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Employees with the city of Big Spring's Water Distribution and Collection Department work on a water leak near the intersection of Goliad and FM 700 Monday afternoon. According to city officials, water to many homes in that area was shut off while repairs were made, with service restored Monday morning around 8 a.m.

Vote today

Polls opened at 7 this morning and close at 7 this evening across Howard County for the Texas constitutional amendments election.

Polling places are St. Thomas Parish Hall, 605 N. Main, for Precincts 11-14, 16, 103-105 and 112; Big Spring Mall, 1801 E. FM 700, Precincts 205, 208, 22 and 24-26; First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Precincts 33-35 and 304; Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1101 Birdwell Lane, 404-406, 42, 44-46; and the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave., Precincts 207, 207C, 409 and 407-408.

Forsan second

Forsan High School band took the runner-up spot at the Class 1 A University Interscholastic League Marching Contest Monday at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Sundown High School won the contest by two points. Forsan High School Band Director Jim Rhodes was unavailable for comment this mornina.

Early release Friday

Big Spring Independent School District classes will dismiss at 2 p.m. Friday to allow families to attend the Steers' final regular season football game in Hereford. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at Whiteface Stadium.

Fire destroys area residence; owner had recently moved out

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Firefighters from three different agencies converged on a fire in Borden County Monday afternoon that destroyed a one-story home and threatened to spawn a wildfire, according to officials.

Firefighters from the Howard County

"With a fire like this, you need a group effort, and that's just what we got," said Sullivan. "We were able to release the city fire engine back to city once we loaded its water onto one of the county trucks. Everyone involved did a good job."

threatening any other structures.

"However, when you have a structure fire in such an open area like that, there's a good chance it will spawn a wildfire. Once the house was engulfed and a total loss, we had to turn our attention to keeping it contained, which the firefighters did a great job of."

Silver Wings **Fund-raiser for**

Hangar 25 is coming Nov. 14

By THOMAS JENKINS

Volunteer Fire Department, Big Spring Fire Department and Borden County Volunteer Fire Department were called to a home in northern Vincent, approximately two miles from the Howard County line on FM 1205, just before 4 p.m., according to HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan.

"I was in Coahoma when the call came in, and even from there we could see the smoke," said Sullivan. "So the fire had already auto-ventilated by that point and was fully involved. In a situation like that, there's just no way to save the home itself."

Firefighters from all three agencies arrived on the scene quickly, according to Sullivan.

"With a fire like this, you need a group effort, and that's just what we got."

> -Tommy Sullivan, Howard County volunteer fire chief

Sullivan said the home was not occupied at the time.

"The owner of the home had recently moved into town, so it was vacant," said Sullivan. "Also, there weren't any structures nearby, just some old, abandoned automobiles. So the fire wasn't

The home was destroyed, according to Sullivan.

"The roof had already come down by the time we got there," said Sullivan. "The home was a total loss. There wasn't anything we could do to stop that."

Sullivan said Borden County officials will be investigating the cause of the fire, but a preliminary investigation ruled out arson.

"The home had metal bars on the windows and doors, and they were still intact when the fire began," said Sullivan. "We were able to rule out arson as a result of that. Most likely, with an old, unoccupied home like that, it's going

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Staff Writer

The Hangar 25 Air Museum is gearing up for its annual Silver Wings Ball Saturday, Nov. 14, and according to facility officials the event promises to be a good time for everyone who attends.

Hangar 25 Museum Administrator Meghan Bias said she and her staff are putting the finishing touches on an evening that will put a smile on just about anyone's face.

"The Silver Wings Ball is

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Local students to perform in All-Region 6 Choir

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Four Big Spring High School students recently earned accolades by landing spots on the All-Region Choir.

The students, all sophomores, were named to the Texas Music Educators Association All-Region 6 Choir, which will perform next Saturday in Midland.

Altos Ashley Pike and Diamond Mays, along with bass singers Jonathan Martinez and Eric Flores, were named to the all-region choir, which consists of students from schools in classifications ranging from 3A to 5A, according to first-year BSHS Choir Director Anna

O'Brien.

In addition, two Big Spring students – eighth-graders Aaron Rios and Toby Shubert — earned spots on the junior high all-region choir, O'Brien said.

"They worked extremely hard for this honor. I couldn't have asked anyone to work harder," O'Brien said of the honorees. "I'm extremely proud of what they've accomplished."

O'Brien, a 1996 BSHS graduate who returned to the school after five years teaching choir in San Antonio, said her charges have responded well to a new teacher.

"Within the last eight or nine weeks, it's grown in leaps and bounds," she

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said. "We all have the same ultimate goal, which is to improve the program.

Next up for the BSHS choir is its annual Christmas concert, scheduled for Dec. 15 at the high school, which will feature a new attraction this year.

"I'm trying to contact as many former choir students as possible to perform the "Hallelujah Chorus" at the end of the concert," O'Brien said.

Any former choir students wishing to participate are urged to contact O'Brien at 264-3641 for more details.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@ bigspringherald.com

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Sports

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Joe Zigtema at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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Romo's steady side helps Cowboys surge

Associated Press

IRVING - Tony Romo has gone from swashbuckling to steady. Dare we say "workman-type"?

Dallas Cowboys coach Wade Phillips came up with that answering a question about his quarterback after Sunday's 38-17 victory against Seattle. Romo had just finished his career-best third straight game without an interception, which happens to coincide with a three-game winning streak that ties Dallas with Philadelphia atop the NFC East and sets up a firstplace showdown Sunday night.

Phillips was trying to describe his whole team, but the connection was notable. And the coach continued the theme Monday, even after some time to think about it.

"We all know Tony played well and has been consistent throwing the ball for most of the games this year, but really the last three," Phillips said. "He's thrown it to who he needs to throw to."

Romo's gunslinging reputation the bad side of it - grew in the first regular-season game at Cowboys

Stadium. With a record crowd and huge television audience watching, he threw three interceptions that led to three New York touchdowns in the Giants' 33-31 win.

His fourth interception was a big one in Denver, wiping out a great scoring chance in a 17-10 loss. But that was also the last one. There have been eight touchdowns among the 106 Romo passes over the past three games.

"You're always looking to never make a mistake, everyone being on the right page, everyone doing the right things," said Romo, who was a steady 21 of 26 for 256 yards with three touchdowns against the Seahawks. "You're always striving for that each week. The reality of it though is that it's not going to happen every week."

One other major factor in Romo's favor coincides with the past three games: the emergence of receiver Miles Austin. That's all the time it took for people to start calling him the No. 1 receiver on a team with Roy Williams and his \$45 million

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UP AND RUNNING



Howard College's Jae Crowder goes up for a layup against Lubbock Christian JV player Randall Shaw on Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Hawks cruise to 93-35 win

By JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

It's only November, but the hardwood is buzzing at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Preseason All-American transfer Jae Crowder, who was a second team All-American last season at South Georgia Tech, scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in his Hawk debut, both game-highs. Freshman Carlos Emory also dazzled, adding 15 points including two tomahawk dunks from the open court. Crowder went to the national tournament last season with South Georgia Tech, where his team lost to Midland College. "Jae's got a lot of experience, and he's very strong and athletic, and I think it was difficult for Lubbock Christian to match up with he and Carlos so they both put up some big numbers tonight," Adams said.



Herald Photo/Joe Zigtema

The Lady Hawks' Meagan Steen puts up a shot over defenders from Wayland Baptist's JV on Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Lady Hawks take opener

By JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks began their quest for a second straight national tournament man Tasha Tubbs, who drained four appearance Monday night with a 93-49 win over the Wayland Baptist Flying Queens junior varsity squad at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. With 14 players donning a Howard College jersey for the first time, the Lady Hawks never trailed in the contest and coasted to an easy victory. Head coach Earl Diddle said he liked what he saw in the team's first matchup.

ings this early that Howard's team had had since I've been here. I was really pleased with them and really proud."

Fans got their first look at fresh-

The Howard College Hawk basketball team unveiled four new starters in Monday night's season opener and coasted to a 93-35 win against the Lubbock Christian junior varsity.

The Hawks flew up and down the floor in transition all night, something fans can expect to see all season, head coach Mark Adams said.

"I thought we did a good job of getting out on the break and pushing the ball," he said. "That's something we encourage our guys to do this year since we have more athleticism than last year."

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"I was really happy with how we played," he said. "I told our team that it's probably one of the best out-

three-pointers and went seven of 10 from the floor for a game-high 20 points.

"She's a great shooter, and more than that I thought we did a great job of getting her the ball, and that's a tribute to the team," Diddle said.

Forward Asia Reed also had a big game, contributing 15 points on seven of 11 from the field. Guard Twyla Ards was the third Lady Hawk in double figures, connecting on five of seven for 11 points and five

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Utley, Lee fuel Game 5 Philly win; Series moves back to New York

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — By the ninth inning, Phillies fans were preparing for the worst.

The New York Yankees were at it again, chipping away at a dwindling lead and threatening to take away the Phils' World Series title right there at Citizens Bank Park.

Desperate to hang on, somehow Chase Utley and the Phillies did. Derek Jeter grounded into a double play, Mark Teixeira struck out, and Philadelphia staved off the Yankees and elimination with an 8-6 win in Game 5 on Monday night.

Now comes the hard part: winning twice at Yankee Stadium.

Game 6 will be played Wednesday night, with New York's Andy Pettitte going on short rest against Pedro Martinez, not exactly a beloved figure in the Bronx.

Utley hit two home runs to raise his Series total to a record-tying five, Cliff Lee won again and Philadelphia cut its deficit to 3-2.

"We didn't have a choice. It was either go home and watch football and college basketball or extend the season," Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins said.

Ahead 8-2, the Phillies watched New York score three times in the eighth inning and put its first two batters on in the ninth. Jeter's grounder drove in a run, but the fans on their feet couldn't exhale

until Teixeira struck out as the tying run.

Whew!

Utley hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the first inning off A.J. Burnett and added a solo shot in the seventh to join Reggie Jackson as the only players to hit five home runs in a single World Series.

"Obviously it's great company," Utley said. "It's pretty surreal."

Philadelphia replicated its winning formula from the opener, when Utley hit two solo homers and Lee pitched a six-hitter. Raul Ibanez set off fireworks from the Liberty Bell one last time, adding a second solo shot in the seventh off Phil Coke that

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Sports in brief

Lady Steers face No. 2 team in volleyball playoffs

The Big Spring Lady Steers will play in the first round of the postseason tonight against Canyon Randall, ranked No. 2 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association Class 4A poll.

The match will be played at Lubbock Monterey gym at 7:30 p.m. Randall is 34-1 on the season and went undefeated through district three play.

The Lady Steers (11-24, 2-7) defeated San Angelo Lake View on Friday to make the playoffs.

Garden City ranked No. 3 6-man team

The Garden City Bearkats are ranked No. 3 in the sixmanfootball.com high school rankings for week nine.

The Bearkats are 8-1 this season and 4-0 in district play. They beat defending district champion Fort Davis on Oct. 23 and Water Valley by 45-point mercy rule Friday.

Garden City will travel to Rankin on Friday in a showdown for the district eight No. 1 seed.

Big Spring senior qualifies for regionals

Big Spring Cross Country is sending one runner to regional action in Lubbock on Saturday for a shot at the state meet.

Marisol Rodriguez, a senior, placed seventh in the district meet with a personal-best time of 13:15. Rodriguez, who head coach Randy Britton said had never run cross country before this season, needs to finish in the top 10 to qualify for the state meet Nov. 14 in Round Rock.

LOCAL

Obituaries

Janice M. Dunagan

Janice M. Dunagan, 79, of Big Spring, died Sunday morning at a San Angelo nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Royce Clay officiating.



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Ms. Dunagan was born March 20, 1930, in Howard County to Harvey and Una Castle Dunagan. She grew up in the Cauble Community and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. Janice graduated from Howard County Junior College, now Howard College. She went to work for the city of Big Spring for six and a half years before going to

work for Howard College. Ms. Dunagan worked in the registrar's office for 34 years and was serving as registrar at the time of her retirement.

Survivors include several cousins and many friends.

She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ, the Texas Association of Registrar's and a member of the Howard County Junior College Association.

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

Ruperto 'Cuco' Ramos

Funeral services for Mr. Ruperto "Cuco" Ramos, 68, of Big Spring, formally of Stanton, have been set 1700 block of Third Street. for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, at St. Joseph



Catholic Church with Monsignor Plagens officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. He was born July 4, 1941, in Big

Spring and passed away Oct. 29, 2009, in Lubbock. He was a contractor for several years.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Lupe Ramos; his parents, Leonard and Ruperta Ramos Sr.; and one brother, Leonard Ramos Jr.

Survivors include his daughter, Lisa Chavarria of Lubbock; two sons, Damian Ramos and Ruperto Ramos Jr., both of Big Spring; two sisters, Lola Gonzales of Midland, and Lupe Gonzales of Searcy, Ark.; five brothers, Luciano Ramos of Stanton, Tino Ramos and Johnny Ramos, both of Odessa, Raymond Ramos of Stanton and Robert Ramos of Big Spring; and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Jesse Abreo Ramirez IV

Jesse Abreo Ramirez IV, 18, of Alpine, passed away at Big Bend Regional Medical Center Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009. A memorial service was held at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009.

Jesse was born in Stanton to Jose Abreo and Ramona Alaniz Ramirez Jan. 3, 1991.

of Alpine; his grandparents, Lucy Hernandez and Jesus Abreo Ramirez Jr., both of Austin; a sister, Jessica Amelia Ramirez of Alpine; and a brother, Monday by the HCSO on charges of no seatbelt and Quentin Vanderbilt of Big Spring. He is also sur- violation of a promise to appear. vived by an uncle and an aunt.

Police blotter

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

• FRANCISCO MELENDEZ, 27, of Brownsville, was arrested Monday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.

• CYNTHIA MENDEZ, 39, of 306 N.E. Sixth St., was arrested Monday on a local warrant.

• BILLY HERNANDEZ, 46, address unknown, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agen-CV

• BRANDON MINDLING, 18, of 4210 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on charges of assault Class C causing bodily injury - family violence and possession of marijuana.

• RICHARD BAUTISTA, 17, of 1513 Wood, was arrested Monday on charges of criminal mischief and failure to identify – giving false information.

• ERNEST CLARK, 69, transient, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and criminal trespass.

• UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 600 block of George.

 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 80.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

in the 200 block of Third Street.

in the 300 block of Sixth Street.

ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1000 block of Third Street.

 ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Fifth Street.

ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

• RICHARD BAUTISTA, 17, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and failure to identify – giving false information.

• ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 69, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and criminal trespass.

• STEPHEN KYLE GAY, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on contempt charges for no insurance, failure to appear (two counts), failure to yield and a probation revocation for accident involving damage to a vehicle.

• BILLY VASQUEZ HERNANDEZ, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a parole revocation for forgery.

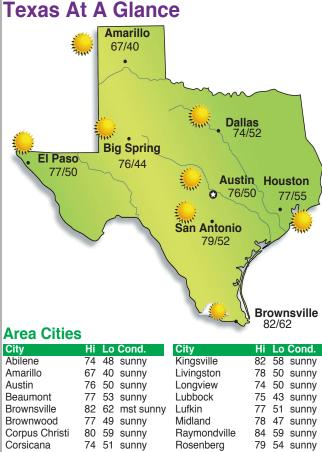
• CYNTHIA MENDEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of speeding.

BRANDON MINDLING, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of assault of a family/household member and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• DAVID FEHR REDECOP, 23, was arrested He is survived by his father, Jesse Abreo Ramirez Tuesday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxi-III of Kearny, Neb.; his mother, Ramona A. Ramirez cated and duty on striking fixture/highway landscape

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Wanda King, 49, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 mal damage to a carport. p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 FM 1205 in Vincent. p.m.

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• SCOTT ADRIAN VELLINGA, 40, was arrested

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 23rd Street and Nolan. Service refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the area of Wasson and Thorpe. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Second Street and Gregg. Two people were transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to

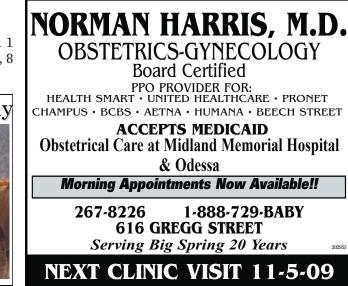
• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Douglas. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC

TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1100 block of N.W. Second Street. The fire caused mini-

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the area of





Lottery

The winning numbers in Monday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Two Step" game were: 07-09-10-23, Bonus: 7

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made it 8-2.

In a matchup of starters from Arkansas, Lee allowed five runs and seven hits in seven-plus innings. He is 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in five postseason starts.

"I don't think my command was as good as it has been," Lee said. "I had to battle a little bit."

Alex Rodriguez had put the Yankees ahead with an RBI double in the first and hit a tworun double in the eighth off Lee. He scored on Robinson Cano's sacrifice fly against Chan Ho Park to cut the deficit to 8-5.

Jorge Posada clanked a double against the rightfield wall leading off the ninth against Ryan Madson, and Hideki Matsui singled him to third.

Closer Brad Lidge was nowhere to be seen one night after his ninth-

inning meltdown. "I kind of wanted to just give Lidge a break tonight if I could," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Madson fell behind Jeter 2-1, then induced a 6-4-3 double play as Posada scored. After Johnny Damon singled, Teixeira struck out.

"I didn't care if they scored one or two, as long as they didn't score three," said Madsen, who got the save.

The Yankees, who have won the Series all eight previous times they took a 3-1 lead, have two more tries to close it out.

Pitching on short rest didn't work well for Burnett, who had been 4-0 previously in his career on three days' off and kept the Phillies off balance in Game 2. He kept falling behind batters and allowed six runs, four hits and four walks in two-plus innings, his shortest start since his first outing in 2007.

It marked the first time

in 14 postseason games this year that a Yankees starter failed to pitch at least six innings.

"You just feel like you let a bunch of guys down," Burnett said. "It's the worst feeling in the world to have the chance to do something special and fail like that. But what doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

Philadelphia ended baseball's record streak of five straight Series that ended in sweeps or five games, ensuring at least one more telecast in a matchup between big-market teams that has revived baseball's ratings. The Phillies still face a tall task: The Yankees lost three in a row just twice after the All-Star break and dropped consecutive home games only once after mid-June.

Six of 43 teams facing 3-1 Series deficits have gone on to win the title, including five in a row since Kansas City rallied past St. Louis in 1985.



AP Photo / David J. Phillip

Philadelphia Phillies' Ryan Howard, Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins (11) and Raul Ibanez, right, congratulate themselves after defeating the New York Yankees in Game 5 of the World Series in Philadelphia.



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contract.

Perhaps the label came quickly because Austin has 482 receiving yards in his first three starts, the most of any player since 1970.

Austin has taken short passes a long way, which he did twice to help save the Cowboys in a 26-20 overtime victory at then-winless Kansas City. He and Romo have connected on deep routes, too, including one that put Dallas ahead for good in a crucial game against Atlanta two Sundays ago.

"I'm just getting more balls my way, so it's making me more alert and I'm ready for an

opportunity any time it rears its pretty head," Austin said.

The nagging concern for Dallas is the inability of Romo and Williams to find each other. Drops by Williams and bad throws in his direction by Romo overshadowed his second touchdown of the season against the Seahawks.

Still, productivity elsewhere and general efficiency by the No. 2 offense in the NFL are a relief for a franchise that spent three years answering daily questions about whether Terrell Owens was getting the ball enough.

"The good thing is we're not saying, 'Well, we've got to get the ball to Roy Williams," Phillips said. "You can get caught up in that."

Romo hasn't completely thrown the flash in the trash can.

One of his best highlights during the threegame winning streak was a spin-dart-andtouchdown to toss Patrick Crayton against Atlanta. The difference, though, was that Romo slowed down when he found open space and made sure Crayton was open before delivering the 5-yard scoring pass.

Even if Romo was more careful, Crayton said, the Cowboys need those plays from their quarterback.

"He's not a game manager," Crayton said. "They don't pay him to be a game manager. They pay him to make plays, and that's what he's doing."

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WOMEN

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five assists. The offense shot better than 50 percent for the game.

The Howard College defense forced 32 turnovers and did not allow a Wayland Baptist player in double figures.

"I thought defensively, this early — you have to realized we're playing 14 girls who have never played for Howard College - so I thought they did a great job defensively," Diddle said.

At 6-foot-4, freshman Meagan Steen highlights a larger lineup for the Lady Hawks this season. Fellow starter Asia Reed, is 5-foot-11, and two other Howard College players are over the six-foot mark. Diddle said he would like to see that advantage develop.

"We're a little bigger than we've been, we need to get our skill there but we've got the

players to go inside, so we've got to develop an inside attack," he said. "I don't think we got the ball inside enough early in the game."

The Lady Hawks did outrebound the Flying Queens 50-32 in the game, which Diddle said he was pleased with.

"This early in the year, getting your team to block out, getting your team to go to the offensive boards, that's a big thing," he said.

Diddle said he likes the way his team has progressed to this point.

"We've got to do a better job of running offense, and we've still got to do a better job defensively," he said. "I thought overall effort was really good, and from a strategic standpoint we did a pretty good job executing."

The team will travel to Midland Thursday to face Eastern Arizona College in an early season tournament.

MEN

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other Hawks Four scored in double figures, including Damion McGee off the bench with 13, Dante Mentor with 12 and Moses Sundufu, also off the bench, with 11. Josh Watkins, the team's only returning starter, was credited with 11 assists.

Adams focused on his team's defensive performance, hoping to recreate the Hawks' best strength from a year ago. Lubbock Christian was held to 20 percent shooting from the floor and committed 30 turnovers.

"These guys are ready to start playing other competition besides each other," Adams said. "I thought overall we came out and responded well, we had a lot of energy, obviously our defense was exceptional and that's something we take a lot

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of pride in. We just need to continue improvement."

This year's team has a lot more individual ability than a year ago, Adams said. He'd just like to see them spread the wealth a little more.

"We might have gotten away from playing team basketball some of the first half, but I thought the guys responded well at halftime," he said. "We said, 'Look, we want to go out and try to share the basketball and make your teammates better,' and I thought we did that. It's a game of mistakes and you have to correct those if you want to improve."

The team is in action again tonight when it travels to Plainview to play Wayland Baptist's junior varsity. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The team will take on Lubbock Christian's JV again next week in Lubbock.

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LOCAL/NATION

Ex-con charged with fatal shootings in 'Mayberry'

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Associated Press Writer MOUNT AIRY, N.C. – A soured love affair may have led an ex-convict to gun down four men in the town that inspired the idyllic community of Mayberry on the 1960s TV series "The Andy Griffith Show," police said Monday.

Marcos Chavez Gonzalez, 29, was charged with four counts of murder in the slayings late Sunday outside a television store in Mount Airy, about 100 miles north of Charlotte.

The four were shot with a high-powered assault rifle outside Wood's TV, in the shadow of a water tower that says "Welcome to Mount Airy" and has a picture of Griffith and Opie, his son on the show.

Police do not believe the shootings were random. Mount Airy Police Chief Dale Watson said officers are in-

vestigating several leads, including whether it was a contract killing or repercussions from a love affair gone bad.

"This is Mayberry ... Andy Griffith's house is in spitting distance here," said Michael Wood, one of the owners of Wood's TV.

The town, population 8,700, has built a tourist trade on nostalgia for the show that continues to thrive in syndication.

Watson identified the victims — all residents of the town — as Victor Alfonso Martinez-Jimenez, 22; Javier Manuel Martinez, 21; Juan Manuel Martinez, 26; and Marcos Oviedo Aguliar, 21.

Michelle Oviedo, 21, said her boyfriend and brother were among the dead and the alleged shooter is her mother's boyfriend. She said she was sitting on her porch not far from Wood's TV when she heard the gunshots.

"When I got there, Javier and my brother were already gone," she said. "They were on top of each other."

Jose Armando Hernandez, 46, said through a translator that three of the victims were his nephews. He said his family is "destroyed" over the deaths, which he said stemmed from a problem with a woman.

Gonzalez was arrested without incident at a motel about 50 miles northeast of the town, Henry County, Va., Sheriff Lane Perry said. He was unarmed when he surrendered just before 4 a.m. to officers who had surrounded the motel.

He was extradited from Virginia and was being held in the Surry County jail. Jail workers said it was not clear whether he had an attorney.

Watson said 16 shots were fired but the assault rifle had not been found.

"It was quite a crime scene," he said.

State prison records show Gonzalez was released more than two years ago after serving more than two years on a 2002 conviction for kidnapping a minor and a probation violation.

State records show the felony kidnapping charge required Gonzalez to register as a sex offender. North Carolina's post-release supervision of Gonzalez ended in June 2006 when he returned to prison after failing to stay in contact with a probation officer, Correction Department spokesman Keith Acree said.

Nursing supervisor Sue Coe at Northern Hospital of Surry County confirmed that two people died at the store around 2:30 p.m. Sunday. She said two who were wounded died at the hospital, just across the street from the store.

By Monday, someone had set up a makeshift memorial with flowers. Mourners gathered there and some women lay on the ground crying. Someone christened the memorial with a bottle of Corona beer, which sat half empty next to brightly colored candles with photos of saints on them.

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Gary Chilton, an owner of Chilton Insurance Group, which shares the building with Wood's TV, said the crime is an anomaly. Andy Griffith doesn't live there any more, but the town is still quiet.

"I'm not sure it's totally sunk in because it's so unusual. On any given Sunday there is nothing here in this parking lot. There's nothing here at all," he said. "My biggest question is why in this parking lot at all. Why Wood's TV parking lot?"

Stakes high in Maine's vote on gay marriage

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) -Bolstered by out-of-state money and volunteers, both sides jockeyed Monday to boost turnout for a Maine referendum that could give gay-rights activists in the U.S. their first victory at the ballot box on the deeply divisive issue of same-sex marriage.

The state's voters will decide Tuesday whether to repeal a law that would allow gay marriage. The law was passed by the Legislature and signed by Democratic Gov. John Baldacci last May but has never taken effect.

The contest is considered too close to call, and both campaigns worked vigorously with rallies, phone calls, e-mails and ads — to be sure their supporters cast votes in the off-year election.

If voters uphold the law, it will be the first time the electorate in any state has endorsed marital rights for same-sex couples.

New England, the corner of the country most receptive to same-sex marriage - would be a jolting setback for the gayrights movement and mark the first time voters overturned a gay-marriage law enacted by a legislature. When Californians voters rejected gay marriage a year ago, it was in response to a court ruling, not legislation.

Elsewhere around the country, Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine is locked in a tight battle for re-election in New Jersey, Republican Bob McDonnell is heavily favored in the race for Virginia governor, a hotly contested special congressional election in upstate New York has exposed a rift in the GOP between moderates and conservatives, and billionaire Michael Bloomberg is expected to coast to victory in his bid for a third term as mayor of New York.

Apart from Maine, five states have legalized same-sex marriage — Iowa, Connecticut,

have been approved in all 30 states where they have reached the ballot.

"The eyes of the nation will be on Maine," said Rea Carey, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "The stakes are high, but so is our hope that Maine will remain among the growing number of states that extend the essential security and legal protections of marriage to all loving, committed couples."

Brian Brown of the New Jersey-based National Organization of Marriage, which has contributed \$1.5 million to the repeal campaign, agreed the election is critical for both sides.

He took heart in polls showing a close race, saying polling in other states that voted on the issue tended to underestimate the eventual opposition to same-sex marriage.

"New England is the one area where it's much tougher ground

Authorities find slain N.M. nun's vehicle

NAVAJO, N.M. (AP) – Investigators say a vehicle belonging to a nun slain on the Navajo Indian reservation has been recovered in Arizona.

A colleague found Sister Marguerite Bartz's body after she didn't show up to Sunday Mass in the community of Navajo on the Arizona-New Mexico border. Investigators believe the 64-year-old was killed sometime between Halloween night and Sunday morning.

FBI spokesman Darrin Jones said Tuesday he can't disclose where in Arizona the vehicle was located. He says authorities hope to release additional details about the case later in the day.

On Monday, authorities asked for the public's help finding Bartz's vehicle, a beige 2005 Honda CR-V with New Jersey license plates. FBI agents also want anyone who spoke with Bartz on Halloween night to contact them.

N.C. father killed wife, two children, himself

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) – North Carolina police say a real estate developer known as an active member of his church shot and killed his wife and two teen children and then committed suicide in their Favetteville home.

Authorities did not hint at a motive into the slayings by William Maxwell in an upscale neighborhood of the city Monday night.

Police said Tuesday that 47-year-old Maxwell killed his wife, Kathryn, and their children, 17-year-

energizing activists nationwide and deflating a long-standing conservative argument that gay marriage lacks popular support.

Conversely, a repeal – in

Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. But all did so via legislation or court rulings. not through a popular vote. By contrast, constitutional amendments banning gay marriage

for us than other states." Brown said. "The fact that in a state like Maine we're polling relatively even shows the depth of support for saying marriage is between a man and a woman."

old Connor and 15-year-old Cameron, before turning a gun on himself.

Friends and neighbors say the Maxwells were a friendly family who kept a meticulous yard and were active in their church and their children's religious high school.

FIRE

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to be an electrical short. You can have mice and rats chewing on wiring, and while there were no gas utilities going to the home, there was electrical service there. The Borden County fire officials will investigate the fire and make an officials ruling on the cause.'

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BALL

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our biggest fund-raiser of the year, so we spend a lot of time planning the evening so everyone who attends has a good time," said Bias. "This year's ball will feature a silent auction, and we're really excited about the items that will be up for bidding.

"We have a weekend Sullivan said no inju- at Casa Del Sol, a bed and breakfast in Portales, N.M., up for bid this year, and it's really creating a stir among our prospective bidders. We also have a number of items that have been donated by area businesses, like Blackshear Interiors, Gaze Crystal Kitchen and Salon 101. These auctions are always so much fun, and some of the bidders are pretty competitive, so

I think everyone will come out a winner when it's over."

Bias said tickets for the event are \$25 each, and larger parties can actually book their own tables.

"If you have eight people in your group, you can actually reserve an entire table for \$200," said Bias. "The ball will be held at the Big Spring Country Club, and the number of tickets available are limited. They will be available up until the day of the ball, unless they run out before them. It's really a good idea to get your tickets before that Friday to ensure we don't run out."

Music and dancing will be provided by Midland-based Millenium Jazz, according to Bias.

"We've used them for several years now, and they really do a fantastic job," said Bias. "They're not loud or obnoxious, and guests get the chance to dance and have fun. We're really looking forward to having them back this year.'

The evening will kick off with a cocktail hour from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., ending with a special toast from a local resident who's no stranger to the Hangar 25 Air Museum, according to Bias.

"Jerry Worthy will be delivering our evening toast around 7 p.m.,' said Bias. "Anyone who knows about the history of the Hangar 25 Museum knows about Jerry."

Worthy was one of the driving forces behind the preservation and establishment of the hangar/museum, which is located on the former Webb Air Force Base.

"There will be hors devours served, and I'm really excited about them because I've been working with the chef at the country club to come up with some different and exciting options," said Bias. "Coffee and tea will be served as well, and there will be a cash bar available.'

Bias said attire for the evening is Texas formal or military dress, and the funds raised by the event will help the local museum with operating costs and other financial issues.

"The funds we raise each year with the Silver Wings Ball are very important to the operation of the museum," said Bias. "It also allows us to bring in new and different exhibits and plan exhibits and activities of our own, so the community's support is such a large part of this."

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the museum at 264-1999.

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NATION/WORLD

Berkshire buys Burlington Northern rail



AP photo Warren Buffett talks to reporters earlier this year.

NEW YORK (AP) — Making a \$34 billion bet on the future of the U.S. economy, Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. on Tuesday agreed to buy Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.

"Berkshire's \$34 billion investment in BNSF is a huge bet on that company, CEO Matt Rose and his team, and the railroad industry," Buffett said in a statement.

"Most important of all, however, it's an all-in wager on the economic future of the United States. I love these bets," he said.

Berkshire Hathaway already owns about 22 percent of Burlington Northern, and said it will pay \$100 a share

of the company, a 31.5 percent premium on Burlington Northern's Monday closing price. Shareholders have the option to convert their stock for a cash payment of \$100 per share or receive Berkshire Class A or Class B common stock. Up to 60 percent of the deal is cash and 40 percent is in stock.

The majority of the stock in the deal will be Berkshire's "A" shares, but Berkshire's board also approved a 50-for-1 split of its Class B common stock for holders of smaller amounts of Burlington shares who opt for a share exchange rather than cash. Berkshire's Class B shares closed Monday

in cash and stock for the rest at \$3,265. With the split, each power plants. share will be worth \$65.30. Burlington shares closed Monday at \$76.07. Burlington shares shot up \$21.56, or 28.4 percent, to \$97.63 in morning trading. Shares of other major rails rose as well.

> The deal has been approved by the boards of both companies. It would be the biggest acquisition ever for Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

> Berkshire also owns MidAmerican Energy Holdings, which controls power companies in the Midwest and Pacific Northwest. The railroad could be a strategic acquisition because its tracks run right through both regions, a major coal supply route for

The chairman of MidAmerican Energy has come out vocally against climate change legislation which targets coal-fired power plants.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe is the country's secondlargest railroad with a market capitalization — the market value of the company's outstanding shares — of about \$25.9 billion.

Last month the company reported third-quarter profit dropped 30 percent to \$488 million, or \$1.42 per share, as people continued to hold back on purchasing goods from stores and industrial production continued to struggle.

World briefs

Tropical Storm Mirinae kills 11 people, leaves 2 missing in central Vietnam

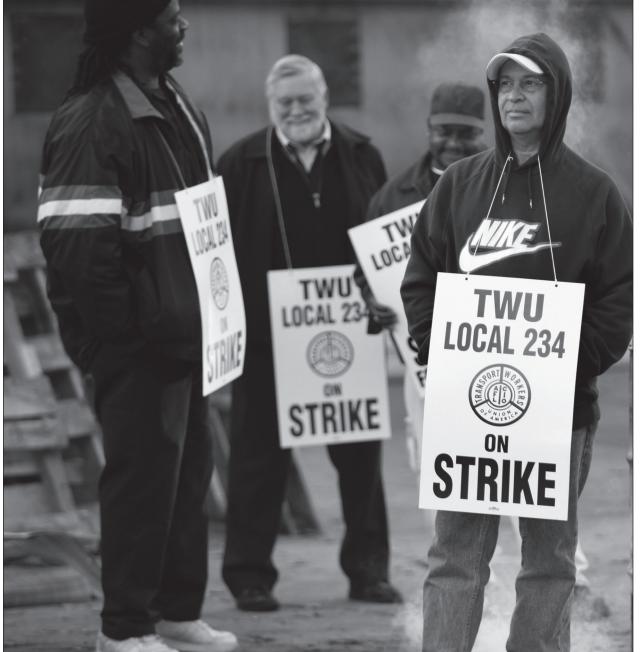
HANOI, Vietnam (AP) Tropical Storm Mirinae unleashed severe flooding in parts of central Vietnam, killing 11 people, leaving two missing and forcing families onto rooftops, disaster officials said Tuesday.

Floods in Phu Yen province killed 10 people after the storm hit, drenching the region with heavy rains Monday, said disaster official Duong Van Huong.

Several villages in neighboring Binh Dinh province suffered the worst flooding in four decades after the Ha Thanh River surged over its banks, said disaster official Nguyen Van Hoa. One man drowned in Binh Dinh and two others were missing, Hoa said.

Local authorities asked the central government to send helicopters to rescue people who were still trapped on rooftops a day after the storm, which lost force as it moved inland.

"We have received many calls for help from people who are still stranded," Hoa said



scheduled a hearing Tuesday afternoon to discuss how to proceed with the trial if Karadzic continues his boycott. Karadzic is defending himself but the threejudge panel is considering imposing a defense attorney on him.

In a letter to judges released by the U.N. court on Monday, Karadzic says he will attend the hearing to help find a way out of the stalemate.

North Korea claims completion of reprocessing nuclear fuel rods

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Tuesday that it has completed reprocessing thousands of spent nuclear fuel rods to extract plutonium to bolster its atomic stockpile, raising the stakes in an apparent effort to get the U.S. into direct negotiations.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said in a dispatch that the country finished reprocessing 8,000 spent fuel rods, which experts say yields enough plutonium for at least one atomic bomb. The North is believed to already be in possession of enough plutonium to make at least half a dozen nuclear weap-

by telephone.

Almost done: just the 2 toughest issues to go before the House votes on health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just a few unsolved problems and one final sales job — stand

between House Democratic leaders and a landmark vote on President Barack Obama's promised remake of the nation's health care system.

Unfortunately for the Democrats, the unresolved issues are among the most vexing out there: abortion and immigration.

And although they're confident they'll succeed, Democratic leaders have yet to nail down the votes they'll need to pass their sweeping bill. They're aiming for floor action to begin as early as Friday and finish before Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Or, as Majority Leader Steny Hoyer put it when asked when the House would take up the health care bill, "Friday or Saturday or Monday or Tuesday."

"We want to make sure it's correct," Hoyer, D-Md., told reporters Monday.

GOP senators plan boycott of committee votes on climate change

WASHINGTON (AP) — A threatened Republican boycott of a Senate committee's consideration of climate legislation is exposing the sharp partisan divide over a Democratic proposal to combat global warming.

Republicans for the most part plan to stay away from a meeting of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Tuesday as the panel begins deliberations over legislation that would cap greenhouse gases from power and industrial plants and curb the use of fossil fuels.

Democrats have a 12-7 majority in the committee and enough votes to AP Photo/Matt Rourke

Transport workers are seen on strike at the The Frankford Transportation Center in Philadelphia. Tuesday. The Philadelphia transit system's largest union went on strike early Tuesday, bringing the city's bus, subway and trolley operations to a halt a day after the World Series shifted to New York.

advance the measure to the full Senate. But GOP members are demanding additional studies on the cost and job impact of the bill, arguing that an analysis by the Environmental Protection Agency was inadequate. The EPA study projected it would cost average households no more than \$111 a year.

On Monday, the ranking Republicans on five other committees that will have some say in climate legislation also called the EPA analysis unsatisfactory and said senators should not be expected to vote on a bill "without a full and complete analysis of the likely effects."

The Republicans warned in a letter to Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the environment committee chairman, that failure to accommodate GOP senators seeking further studies "would severely damage rather than help" the chances of getting the bipartisan support needed to get a bill through the Senate.

Virginia, New Jersey to elect governors in an early test of Obama's political

influence

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a very early test of President Barack Obama's political influence, two states are choosing whether to continue Democratic rule while voters elsewhere elect a handful of congressmen and big-city mayors.

Elected just a year ago, the president has spent a considerable amount of time and energy trying to ensure that Democrats win governor's races in Virginia and New Jersey and pick up a GOP-held congressional seat in upstate New York.

In doing so, Obama raised the stakes of a low-enthusiasm off-year election season - and risked political embarrassment if any lost.

All three could.

Heading into Tuesday's elections, Democrat gubernatorial candidate R. Creigh Deeds was trailing Republican Bob McDonnell in polls by double digits in Virginia.

In a three-way race in New Jersey, Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine was in a close race with Republican Chris Christie and independent Chris Daggett. And in the race to fill the vacant 23rd Congressional District seat in New York, Democrat Bill Owens was in a tight fight with conservative Doug Hoffman after the GOP's handpicked candidate bowed out over the weekend.

Radovan Karadzic expected to attend U.N. tribunal for first time since start of war crimes trial

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) -Radovan Karadzic is set to appear in the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal's courtroom for the first time since his trial began last week on charges of ordering Serb atrocities throughout the Bosnian war.

The former Bosnian Serb leader has boycotted the trial's first three days, saying he has not had enough time to prepare his defense even though he was indicted in 1995.

Presiding Judge O-Gon Kwon has

ons. The latest announcement raises concern that the regime could enlarge its atomic stockpile.

The announcement came a day after North Korea's Foreign Ministry pressured Washington to accept its demand for direct nuclear talks.

North Korea restarted its once-mothballed nuclear facilities at its Yongby on complex in April in anger over a U.N. rebuke of its rocket launch, which was denounced as a test of its long-range missile technology. It has also kicked out international nuclear monitors before conducting nuclear and missile tests.

Afghan president says he wants people from 'all parts of the country' in his aovernment

KABUL (AP) Afghanistan's president welcomed his re-election by default Tuesday and reached out to opponents, promising to create a government of national participation and banish corruption that has undermined his administration.

President Hamid Karzai spoke a day after he was declared victor of an election so marred by fraud that his opponent dropped out of a planned runoff because he said it could not be free or fair.

Karzai said he wants people from every part of the country in his government, including Taliban who are ready to cooperate with the administration and political opponents. But he never mentioned his former challenger Abdullah Abdullah by name.

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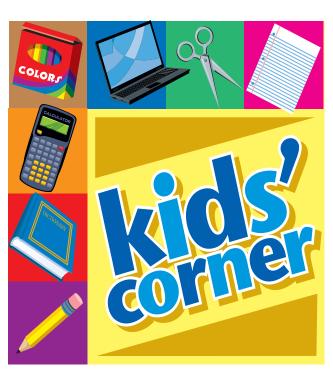
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Election Word Find

Just in time for Election Day, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

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Voting Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

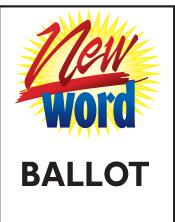
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- 2. Student O C I L C N U elections are held at school.
- 3. You must **G R R T S E I E** to vote.
- 4. The **N R I W N E** will be declared.



• 1860: ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

• 1869: THE FIRST **INTERCOLLEGIATE** SOCCER GAME TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS RUTGERS AND PRINCETON.

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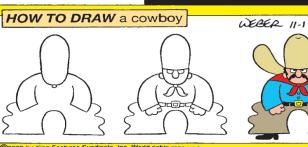
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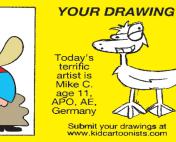


SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Count Weirdly is about to draw plans for a new laboratory in a distant city. The twist-ed count says the answer to the following riddle will reveal the location: The name of the city can be spelled by rearranging the letters of the word that means the opposite of less. Slylock Fox knows the city. Do you?

Solution -- The opposite of less is more. The rearranged letters spell the city of Rome.





The scrambled words are capital cities from around the world, How many can you unscramble? a) SOOL b) DARMID

c) ROCIA d) ASRIP

Answer - a) Oslo b) Madrid c) Cairo d) Paris

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check in with your higher mind and listen to its suggestions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You live the same way, whether people are watching you or not. Your mood may not be constantly ecstatic, but it will feel right and true. Your honesty makes you attractive to others of upstanding character.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The small gestures of those close to you have great meaning to you now. All four chambers of your heart fill up with joy. The friends you love and are

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loved by are simply the best in the world. Life is good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Observe before you act. Your observations may take all day, week or month. The time will be well spent. Whether you win this game will depend upon your ability to correctly sum up your opponent.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The one who cares for you will offer unsolicited advice. It's not what you want to hear. You'll think it's slanted and off base. But do consider it anyway. There is something of value in the exchange.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Take it slow in relationships. Build bonds carefully — no pushing. Singles: A new romance might actually be different from the last one. You are not yet ready to say that out loud, but you don't have to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Bareback horse riding might be a thrill, but it's not for you. Nor is skydiving or bungee jumping, and you have no desire to run with the bulls in Pamplona. You will find rapture in

Tomorrow's Horoscope

peace and quietude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are many mesmerizing creatures in the world. The ones that are fascinating in the jungle may not make very good domestic partners. That attractive person you met recently is definitely better left in the wild.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The difference between you and them is that you will go the extra mile, without expecting recompense. They expect a reward for everything. Continue to lead by example, and enjoy the rewards without expecting them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes you regret sharing your problems, because you forget how much people love to give advice. Everyone has an opinion. Let it sit. Reconsider in a few days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Yes, you get the same thing every time you go to a certain restaurant. When you know what you like, why should you not get it? This is a sound argument.

AQUARIUS

20-Feb. 18). Take measures to protect yourself from the emotional climate, as well as the actual weather. Go where there is sunshine or at least where you can be around people who have sunshine in their hearts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You never really notice how fast things are moving until you stop running like mad yourself. Today's reprieve may not last long - an hour at the most — but it's enough to give you perspective. T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 3). Your birthday gift from the stars is impressive determination. You will commit to a kind of marathon, applying yourself to a long race of vour choosing. What happens in January keeps you in touch with what drives you. There will be victories in March and July. Love motivates you to make a change in April. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 33, 17 and 50.

DOES HE LOVE ME? (Jan. I WANNA KNOW! If a

CAPRICORN man loves you, he will dress well when he knows he's going to see you. He will choose his topics of conversation and speak carefully. He'll use his best manners and usually be more formal in his courtship than others might choose to be. If you want to attract a Capricorn man, keep in mind that he is most taken with those who can make him feel important. He wants someone who will listen — really listen with full attention — to his plans for the future, his stories about past victories and his opinions about the world in general. He most appreciates the person who can make him feel like the important man he is. Note: The Capricorn man is a power-seeking creature and is often focused on what he will do next to increase his influence. The object of his affection must reflect not only the person he is, but also the person he wants to be. He is most attracted to those who can appreciate his ambition and match his dynamic energy. He

wants to be in a relationship with someone who will support him and inspire him to do more.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Entertainment mogul Sean Combs is a hip-hop artist, record producer, clothing designer and critically acclaimed actor — and the list goes on. His natal chart boasts a total of five luminaries in Scorpio, indicating that Combs takes a highly intuitive approach to every aspect of life, especially business. His Capricorn moon is excellent for entrepreneurialism and declares a strong work ethic.

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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

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Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace





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6A Local Big Spring Herald Tuesday, November 3, 2009 Bird Poop: An 'Old Man' makes a difference

he water tower is empty now. No longer are the trees in our neighborhood sagging under their weight. En masse the turkey

vultures announced their departure and winter's approaching dreariness. The late

afternoon skies of early October were filled with the large, blackish brown birds.

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the railings, sides and top of the VA Hospital's structure, the carrion eaters treasured their overnight quarters. Without any space for a new arrival to land, latecomers flew to the next available height. Old growth elms in the easement bordering the city park afforded a stopgap alternative.

Desperate for an evening roost, one lonely traveler swooped down our easement, banked sharply upward and returned to settle on top of the Richey's chimney. Frightening their pet, the large transient left after the dog's constant barking. Again, it perused the alley, landed in the same spot, but had to leave when the canine protest was even louder.

Before it flew to the southern part of our neighborhood, it circled over the three undeveloped back lots. Diving toward our back gate, it suddenly pulled up with ease. Sailing over the back fence and through the opening between two oaks, it rose to clear our roof.

"Dare devil," I thought as I relished my vantage point in seeing its six-foot wingspan so graceful in flight.

Walking toward the back porch, I thought of another vulture. Having written a column entitled "Old Man," I wondered could he possibly be among this migratory group. Two years had passed since his rescue from a fenced landfill where cooking oils and grease from restaurants had been discharged into open pits.

Coated with the oily waste, the bird's feathers had readily attracted windblown dust and debris from daily operations. Perhaps in an effort to stay alive, the vulture had acquired its meals and greasy coating while reaching for any dead horned lizard, snake or prairie dog that had slid into the pits. Only through the efforts of an employee at that facility had the bird been spared to soar again.

After numerous baths and



Courtesy photo Taking flight, "Old Man" left the security of a mesquite tree to explore the brushy terrain. Overhead, other members of his specie soared in the summer sky.

eight months at the wildlife center in Lubbock, the oldster had nearly completed a full molt of his bedraggled feathers. Having spent his incarceration with two other vultures, he had been well fed but appeared restless.

Sensing his longing to return to the wild, Gail Barnes placed him in the flight cage. The freedom to fly the length of the facility encouraged the bird to exercise in preparation for its release.

Convinced the vulture was ready, she called to ask us to be a part of his return to nature.

Taking "Old Man" to a ranch south of Big Spring, we watched him spread his wings to catch the wind. From one mesquite to the next, he flew deliberately as if testing himself. Where highway and oil field vehicles often provided roadkill, he could scavenge with others during the remainder of summer.

Ten months after the vulture's rescue from the landfill, work began on correcting the neglected area of the municipal facility. Preparing a pit that would receive restaurant waste and be covered with secure netting, the city also implemented the drainage of another pit. This mandated treatment would bring it into compliance.

Never would "Old Man" know of his importance in saving other animals' lives. As living evidence of an environmental wrong, the turkey vulture had prompted federal laws to be enforced.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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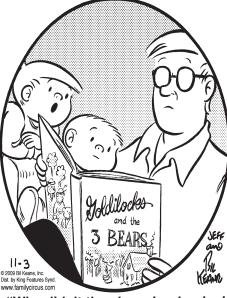
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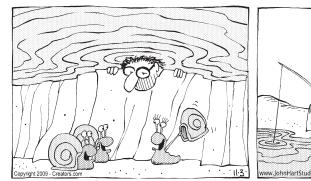


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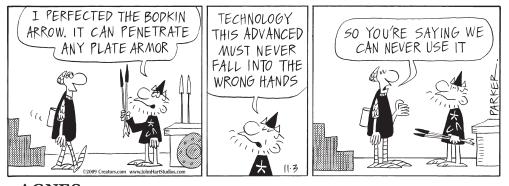
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 2009. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 3, 1900, the first major U.S. automobile show opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

On this date:

In 1839, the first Opium War between China and Britain broke out.

In 1852, Japan's Emperor Meiji was born in Kyoto. In 1909, American journalist

James Reston was born in Clydebank, Scotland.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide victory election over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 2, the second manmade satellite, into orbit; on board was a dog named "Laika" who was sacrificed in the experiment.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson soundly defeated Republican Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five Communist Workers Party members were killed in a clash with heavily armed Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis during an anti-Klan protest in Greensboro, N.C.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair began to come to light as Ash-Shiraa, a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, first broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, S.C., was arrested for drowning her two young sons, Michael and Alex, nine days after claiming the children had been abducted by a black carjacker.

One year ago: On the eve of Election Day 2008, Democrat Barack Obama radiated confidence and Republican John McCain displayed the grit of an underdog as the rivals reached for the finish line of a two-year marathon.

Former Massachusetts Movie composer John Barry is 76. Tony-winning playwright Terrence McNally is 70. Actor Shadoe Stevens is 63. Singer Lulu is 61. Actress Kate Capshaw is 56. Comedian Dennis Miller is 56. Actress Kathy Kinney is 56. Singer Adam Ant is 55. Actor Dolph Lundgren is 52. Rock musician C.J. Pierce (Drowning Pool) is 37. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evgeni Plushenko is 27. Actress Julie Berman ("General Hospital") is 26. Thought for Today: "In any

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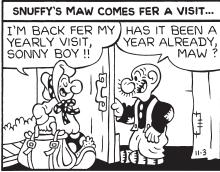


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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I are in a long-distance relationship because he's at college, 2,000 miles away. We've been together for two years.

At first, everything was fine, but he soon became distant and unavailable to talk. I figured he just needed space. Whenever it bothered me, he would reassure me that nothing was wrong and swear he still loved me.

A week before I was scheduled to visit him, I became suspicious and snooped in his e-mail. I know it was an invasion of privacy, but I was desperate. I came across several male contacts that he met through Craigslist. The details of the e-mails, along with explicit photographs, made me realize that the love of my life was having a homosexual affair with a man he randomly chose online. I was shocked.

I asked my boyfriend to explain. I told him I loved him no matter what. After a few awkward moments of silence, he said he was just curious and that it would never happen again. I believed him.

I've always considered myself very open-minded, but I feel sick and disgusted whenever I imagine him with a man. I don't like myself for it. I also don't know what to do about my relationship. Please help. — Lost and Confused

Dear Lost: We suspect your boyfriend is gay and always has been. He waited until he was 2,000 miles away before he felt safe enough to do something about it. And he is likely to do it again. You should assure him that you care about him regardless of his sexual orientation, that he needs to be careful meeting strangers online and that you will always be his friend. But the romance is over, honey.

Dear Annie: I have been seeing my boyfriend, "Jay," for three years. We have a wonderful relationship and hope to marry soon.

Here's the problem: Whenever we take a trip home for



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the holidays, Jay insists on staying at his parents' house and adamantly refuses to stay with my parents, who live two miles down the road. He says he doesn't feel comfortable staying anywhere else.

What happens when we get married? My parents want to spend time with both of us and have even turned their office into a guest room for our benefit. To make everyone happy, Jay stays at his folks' and I stay at mine, which causes tension between us during what should be a happy time of year. How do we compromise? — Sleeping Alone in Florida

Dear Florida: You seem willing to compromise, but Jay sounds a little too selfish and immature to understand that this is the type of thing committed, caring adults do for each other. If you are going to visit the parents for the holidays, you must alternate where you stay. This can be done many ways, but you must insist on it. Otherwise, the two of you should stay in a motel.

Dear Annie: I had to write concerning your response to "Kansas Bride," who complained that her husband habitually touches her breasts when they go out in public.

This is not a matter of arrested development that should be ignored. It is a form of abuse, plain and simple. He gets a kick out of making her feel embarrassed and uncomfortable, and then accuses her of overreacting when she tells him to stop. He will not outgrow it. How could anyone ignore a public display of disrespect, especially when it involves obvious sexual overtones? She shouldn't put up with it. — Faithful Reader in La Grande, Ore.

Dear Faithful Reader: We understand why you might consider this abuse, but we don't believe his intention is to humiliate her. A lot of men are overeager children when it comes to women's breasts (and other things), and they simply need to be taught that their lack of control will not get the juvenile reaction they are hoping for.

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Oak tree favorite for band gum in Victoria

VICTORIA (AP) — Some band students in Victoria are sticking to a colorful tradition.

An oak tree outside Memorial High School is adorned with an array of gum. Band students are not allowed to chew gum during practice.

David Edge, who has been Memorial High School band director since 2000, noticed students opting to stick their gum on the tree since he started the job.

Principal Richard LeFavers says the gummed tree is no problem as long as it does not become a health or academic concern.

Skylar Garza, who is a junior, told the Victoria Advocate that he has pasted at least four or five packs of gum on the tree since his freshman year.

Garza says it's "pretty awesome, but pretty disgusting at the same time."

13 school buses in Maypearl had tires slashed

MAYPEARL (AP) — All 13 operational school buses in Maypearl were found with at least one tire slashed at a replacement cost of up to \$4,000.

Maypearl Independent School District superintendent Lynn Dehart wants to know who is responsible for the damage and why.

The tires were replaced in time for students to be transported as usual Monday afternoon in Maypearl, a town of about 950.

The vandalism was discovered Monday morning, forcing families to find alternate transportation for their children.

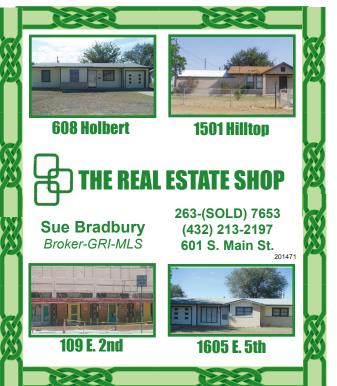
The Cowboy Bank of Texas in Maypearl is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the tire slasher.

Maypearl is located 40 miles southwest of Dallas.

2 dead in Dallas related to drugs

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say the shooting deaths of a man and a woman at a house appear to have been drug related.

Police identified the pair found slain as 30-year-



Lottery won't pay jackpot to ticket buyer

AP Photo/Harry Cabluck Willis Willis, center, arrives for a meeting with his attorneys, Sean Breen, left, and Randy Howry, at the Texas Lottery Commission in Austin Monday. Willis, 67. from Grand Prairie. had a winning \$1 million winning lottery ticket that authorities allege was stolen by a convenience store clerk where Willis bought the ticket. The clerk, who is missing, allegedly claimed the whole prize, \$750,000, after taxes. Some of it has been recovered from bank accounts, prosecutors say.

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorneys for a 67-year-old man who claims he won a \$1 million jackpot say the Texas Lottery still considers the winner to be the store clerk who was indicted for bilking their client of his prize money.

Willis Willis' lawyer Sean E. Breen says commission attorneys told the Grand Prairie man Monday they consider the clerk

old Sandra Williams and 37-year-old Samuel Woodson.

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Sgt. Bruce McDonald says investigators continue to piece together the scene to determine what happened early Monday.

Police responded to reports of an alarm going off and neighbors hearing gunfire. Officers say they found marijuana in the residence.

Police did not immediately report any arrests.

Corpus Christi coliseum could be demolished

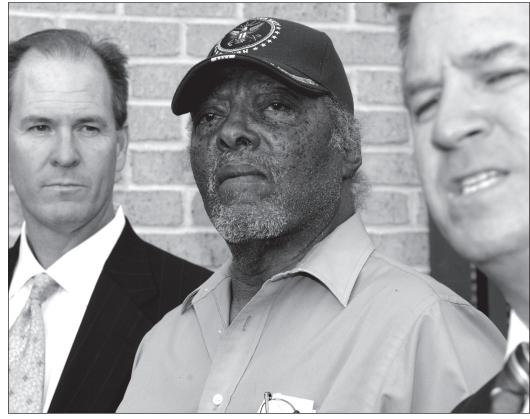
CORPUS CHRIST (AP) — Demolition could be in store for vacant Memorial Coliseum in Corpus Christi after redevelopment efforts stalled.

A letter sent this week by City Council Mark Scott asks the panel to tear down the bayfront structure, create a memorial park and give development incentives to landowners.

The council last week voted to end negotiations with Brass Real Estate, which sought to offer plans to reuse the building, which opened in 1954.

Memorial Coliseum closed in 2004 when Corpus Christi opened the American Bank Center.

Mayor Joe Adame says the council will likely



who was indicted for allegedly fraudulently claiming Willis' prize to be the winner.

Breen said the commission's general counsel, Kim Kiplin, and two other lawyers refused to answer any of their questions.

Commission spokesman Bobby Heith declined to comment.

Authorities believe Pankaj Joshi, now indicted on a charge of

claiming a lottery prize by fraud, fled to Nepal after about \$750,000 was transferred to him.

About half of the money has been recovered from U.S. banks. Prosecutor Patricia Robertson has said that money is being held and some will be returned to the victim.

services will resume in phases.

Lambright told the Galveston County Daily News that the hospital should be fully operational by late December.

The 30-bed hospital, which flooded when Ike came ashore on Sept. 13, 2008, is known for specializing in burn patients.

Budget cuts have forced Shriners to consider accepting third-party payment for treating children, who will continue to be helped whether they can pay or not.

Anti-tax protest in Houston draws 10,000

HOUSTON (AP) — An anti-tax protest at a horse racing track in Houston drew a crowd of more than 10,000 on the eve of the election.

Members of the North Houston Tea Party Patriots gathering Monday night to demonstrate against proposed health care reform and what they called big government spending.

The crowd at Sam Houston Race Park cheered as speakers called for them to take control of the U.S. government and defend the Constitution.

Laureen Jones and Joan Orozco of The Woodlands told the Houston Chronicle that they were on hand to protest government spending and governmentrun health care. Race park officials said preliminary attendance numbers, putting the crowd at more than 10,000, were based on turnstiles.

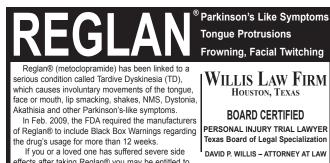
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discuss Scott's proposal later this month.

Ike-damaged Shriners Hospital to reopen Wednesday

GALVESTON (AP) — Shriners Hospital for Children is set to reopen Wednesday nearly 14 months after Hurricane Ike pounded Galveston. Shriner Tommy Lambright from Texas City says



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Texas police shoot robbery suspect

FORT WORTH (AP) — Fort Worth police shot and critically injured a man suspected of robbing more than a dozen businesses.

Dallas-Fort Worth television KDFW reports police responded to a robbery call at a U-Haul store Monday afternoon and saw a truck matching the description of the one used in several recent robberies.

The driver didn't stop when an officer tried to pull him over. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports the officer drew his gun and fired one bullet into the truck, hitting the suspect.

Police spokesman Sgt. Chad Mahaffey says the suspect was arrested and taken to a hospital in critical but stable condition.

Police haven't released the suspect's name.

Man sentenced to 42 months for bank robbery

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man has been sentenced to 3 years and six months in federal prison after prosecutors say he used a toy gun to rob a Texas bank.

A statement Monday from U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks says 53-year-old Freddie Darnell Ivory was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Reed C. O'Connor.

Prosecutors say Ivory admitted he robbed the First Convenience Bank in DeSoto on May 4. He approached the teller and displayed the toy gun. He threatened to "blow her head off."





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