program, Arpaio still boasts about how one single Arizona county has conducted 25 percent of the arrests made nationally under 287(g) (which also speaks to the fact that most law enforcement officials think the program is a bad idea).

That is why when the federal government finally told Arpaio to curtail his obsessive and abusive implementation of the program last week, the question became not why they did it, but what took them so long to stop

Based on mounting evidence that 287(g) leads to racial profiling and that some of its local enforcers are getting out of control, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and hundreds of immigration, civil rights and Hispanic activists have been calling on the Obama administration to "immediately terminate" the 287(g) program, which was implemented under the Bush administration.

President Obama knows 287(g) was always a bad idea. When he ran for president, he gave Latinos and other immigrants the impression that by voting for him, they were voting for real change on the issues of immigration. Yet his Department of Homeland Security — apparently politically influenced by the many Americans who support Arpaio's methods — appears to be trying to save the program, with modifications.

Even some of the Hispanic politicians who campaigned for Obama are beginning to challenge the president by telling him that his administration's policies are not consistent with his promises to reform immigra-

"We do not believe that allowing state and local police to racially profile and target our immigrant communities inspires confidence in our ability to enact (comprehensive immigration reform)," wrote Reps. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y., and Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., in a letter from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to President Obama.

The letter also noted: "It is our experience that state and local law enforcement officials actually use their expanded and often unchecked powers under the program to target immigrants and persons of color. It is our opinion that no amount of reforms, no matter how wellintentioned, will change this disturbing reality."

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Some friendships stand test of time

utting my son on the bus for his first day of kindergarten caused a weird mix of pride and fear to swirl around my head. I was proud that he was going off on his own, achieving a tiny bit of freedom and

moving forward in life. The fear came from my having met my son and knowing that his unique mix of energy, curiosity and complete inability to follow directions may not endear him to his kindergarten teachers. I also remember

my own kinder-



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first few weeks which I spent crying — uncharacteristically homesick — likely due to the fairly serious surgery I had undergone a few weeks before. Once I stopped blubbering, I began making friends who remain part of my world to this day. It was sitting with one of them

recently that made me wonder

which of the kids in my son's

class would he still be sharing

his life with 30 years later. This did not come as an epiphany, it developed slowly as I sat a few weeks ago surrounded by long-time friends and virtual family holding one of my oldest

was not in my kindergarten class, but I did meet her that year beginning a relationship that would include a senior prom, dancing together at each others' weddings and her standing up as godmother for my We were 5 when we met and

now we were two 35-year-olds; me with a 5-year-old and her with a 2-year-old and as I suspected, but would not learn for a week, another on the way. There remains an ease in our acquaintance, a familiarity that does not lessen because of time, distance or lack of communication. She lives in Chicago with her

husband, Patrick, while I live in Connecticut with my wife, Celine. The demands of children and work, as well the occasional need for sleep, make it impossible to see each other or even speak as often as we would like. We spend most months letting email exchanges trial off, calls go unreturned and the best intentions go unfulfilled.

That makes time spent together especially precious and surprisingly conducive to sharing our deepest fears and confiding in each other. There are few people in your life you can not see face-to-face for years at a time then pick up a conversation as if you had seen each other the night before. My list of people like that numbers six and it seems unlikely to grow as the years move forward.

As we sat that day I shared with Lauren my fears about my son Joshua's impending first day of kindergarten. I wasn't the typical parent lamenting his child growing up, I was worried as to how my son's total lack of impulse control would play in classroom.

Would he hit another student, or perhaps a teacher? How soon would I become a regular in the principal's office and how would I assure my wife that our son's troubles were not a reflection of

We walked the beach that day, pushing her son in a stroller, talking as we always had, as if we did this everyday. I'm not sure if we found any answers, but just sharing with someone who loves you without judging you lessened the weight on both our shoulders.

These moments are rare and I thought back to that day as I sat last week in the principal's office surrounded by the principal, the school psychologist, my wife and my son's teacher.

Joshua would not have an easy go of kindergarten and neither would Celine and I. But, hopefully, 30 years from now, Joshua will have people to help him like I do who are always there even when they are not.

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Amen friend's son on my lap. Lauren

Texas Tech facing a QB quandary with Leach undecided

LUBBOCK (AP) — Pity poor Mike

The Texas Tech coach has two prolific quarterbacks and must decide which will lead his pass-happy offense at No. 15 Nebraska on Saturday.

Leach can go with Taylor Potts, who got the starting nod this season and led the nation in passing the first four weeks. Or he can pick backup Steven Sheffield, who came off the bench two weeks ago and threw three touchdowns after Potts got a concussion. The former walk-on, whose nickname is "Sticks," threw seven more TDs in a 66-14 rout of Kansas State last week.

Potts is apparently back from the concussion, though Leach doesn't talk about injuries.

A dilemma most coaches would love to talk about? Not Leach, who skirted the issue by saving he won't make his decision until Saturday.

"We're going to look at practice and see how people do in practice and see how they play in practice and perform in practice," he said.

Sheffield's quarterbacking talent hasn't surprise Leach. His influence on his teammates did, though.

"There's no question I thought he would play well," the coach said. "Kind of the spark he brings and how the team feeds off him, the extent of that was kind of impressive."

Potts, who also has a seven-touchdown game this season (55-10 over Rice), was on the sidelines in street clothes last week. He was still recovering from two hard sacks in the Red Raiders' win over New Mexico.

In five games this season, Potts is 159-of-235 passing (67.7 percent) for 1,817 yards, 13 TDs and six interceptions. Sheffield in three games is 53 of 70 (75.7 percent) for 780 yards, 11 TDs and two interceptions.

Playing both isn't an option, Leach

"I think there are some problems with that and I think that's why most teams that do it do it ineffectively," he said. "I think you have to have two really talented guys that are pretty evenly matched in order to do that, but typically I think it hurts you."

While acknowledging Sheffield's "impressive" influence on teammates, Leach has never voiced concerns about Potts' leadership, going so far earlier this season as to compare his swagger to John Wayne.

The two players Leach made available to reporters this week, linebacker Bront Bird and offensive lineman Marlon Winn, hesitated briefly before saying they think Sheffield should start.

"It's the energy that he brings," Winn said. "He'll come in and light up a whole room. If he has a bad play, he'll come back and make the next play. He's just a great guy."

Tried and true is how Bird saw it.

"Right now, I think you have to go with the hot hand," he said. "I don't think Sheffield's done anything to lose the job he's been given right now."

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Cortez picked off a pass and returned it for a touchdown with 14 seconds left to play.

O'Donnell (3-3, 1-0) at Grady (4-2, 1-0)

LENORAH — In 2008, the disap-

pointments for the Grady Wildcats began with a letdown against the O'Donnell Eagles.

The Eagles, who were playing their first season as a six-man football program, knocked off the Wildcats 32-27 last season, taking the second and final postseason berth that many felt Grady would earn.

The Wildcats hope to avoid a similar outcome at 7:30 p.m. Friday when they play host to the Eagles at Tunnell

Grady quarterback Dylan Cox was

dominant against Aspermont last week, firing five touchdown passes to lead the Wildcats to a 49-6 victory to open Division I, District 7 play.

O'Donnell utilized the 45-point mercy rule against Loraine last week, drubbing the Bulldogs 66-20.

Lubbock CTK (5-2) at **Garden City (5-1, 1-0)**

GARDEN CITY — For a sixth straight game, the Garden City Bearkats have a fairly good chance of ending a game by halftime. The Bearkats, who have shot up to

No. 4 in the six-man Division I state poll, have won five straight games, needing just two quarters of play to execute the 45-point mercy rule.

Last week, the Bearkats scored 40 points in the first quarter and added 38 in the second on their way to a 78-30 victory over Sterling City.

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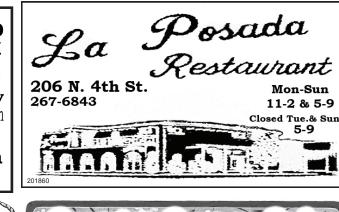
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News in brief

Gunmen lay siege to 3 security sites in east Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Teams of gunmen attacked three security sites Thursday in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore while a suicide bomber hit a northwestern town, killing a total of 37 people. The strikes were part of an escalating wave of terror aimed at scuttling a planned offensive into the militant heartland on the Afghan border.

One of the attacks, on a commando training facility on Lahore's outskirts, lasted into Thursday afternoon before security forces killed the five attackers and freed a family they were holding hostage, police said.

The assaults paralyzed the cultural capital of this nuclear-armed U.S. ally, showing the militants are highly organized and able to carry out sophisticated, coordinated strikes against heavily fortified facilities despite stepped up security across the country.

No group immediately claimed responsibility, though suspicion fell on the Taliban who have claimed other recent strikes. The attacks Thursday also were the latest to underscore the growing threat to Punjab, the province next to India where the Taliban are believed to have made inroads and linked up with local insurgent

President Asif Ali Zardari said the bloodshed that has engulfed the nation over the past 11 days would not deter the government from its mission to eliminate the violent extremists, according to a statement on the state-run news agency.

Social Security to announce no COLA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security Administration makes it official Thursday: There will be no cost of living increase for Social Security recipients next year, the first year without one since automatic adjustments were adopted in 1975.

The announcement comes as President Barack Obama and key members of Congress call for a second round of \$250 payments to more than 50 million seniors, veterans, retired railroad workers and people with disabilities.

The payments would be equal to about a 2 percent increase for the average Social Security recipient. The cost: \$13 billion.

Obama called on Congress Wednesday to approve the payments, and several key members of Congress said they would.

President Obama makes first trip to New Orleans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama, who accused former President George W. Bush of leading a government "that sits on its hands while a major American city drowns," is hearing directly from New Orleans residents who have struggled to rebuild their city since the 2005 hurricane season.

Obama arrives in New Orleans Thursday on his first presidential trip to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast. About 1,600 people were killed in Louisiana and Mississippi by Hurricane Katrina, which caused \$40 billion in damages and displaced 1 million people from their homes.

The storm was a natural disaster that turned into a political one for Bush.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency was widely criticized for a slow response. And local officials have complained that the Bush administration often stubbornly refused to pay for work that should have qualified for federal aid.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Republican, has credited Obama's team with bringing a more practical and flexible approach to the reconstruction process. "There's a sense of momentum and a desire to get things done," he said in August.

Democrats attack insurers in public; behind closed doors try to settle their own differences

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House officials and Senate Democrats are meeting in private to iron out differences on a health care overhaul that could affect every American. In public, they're united by a common enemy: the health insurance industry.

The inside game and the outside

game are intersecting on Capitol Hill, with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid testifying at a public hearing in favor of revoking health insurers' antitrust exemption — then huddling behind closed doors with White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel and committee chairmen to finalize the bill.

With negotiations set to continue through the week, some Democrats were hoping that health insurers had actually done the overhaul drive a favor by going on the attack in recent days with two reports slamming health legislation in the Senate.

Unlike doctors, health insurers aren't winning any popularity contests. And the rollout of a report commissioned by America's Health Insurance Plans, warning that health care premiums would rise under a Senate health care bill, was seen as ham-handed since the findings were quickly shot down by a range of critics. That undercut similar findings in a different report released Wednesday by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Foreclosures keep soaring as unemployment remains main cause of housing woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of households caught up in the foreclosure crisis rose more than 5 percent from summer to fall as a federal effort to assist struggling borrowers was overwhelmed by a flood of defaults among people who lost their jobs.

The foreclosure crisis affected nearly 938,000 properties in the July-September quarter, compared with about 890,000 in the prior three months, according to a report released Thursday by RealtyTrac Inc. That puts foreclosure-related filings on a pace to hit about 3.5 million this year, up from more than 2.3 million last year.

Unemployment is the main reason homeowners are falling into trouble. While the economy is likely out of recession, the unemployment rate — now at a 26-year high of 9.8 percent — isn't expected to peak until the middle of next year.

Mortgage companies sometimes allow unemployed homeowners to defer three to six months of payments while they are looking for a job. But there's little else they can do. "The sheer scale of the problem

"The sheer scale of the problem is preventing the loan modification programs from having the kind of impact we'd all like" said Rick Sharga, RealtyTrac's senior vice president for marketing.

Despite high unemployment, consumers show signs of life

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers may be slowly regaining their appetite to shop, as the prices they encounter in stores remain low.

One benefit of the recession is that inflation is nowhere to be seen, as consumer prices have barely grown in months. Rising unemployment, stagnant wages and tight credit have restrained consumer demand, making it difficult for retailers to raise prices.

Most economists expect that pattern to continue when the Labor Department on Thursday reports the September Consumer Price Index. Economists forecast that consumer prices rose just 0.2 percent in September, after a 0.4 percent gain in August and a flat reading in July.

In the past year, consumer prices are forecast to have fallen 1.4 percent, according to a survey of Wall Street economists by Thomson Reuters. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, the "core" CPI is projected to have ticked up 0.1 percent in September and 1.4 percent in the past year.

Separately, economists believe new claims for jobless benefits likely rose slightly last week to 525,000. First-time claims, a gauge of recent layoffs, fell by more than 30,000 in the prior week to their lowest level since early January.





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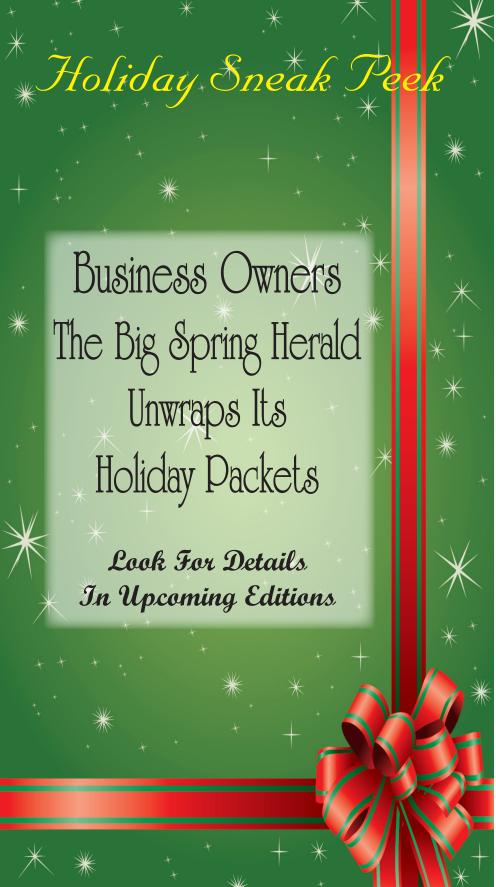
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Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until 3:00 PM, Thursday, November 12th, 2009, for the

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This project consists of supply and delivery of 11 pickups. Specifications are available and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721 during

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News in brief

About 80 fighting

roosters seized in Texas

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — A tip led law officers to about 80 roosters suspected of being used in an illegal cockfighting ring in a rural area of Jefferson

Port Arthur police helped locate the operation in a wooded area near Port Acres and seize the

Investigators say trees had been cleared and a road led to the compound where dozens of roosters, some of them dead, were found in crude cages Wednesday.

Police say the operators of the site are sought.

Animal control supervisor Anthony Mitchell says law officers have broken up four cockfighting operations this year in the Port Arthur area.

Dalhart man sought

in killing of wife

DALHART (AP) — A Dalhart (DAL'-hahrt) man is sought in the shooting death of his wife in front of two of their grandchildren after she told him to

Dalhart Police Chief Tom Sanford on Thursday said a murder warrant has been issued for 78-yearold Jose Abel Cancino.

Sanford told The Associated Press that Cancino is accused of pulling a handgun Wednesday night and killing 63-year-old Elva Perez Cancino.

The police chief says the couple "had just come from church, and I think she had just told him he needed to move out."

Their teenage grandchildren, a brother and sister, witnessed the shooting outside the couple's apartment complex.

Sanford says the suspect has family in the Del Rio and Midland area, plus in Mexico.

Dalhart is a community of about 7,300, located 80 miles northwest of Amarillo.

Ross Perot to receive award from West Point grads

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Former independent presidential candidate H. Ross Perot (puh-ROH') is receiving the Thayer Award at West Point.

The Texas billionaire will get the award for service to his country at a ceremony Thursday evening hosted by the U.S. Military Academy's Association of Graduates. West Point notes Perot's commitment to helping service members and their

The 79-year-old Perot ran as an independent presidential candidate in 1992 and 1996.

Perot is a 1953 graduate of the U.S. Naval

Past Thayer Award recipients include President Dwight Eisenhower, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Bob Hope and Walter Cronkite.

Ceiling collapses at

Dallas elementary school

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas school officials say there were no reports of any injuries after a ceiling collapsed when fire broke out at an elementary school's auditorium.

The collapse happened Wednesday at Kahn Elementary School after a small electrical fire triggered the sprinkler system.

were on the campus but they were all in the caf-Engineers and inspectors closed off the audito-

A school district spokeswoman says 54 students

rium area late Wednesday. School officials say students should attend class-



AP photo/Dr. Scott M. Lieberman

Water pours though the gates of the Lake Fork dam near Quitman Wednesday. Recent heavy rains have raised the water level of the lake and caused local flooding of roads and forcing the closure or delayed opening of many schools in East Texas.

es at nearby Rosemount Elementary Thursday morning.

US marshals take Texas bomb plot suspect's brother

DALLAS (AP) — The teenage brother of a Jordanian man accused of trying to bomb a Dallas skyscraper is being held in California as a material witness in the case, officials said Wednesday.

Husein Smadi, 18, was transferred to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service after being held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the San Francisco area, ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said. Under a court order, he will remain in federal custody until Oct. 27 so he can be questioned under oath by attorneys for his brother, 19-year-old

Richard Anderson, one of Hosam Smadi's attorneys, declined Wednesday to discuss details of the planned deposition. But in a court filing, defense attorneys said Husein Smadi was a necessary and favorable witness in the case.

"Should Husein Smadi be deported ... it will be impractical if not impossible to secure his presence for trial," according to an affidavit by Dan James, the chief investigator in the case for the Federal Public Defender's Office.

The Smadi brothers entered the U.S. legally on tourist visas in 2007, but both stayed after their visas expired. They settled in the Silicon Valley area and enrolled in high school. Hosam Smadi moved to a small town near Dallas last year while his brother remained in northern California.

The younger Smadi was arrested for possession of methamphatemine in northern California's Santa Clara County in August, then taken into ICE custody last month — on the same day his brother was arrested in Dallas.

Husein Smadi told an immigration judge this month that he wanted to rejoin his father in

Jordan. He requested an expedited removal from the U.S. and offered to pay his own ticket, but his deportation request was stayed by a federal judge in Dallas on Friday at the request of his brother's attorneys.

Texas attorney indicted

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio attorney has been indicted for allegedly spending as much as \$500,000 of an inheritance intended for her 95-yearold grandmother who suffers from dementia.

Fifty-one-year-old Michelle Lorenz Valicek faces up to life in prison if convicted of felony misapplication of fiduciary property.

Prosecutors say Valicek's grandmother, Margaret Lorenz, was determined by a probate court in 2006 to be the sole heir to her reclusive nephew's fortune. Robert Bonner had an estimated \$2.38 million at his death in 2005.

Valicek became administrator of her grandmother's inheritance in 2006. A probate court report says before she was removed from the position 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years later, she spent as much as \$25,000 a month.

Texas coed reports sexual assault at knifepoint

FORT WORTH (AP) — Officials at Texas Christian University are advising students, faculty and staff to be cautious after a female student told authorities she was sexually assaulted and threatened with a knife.

The woman reported the attack to TCU police around 9 p.m. on Tuesday. She was taken to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

The woman told investigators her attacker was in his early 20s, had medium length, straight blond hair and moles on the right side of his face. Fort Worth police are now investigating.

Campus officials issued a crime alert Wednesday morning about the incident.

Mayor: I deposited

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A south Texas mayor accused of stealing \$26,000 from the city

testified Wednesday that he didn't realize what he was doing when he deposited a check made out to someone else into

his business account. Prosecutors contend Brownsville Mayor Pat Ahumada deposited the check into an account for his real estate appraisal

business and spent more

than \$5,000 over the following three weeks. Ahumada is on trial on charges of theft, abuse of official capacity and

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ciary property, according to court records. Jurors began deliber-

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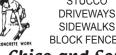
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order to heal and harmonize, we have to look at s o m e uncomfortable issues, and that's what this transit is

all about. ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's

funny how matters of design bring people together. A recent home improvement has unleashed a whole range of new possibilities. Brainstorm with loved ones about what the next move

might be. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A misunderstanding leads to an unusual conversation. There may be a new opportunity for love in this, either for you or someone you know. This string of apparent

coincidences has nothing to do with chance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you see as a physical problem or deficit is not so bad. Anyway, you're improving this on a daily basis. Keep seeing yourself as healthy and whole. You'll soon witness a small, personal and miraculous around. **CANCER** (June

22-July 22). An age-old family battle seems to be forgotten. It's unclear whether the shift is permanent, but in the meantime, the vibe significantly improves. Enjoy this wonderful, peaceful moment in the shade of your family

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not a dream chaser. You're more like a 'dream executor.' Your fancy runs long, but your clever mind and tenacious character are what have made those dreams come true, and it will continue to be so with today's work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As a kid, you were more likely to carry an unwanted spider away from the house in a glass jar, rather than squish it. This regard for the little creatures and life in general is part of what makes you an exemplary human.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you still feel stuck in some way, donate some of your time. Consider volunteering something you believe in. You'll be surprised at how much inner work is done when you're ostensibly working for others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Crashing up against your limits is never a pleasant experience. It is, however, a necessary one, especially if you want to grow. Hidden though it may be, your triumph is imminent. SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). Someone you know, perhaps a close friend, is the subject of gossip. Whether or not there's any truth to the charges, it hurts you to see others going through social turmoil. Luckily, you can help. CAPRICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). Your heart is especially open right now. It seems like the littlest things set off a wash of emotions. A long talk with a trusted friend centers you on

what's positive and good in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In the past, you've said that you'd never do something again, only to repeat yourself soon after that's what humans do! Something imperceptible has changed now, though. One of your resolutions is sticking. Well done.

(Feb. **PISCES** 19-March 20). Everything will come to you so easily that you might have to look way outside of your usual sphere of activities to find something that truly tests. You'll succeed there, too. T O D A Y 'S

BIRTHDAY (Oct. 15). You are driven to show the world what you can do. Your commitment to work will be well compensated. Balance out the picture with loving relationships. The affection and care you exchange will support your climb to the top. The new year brings opportunities to be generous in ways that only you can be. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 50, 43, 17 and

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Venus in CAPRICORN people stand out as powerful and in charge. This aspect indicates a driven individual who will do what it takes to achieve the prize of his or her choosing. They take their responsibilities seriously, and one of the ways they show their devotion to another person is to commit to that person's happiness and success as they do to their own. Ownership is important to Venus in Capricorn people, and it's a big part of romance. They will claim things with their love, and what they claim forever becomes a part of the couple's story. If you have Venus in Capricorn or love someone who

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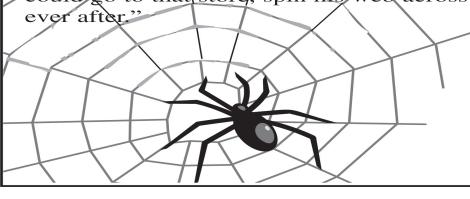
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_	:PM	FlashFor-	FlashFor-	Nombre-	Bones	Survivor:	Más Sabe el	Commun	MLB Base-	Upd	Texas	Raging	Movie: Star-	UFC Un-	CSI: NY	Movie:	Movie: Ra-	Sprint Cup	ball: Cincin-
/	:30	ward	ward	Amor		Samoa	Diablo	Parks	ball: National	Sprna	Texas	Planet	gate, Jaye	leashed		The Matrix,	tatouille, Lou	Qualifying	nati at South Florida.
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	:PM	(:01) Private	(:01) Private	Rosa	Simpsons	The Mental-	Victorinos	The Jay	Game 1		Keeping	1			Lone		Phineas	World Series	
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10	:30	Nightline	Nightline	Noticiero	TMZ	Late Show	Titulares	Tonight Show	MLB Post	Van Impe	1	Planet			Hour 2, John	Mo'Nique	So Raven	1	
4.4	:PM	Insider	Jimmy Kim-	La Casa de	Law & Order:	1	Decisiones	1	Name	Bill Cloud	BBC	Discovering	1	MAN	Lone	W. Williams	Life De	SportsNation	Baseball
11	:30	Jimmy Kim-	mel Live	la Risa	SVU	Late Late		Late Night-	Sex &	Swallow	Smiley	Ardi	Movie: Drag-	Game			Cory	1	NFL Live
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TRUST YOU

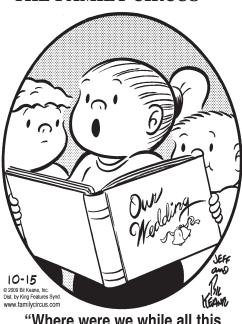
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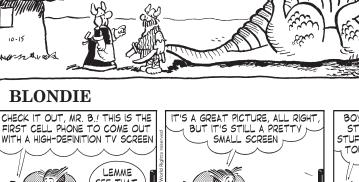


"Gina says SHE likes My Boyish Good Looks."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Where were we while all this was goin' on?"



I DISTINCTLY

HAVE FISH TONIGHT

SAID, LET'S



BOY, MR. B., FOR A GUY WHO'S STILL GETTING USED TO NEW STUFF LIKE THIS, YOU'RE SURE ONE FOUGH CUSTOMER TO PLEASE!

\mathbf{BC}



WIZARD OF ID







AGNES



THE OTHER COAST

SNUFFY SMITH

BEETLE BAILEY

YOU'RE A WRECK!

DID YOU GET

INTO A

FIGHT?

IS LI'L TATER TAWKIN' YET, LOWEEZY ?

I HAVE THAT

CD ATHOME.

ROCK

YEP, HE JABBERS

ALL TH' TIME,

YEAH, BUT YOU

SHOULDSEE

THE OTHER

DOC !!

NOPE

HAVE YOU SEEN

MY DOLL TODAY

HAVE YOU HEARD

THE ELECTRIC

GERBILS'

"GERBILMANIA"CD?



BUT I DID SEE HER

YESTERDAY

ROCK A

Milma

WHERE

VEEBLE

SNERTZ

FOOB !!

WHEN I STUFFED

HER IN A BOOT IN MOM'S

CLOSET

ON TRACK SIX,

YOU CAN HEAR THE BASS PLAYER

PICKING HIS NOSE,

I'LL STICK

WITH THE POPS

AND STATIC ON

MYORIGINAL

RECORDING.

IN A LANGUAGE

ALL HIS OWN !!



This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 15, the 288th day of 2009. There are 77 days left in the year.

Highlight Today's History:

On Oct. 15, 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country, including a candlelight march around the White House, as part of a "moratorium" against the Vietnam War.

On this date:

In 1858, the seventh and final debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Alton, Ill.

In 1860, 11-year-old Grace Bedell of Westfield, N.Y., wrote a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, suggesting he could improve his appearance by letting his whiskers grow.

In 1914, the Clayton Antitrust Act was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1917, Dutch dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for

the Germans, was executed by a French firing squad outside Paris. In 1928, the German dirigible

Graf Zeppelin landed in

Lakehurst, N.J., completing its first commercial flight across the Atlantic. In 1945, the former premier

of Vichy France, Pierre Laval, was executed for treason. In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering fatally poi-

soned himself hours before he was to have been executed. In 1964, it was announced that Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev had been removed

from office. In 1976, in the first debate of its kind between vice-presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 2003, 11 people were killed when a Staten Island ferry slammed into a maintenance pier. (The ferry's pilot, who'd blacked out at the controls, later pleaded guilty to 11 counts of manslaughter and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Former auto executive Lee Iacocca is 85. Jazz musician Freddy Cole is 78. Singer Barry McGuire is 74. Actress Linda Lavin is 72.

Actress-director Marshall is 67. Rock musician Don Stevenson (Moby Grape) is 67. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Palmer is 64. Singer-musician Richard Carpenter is 63. Actor Victor Banerjee is 63. Tennis player Roscoe Tanner is 58. Singer Tito Jackson is 56. Actor-comedian Larry Miller is 56. Actor Jere Burns is 55. Actress Tanya Roberts is 54. Movie director Mira Nair is 52. Britain's Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, is 50. Chef Emeril Lagasse is 50. Rock musician Mark Reznicek (The Toadies) is 47. Actress Vanessa Marcil is 41. Singer-actress-TV host Paige Davis is 40. Actor Dominic West is 40. Singer Eric Benet is 39.

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Answer to previous puzzle



AH, BUT THIS IS THE

DIGITALLY REMASTERED

VERSION. THE SOUND

CLARITY IS ABSOLUTELY PHENOMENAL!



Newsday Crossword

60 Opinion pieces

62 It's taboo **63** Freight

59 Frequently

storehouse

64 Stead 65 Tannery buys

DOWN

1 Reindeer

herders

2 Sneezy's

sound

places

4 Inclination

category

3 Sloppy

5 Emmy

6 Ground

breaker

15 One from Cedar Rapids **66** First stages **67** Alternatively

16 Son of Jacob **17** For stamp collectors

ACROSS

1 Wear well

5 Petroleum

source

10 Fusses

14 Overture

follower

19 Skeptic's

remark **20** It may

precede 'license" 21 Cream-cheese

portions 23 Sea plea

24 Yr. divisions 26 Family

member 27 Small taste

30 Accelerate, with "up"

33 Full range 36 Lose one's

cool 37 Bassoon kin

38 Felled **39** Great care

40 Be scheming 41 Sharp turns

42 Ancient

instrument **43** Ministers to

44 Dry-bone link 45 Steelmaking

innovator 47 Sunscreen

ingredient

49 Morning phenomenon

50 Afore 53 Went downhill

57 . . . Bagger

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LION

clergy 9 Captivates

10 Not from

Earth

11 Open to

question

12 Above

13 Takes five

18 Imply

22 Beer holder

25 Uses a hose

27 Beer, so to speak

28 Hideouts

29 Requiring

help **31** Frame of

mind

32 Favorites

34 Central line

33 Mideast region

7 Hole makers 35 Sound booster 8 Not of the **37** Phone letters

39 Polite assent

GOLDENRULE ADULT OMAN SEXES MOLT

43 Less

numerous

45 Ammo pellets 46 Giant Hall of

Famer

48 Products of some plants

50 Cyberspace

message **51** Functions

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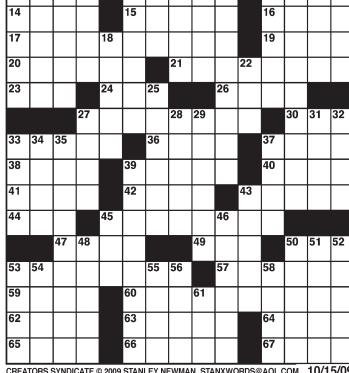
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slightly

58 Race distance

61 Sock part

11 12 13 16



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Vance narrator

IS HE BE LANDING SHORTLY

HE SHOULD