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**THURSDAY**

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Six military Blackhawk helicopters made a stop at the Big Spring Airport Tuesday afternoon on the way to an assignment. The crew members, mostly from Alaska and California, enjoyed a barbecue meal from Hog Heaven, courtesy of Jack Perry from Lonestar Aviation. The crews had recently stopped in Artesia, N.M., to perform desert operations training.

## Big Spring native dies in combat

*Services pending for Capt. Ellery Wallace*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

A former Big Spring resident was recently killed in action in Afghanistan.

U.S. Army Capt. Ellery R. "Ray" Wallace, 33, of Salt Lake City and formerly of Big Spring, died of wounds received Aug. 28 in the Nangahar province of Afghanistan.



Wallace

Capt. Wallace and Pfc. Bryn T. Raver of Harrison, Ark. were on patrol when their vehicle was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade in Babur, Afghanistan, the Department of Defense announced.

Wallace died of his wounds the following day. Raver also was killed in the attack.

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## Schools, city, county offices to be closed

Herald Staff Report

Most government and school offices will be closed Labor Day, officials announced.

The City of Big Spring will close all non-emergency offices, including the landfill, at noon Friday so that employees can attend the annual appreciation picnic and award service award program. These offices will be closed through Monday, it was announced.

In addition, there will be no trash pick-up Monday.

Howard County employees also will get a head start on the holiday weekend. Officials announced county non-emergency offices will close at 3 p.m. Friday through Monday. Also, the county library will be closed Friday through Monday.

City and county emergency offices will remain open.

The Big Spring Senior Center will be

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## 'Warrior' hopefuls to pedal, swim and run here Sept. 11

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Are you a Comanche Warrior? That's the question more than 100 athletes from all over the state will be asking Saturday, Sept. 11, as the annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon looks to swim, bike and run its way through Big Spring's Comanche Trail Park.

Former Big Spring City Councilman Troy Tompkins, one of the event coordinators and the driving force that brought the contest to Big Spring in 2008, said the triathlon will challenge the strength and wits of athletes from near and far.

"The triathlon begins with a 500-meter open water swim, which will take place in Comanche Trail Lake," Tompkins said. "After that, the contestants will bike a 50 km course that will take them down



HERALD file photo

Contestants compete in the swimming portion of the Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

Wasson Road, with a turnaround point near the Garden City Highway. After that, it wraps up with a 5 km run, which takes place in-

side the city park. "It's a pretty grueling contest to

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## It's Roundup time at Sands

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

ACKERLY — It's Roundup time at Sands High School.

Roundup, which is held at SHS during non-homecoming years, will be held in conjunction with the Sands-Guthrie football game Friday evening.

The highlight of Roundup will be the naming of the queen. Nomi-

nees this year include senior Meagan Yarbrough, junior Haley Ruiz, sophomore Alexia Robles and freshman Marisol Marroquin.

Kim Wiginton, the 2009 homecoming queen at Sands, will crown the new queen immediately preceding the Sands-Guthrie football game, scheduled to kick off at 7:30 p.m.

The only other activity planned for Roundup week this year is a spaghetti supper hosted by the Sands

Drama Club at 6 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria.

Tickets are \$6 per person and can be purchased ahead of time or at the door.

For more information, contact Sands School at 353-4888.

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# Obituaries

## T.L. Griffin II

T. L. Griffin II, longtime Borden County rancher, died Aug. 1, 2010, at his home at the age of 85. He was born Dec. 7, 1924, in Olney.

Tee married Gloria Watson on April 1, 1951. He was a dedicated husband who adored his wife of 59 years. They were inseparable friends and worked diligently to operate the T2 Griffin Ranches, as well as rear an upstanding and God-fearing family.

T.L. was the proud father of three children: Lane Griffin and his wife Dian of Borden County, Gay Ann Gffin Porter and her husband Bill of Bartlesville, Okla., and Talley Griffin Brown and her husband Rob A. Stinnett. He was also a proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Never one for elaborate ceremonies, T. L. had always wanted to live, die and be buried at the home on the ranch. His wishes were honored by having a family wake, burial and celebration of his great life. The commemoration was conducted by his children and grandchildren followed by burial on Aug. 2, 2010, at the Griffin Family Ranch Cemetery.

The family asks any memorials be given to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene 79605, which was T.L. and Gloria's favorite charity.

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## Christine Foster

Christine Foster, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, at the Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix and the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010, at the funeral home. She was born June 30, 1928, in Big Spring. Christine was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and had worked as a nurses aide at the Big Spring State Hospital for 25 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald "Jerry" Groves of Big Spring, and Gary Wayne Groves Sr. of Columbus, Ga.; one aunt, Merle Higginbotham of Monahans; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two nephews and one niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Pinkston and Vera Sandlin; one sister, Almarine Schweska; and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 South Service Road, Big Spring 79720; or to the Epilepsy Foundation of America, 8301 Professional Place, Landover, Md., 20785.

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

## Gilbert Garcia

Gilbert Garcia, 52, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, in Dallas. Rosary services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, at Myers & Smith Chapel followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 24, 1958, in San Antonio to Maria and Domingo Garcia. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1977 and also attended Howard College. He was a catholic.

He is survived by one brother, Eddie Garcia of Big Spring; and one aunt, Maria Dominguez of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

## Ollie Mae Henry

Ollie Mae Henry, 85, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Enedina Fierro

Enedina Fierro, 90, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Support Groups

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

# Police blotter

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

- ROBERT HOLLIS MAGNUM, 53, of 1217 Ridgeroad, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- CHRISTOPHER BENNETT WOOTEN, 49, of 1700 S. Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DEBRA LYNN KNOTT, 48, of 106 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and permitting an unlicensed operator to drive.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ESTELLA DOMINGUEZ, 34, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- MELVIN RAY HEFFINGTON, 48, of 4111 Muir, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LLOVANA LOZANO MUNOZ, 36, of 1710 S. Johnson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of S. Johnson.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 100 block of Algerita.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 4100 block of Bilger.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 900 block of E. Fourth Street.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- STANLEY LYNN FRALEY, 46, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- ROBERT MANGUM, 53, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a warrant for bondsman off bond for tampering/fabricating physical evidence.
- DEBRA LYNN KNOTT, 48, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and permitting an unlicensed person to drive.
- KATRINA MICHELLE DUNN, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- ESTELLA DOMINGUEZ, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- CHRISTOPHER WOOTEN, 49, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
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# Take Note

The local division of the Disabled American Veterans will be holding a 9-11 memorial service at the Big Spring Mall at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony is being held in honor of the of the Americans who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and the local men and women who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces since that tragic day. There memorial will be held just west of the Sears inside the mall, near the memorial wall. For more information on the memorial ceremony, contact Mike Tarpley at (432) 556-2227.

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/3	Sat 9/4	Sun 9/5	Mon 9/6	Tue 9/7
<b>81/58</b>	<b>89/64</b>	<b>94/67</b>	<b>93/69</b>	<b>90/69</b>
Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms mainly in the mo.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:08 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:06 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:05 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:04 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:25 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:02 PM

## Texas At A Glance



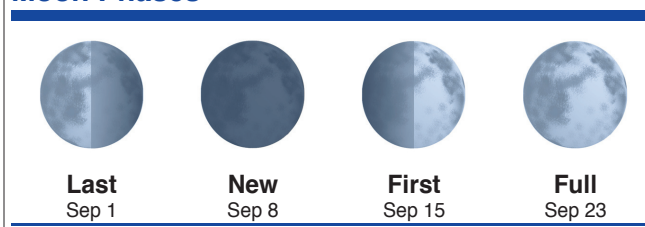
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	86	60	t-storm	Kingsville	96	72	t-storm
Amarillo	82	54	sunny	Livingston	94	65	t-storm
Austin	91	69	t-storm	Longview	90	61	t-storm
Beaumont	94	70	t-storm	Lubbock	81	54	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	75	t-storm	Lufkin	94	66	t-storm
Brownwood	91	61	t-storm	Midland	81	62	t-storm
Corpus Christi	94	74	t-storm	Raymondville	97	73	t-storm
Corsicana	90	62	t-storm	Rosenberg	95	70	t-storm
Dallas	91	63	t-storm	San Antonio	95	72	t-storm
Del Rio	95	72	t-storm	San Marcos	92	68	t-storm
El Paso	89	66	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	91	59	t-storm
Fort Stockton	79	64	t-storm	Sweetwater	83	59	t-storm
Gainesville	87	59	rain	Tyler	90	60	t-storm
Greenville	89	59	t-storm	Weatherford	89	60	t-storm
Houston	94	71	t-storm	Wichita Falls	86	58	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	65	mst sunny	Minneapolis	66	51	windy
Boston	79	66	rain	New York	83	70	rain
Chicago	70	51	windy	Phoenix	106	81	mst sunny
Dallas	91	63	t-storm	San Francisco	78	59	sunny
Denver	84	55	sunny	Seattle	78	56	sunny
Houston	94	71	t-storm	St. Louis	79	56	windy
Los Angeles	87	64	sunny	Washington, DC	92	69	pt sunny
Miami	92	79	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Dallas. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4100 block of Bilger. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of First Street and Texas in Coahoma. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

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## Homeless man calls 911 from hot tub, seeks cocoa

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — A homeless man who called 911 from the hot tub of a suburban Portland home and asked for towels, hot chocolate and a hug got arrested for trespassing instead.

Beaverton police say Mark Eskelsen called 911 from his cell phone, identified himself as “the sheriff of Washington County,” and asked for medical help. He later admitted he wasn’t the sheriff but informed the dispatcher he’d been “yelling for about an hour and a half.”

The man said in his Sunday morning call that he’d been in the water about 10 hours and his towels had gotten wet. As he put it, “I just need a hug and a warm cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows in it.”

The Oregonian newspaper says arriving officers arrested Eskelsen for investigation of second-degree criminal trespass and improper use of 911.

## For second time, Ohio woman gives birth in vehicle

BETHEL, Ohio (AP) — For a second time, an Ohio woman has given birth to a baby who couldn’t wait and arrived on the drive to the hospital.

Christina Schuler’s 8-pound, 11-ounce son was born Tuesday in the front seat of the family’s pickup truck. Her husband pulled over less than a mile from their hospital in southwest Ohio’s Clermont County.

The woman from Bethel says her labor was even shorter than it was in December 2006, when she gave birth to her son, Ethan, in a car.

The Schulers also have one other child. The father, Nathan Schuler, says if the couple has any more children, they’ll have to leave for the hospital a lot earlier.

## Coroner: California doctor suffocated in chimney

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A doctor whose decomposing body was found in a narrow chimney suffocated after she tried to get into the home of her boyfriend, authorities said Wednesday.

The body of Dr. Jacquelyn Kotarac was found Saturday — three days after she slid feet first down the chimney of the Bakersfield home, police said.

“The pressure being placed on the chest wouldn’t allow her lungs to expand and she suffocated,” Kern County sheriff-coroner spokesman Ray Pruitt said after an autopsy.

The coroner’s office also ruled the death was accidental. Foul play was not suspected.

Police said Kotarac, a 49-year-old internist, wanted to confront the man with whom she had an “on-again, off-again” relationship.

Her corpse was discovered when a house-sitter noticed an odor coming from the fireplace. People in the home had noticed nothing until then, police said.

Kotarac was reported missing Thursday when she failed to show up for work, Bakersfield police Sgt. Mary DeGeare said.

The night before, she tried to get into the house with a shovel then climbed a ladder to the roof, removed the chimney cap and slid down, police said.

Meanwhile, the man she sought left unnoticed to avoid a confrontation and slept elsewhere that night, authorities said.

Firefighters spent five hours tearing up the chimney to extract the body that was wedged about two feet above the top of the interior fireplace opening.

## Swing sets removed at some West Va. schools

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Elementary school playgrounds in one West Virginia county are losing their swing sets.

Swings are being removed from Cabell County schools in southern West Virginia in part because of lawsuits over injuries.

Cabell County schools safety manager Tim Stewart said Wednesday that a lot of parents are accusing him of being un-American, but he says the cost of maintaining a safe surface is too expensive.

Stewart says a lawsuit in the past year involved a youngster who broke his arm jumping off a swing like Superman. It was settled for \$20,000.

Other equipment such as monkey bars will remain. Stewart says the schools are able to maintain

the proper protection underneath them.

## NYC man plunges 39 stories, lands on car, survives

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City man who plunged 39 stories from the roof of an apartment building has survived after crashing onto a parked car.

Witnesses and police say 22-year-old Thomas Magill tried to commit suicide by jumping from the high-rise at West 63rd Street on Tuesday. He landed in the backseat area of a Dodge Charger after crashing through the windshield.

Magill suffered broken legs. Police say he’s in critical condition.

The car’s owner, Guy McCormack, of Old Bridge, N.J., told the Daily News he’s convinced that rosary beads he kept inside the Dodge saved Magill’s life.

Witnesses told police they saw Magill falling past their windows.

He isn’t the only New Yorker to survive a high-rise fall. Window washer Alcides Moreno fell 47 stories from the roof of a skyscraper in December 2007.

## Busted pot growers mistake wardens for suppliers

RED BLUFF, Calif. (AP) — California wildlife officials say two men are in custody after a group of marijuana growers started to toss bags full of pot into a pickup truck belonging to game wardens they mistook for their suppliers.

State Department of Fish and Game spokesman Pat Foy says two wardens in Tehama County were looking for deer poachers Monday night in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest when they heard footsteps behind them.

They turned and saw five men hauling large military-style duffel bags and sleeping bags. Foy said the men approached the wardens’ truck as if to toss the bags in the bed.

The wardens began shouting commands at the group and managed to handcuff two, one of whom was carrying a shotgun. Three others escaped into the forest.

## WALLACE

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Wallace joined the Army in 2003 and was assigned to the 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, Ky.

His awards and commendations include the Army Commendation Medal, Valorous Unit Award, National

Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge, according to information obtained from the Web site freedomremembered.com.

The Web site reported that Wallace had obtained a bachelor’s de-

gree in sociology and criminology and was working toward a master’s degree in business.

Wallace is survived by his wife, Janelle, and four children — Liam, Adara, Kael and Ehlana — of Clarksville, Tenn., and his parents, Elton and Elaine Wallace of Elkhart. His father was a former teacher/coach with Big Spring Independent School District, while his mother

supplemented the family income delivery newspapers for the *Big Spring Herald*.

He is the ninth man with local ties to die in action in either Iraq or Afghanistan. The others are: Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, U.S. Army; Steven Evrad, Big Spring Police Department; Pfc. Clayton Henson, U.S. Army; Pfc. Kristian Menchaca; Pfc. Chad Metcalf, U.S. Marine Corp; Staff Sgt.

Clinton Newman; U.S. Army, Spc. Robert J. Volker, U.S. Army; and Spc. Braden Long, U.S. Army.

No funeral information has been released as of this morning. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Gilbert Garcia, 52, died Tuesday. Rosary services will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.  
Enedina Fierro, 90, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## WARRIOR

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watch. Most of the athletes will complete the course within approximately two hours, but the really hardcore contestants will be able to finish in about an hour-and-a-half. We had some contestants from Texas Tech last year, and they were able to complete the triathlon like it was nothing. It was quite amazing to watch.”

Tompkins said registration for the annual challenge is expected to begin at 6 a.m., with the race to start at 8 a.m.

“A lot of the participants will actually come into town the night before because this thing gets started really early in the morning,” he said. “The triathlon it-

self will be over around 10 a.m.. Traffic in the park during the triathlon will be tightly controlled, as well. Every effort is being made to keep the contestants as safe as possible.”

More than 100 competitors are expected to vie for the title of Comanche Warrior, according to Tompkins.

“In 2008, we had between 75 and 80 competitors take part in the race,” he said. “Last year we had about 100. We’re expecting between 100 and 150 athletes this year. I’ve talked to a lot of the participants in the past, and they think the Comanche Warrior Triathlon is one of the best in this half of the state. It features a good open water swim, and the terrain offers some unique challenges for

the competitors.”

Tompkins said the Comanche Warrior contest isn’t the first triathlon to be staged in the Crossroads area.

“There was something similar here in Big Spring about 10 or 15 years ago,” he said.

“However, it just sort of fizzled out after a couple of years. I took the idea for the triathlon to the Conventions and Visitors Bureau a few years ago, while I was serving on the CVB board. This

is a very cool event for the community, not to mention a good driver for tourism.”

Tompkins said the triathlon will begin with the 500-meter swim at Comanche Trail Lake, near the Dora Roberts Community Center.

“I hope people will come out and enjoy the triathlon. It’s very much a spectator event,” he said. “It really is amazing how much work these athletes do to prepare for the event, and

just the level of energy they put out during the contest is insane. I get tired just watching them.”

For more information on the Comanche Warrior Triathlon, visit [www.comanchewarriortriathlon.com](http://www.comanchewarriortriathlon.com) or contact the CVB at (432) 263-8235.

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## The Herald will closed Monday, Sept. 4 in observation of Labor Day

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closed early Friday and remain closed through Monday, Director Nancy Jones said.

All Howard County public school systems, as well as Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, will not hold classes Monday, officials said.

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## News in brief

### Pallbearer for slain Galveston man charged in death

GALVESTON (AP) — A slain Galveston man's best friend who was a pallbearer at his funeral has been charged in the 2007 apparent drug-related killing.

Eric Calvert Kirby was in the Galveston County Jail on Thursday on a murder charge. Bond was \$250,000 for Kirby, who was arrested Wednesday afternoon in the closet of his mother's home. Electronic jail records had no listing for an attorney for Kirby.

Galveston police say 45-year-old Tracey Dulaney Rawls was discovered strangled after a motorist ran over the body.

Detective Fed Paige says Rawls had been dealing drugs.

A police fugitive photo of Kirby had appeared Wednesday morning in The Galveston County Daily News.

Marie Pines of Galveston told the Houston Chronicle that she's "overwhelmed" to think her son's best friend is charged with the death.

### Plea agreement, 40 years over body in Falls County

MARLIN (AP) — A plea agreement means 40 years in prison for a central Texas man over the July 2009 shooting death of a friend.

Jesse Lee Whigham pleaded guilty Wednesday to murder. A judge in Marlin then sentenced the 20-year-old defendant.

The body of former Rosebud-Lott quarterback Cap Jake Sudduth was discovered in a rural area near Rosebud, about 35 miles southeast of Waco.

Charges were dropped against a woman initially arrested, Whigham's girlfriend Brittini Poile, who witnessed the shooting and later cooperated with the prosecution.

The Temple Daily Telegram reported Thursday that another witness, who was with Sudduth, told investigators that the shooting took place

during a meeting about a marijuana deal.

### Natural gas exploration targets 3 Houston parks

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston City Council has approved a three-year agreement to allow a company to explore for natural gas reserves beneath three municipal parks.

The \$200,000 lease is with Southern Star Exploration, with the city standing to get 25 percent if natural gas is found and recovered. The proposal involves Herman Brown, Brock and Maxey parks.

Mayor Annise Parker says if natural gas is found, drilling would take place from nearby property, with no drilling allowed in the parks. Parker says any gains would be reinvested in the park where the natural gas was found.

The Houston Chronicle reported Thursday that some neighbors have cited environmental concerns.

### Second appliance rebate program for Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans frustrated by not being able to get through by phone or online to take part in an April energy-efficient appliance rebate program will have another chance.

State officials have announced a winter 2010 offering using unclaimed rebate funds. The initial offer involved more than \$20 million in federal stimulus funds.

Comptroller's spokesman Allen Spelce (spels) says about \$10 million was left over from the original program after all rebates were paid.

A listing Thursday on a website affiliated with the state comptroller's office, which administers the program, says additional details will be announced later.

### Ellis County authorities seize \$10M worth of pot

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — Law enforcement authorities south of Dal-

las say they've seized nearly 20,000 marijuana plants with a street value of nearly \$10 million.

Ellis County Sheriff's Lt. James Sautler said Wednesday that the plants were found across four fields. The plants were mature and ready to harvest, ranging from 4 to 12 feet high.

The plants were found near the border between Ellis and Navarro counties. Three campsites were found among the fields, along with extensive irrigation systems.

No one was arrested.

Sautler told the Waxahachie Daily Light that the discovery was similar to a drug seizure in May in which authorities found 27,000 plants worth about \$13.6 million.

### Report: Pipeline wasn't marked before blast

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Houston company did not adequately mark the path of a buried natural gas pipeline, which exploded into a fireball that killed one worker who accidentally struck it during excavation, according to the Texas Railroad Commission.

After investigating the June 7 explosion in Johnson County that also injured eight workers, the agency found that Enterprise Products Operating LLC of Houston violated several state regulations, according to its report released Tuesday. The commission, which regulates oil and gas production and transmission, also said Enterprise did not provide personnel evaluation procedures to make sure employees had adequate knowledge of GPS equipment used in locating pipelines.

Fines could be \$10,000 per day per violation, commission spokeswoman Ramona Nye said.

Enterprise was ordered to take action immediately to correct the violations and submit a schedule and plan to the commission by Sept. 29, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

The commission also found that Enterprise committed "very serious violations" of state regulations designed to prevent damage to pipelines, including failure to properly communicate with the excavator. The commission suggested a potential settlement could lead to a \$120,000 fine in regard to violations of those regulations.

### Number of illegal immigrants in U.S. now declining

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of illegal immigrants living in the U.S. has dropped for the first time in two decades — decreasing by 8 percent since 2007, a new study finds. The reasons range from the sour economy to Mexican violence and increased U.S. enforcement that has made it harder to sneak across the border.

Much of the decline comes from a sharp drop-off in illegal immigrants

from the Caribbean, Central America and South America attempting to cross the southern border of the U.S., according to the Pew Hispanic Center, which based its report on an analysis of 2009 census data.

The findings come amid bitter debate over Arizona's strict new immigration law, which was passed earlier this year but is on hold for now as it is challenged in federal court. The Obama administration contends the state law usurps federal authority and promotes racial profiling, while Arizona leaders say states are justified to step in if federal enforcement falls substantially short.

The study released Wednesday estimates that 11.1 million illegal immigrants lived in the U.S. in 2009. That represents a decrease of roughly 1 million, or 8 percent, from a peak of 12 million in 2007.

The study puts the number of illegal immigrants down to about where it was in 2005. They still make up roughly 4 percent of the U.S. population.

### Tyler landlord, tenant dead after shootings

TYLER (AP) — Tyler police say gunfire blamed on a tenant killed a landlord at a residence and the renter died later from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Officer Don Martin says the suspect, 47-year-old Alice Aguilar, died Wednesday at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

Police on Tuesday afternoon received a call of shots fired at a multi-apartment residence and discovered the body of 70-year-old Socorro Nunez in one unit.

Martin says Aguilar was found unconscious, with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Police are investigating what led to the shootings and whether financial problems were involved.

### Ex-Dallas teacher pleads guilty in child porn case

DALLAS (AP) — A now-former high school teacher in Dallas has pleaded guilty to three counts of receiving child pornography and one count of possession of child porn.

U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks says Jon Leslie Lyons entered his plea before a federal magistrate Wednesday.

The 44-year-old Lyons has been in custody since his June arrest. An affidavit says a Dallas school district employee in May notified federal authorities after discovering possible child pornography on a school computer assigned to Lyons.

Lyons, in a later interview with agents, admitted that he also had images of nude teens on his home computer and cell phone.

Lyons faces a maximum 70 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. Sentencing is Dec. 22.

He taught English at Woodrow Wilson High School.

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His unemployment benefits are about to expire and with a heavy heart we are reaching out to our community to help assist us in keeping our home, for we are about one to two months away from being homeless. We are extremely grateful for any and all donations that might be received and each of those will be taxed and tithed and money put accordingly. We will be praying for all that have reached out to us with your generosity, asking God to bless you ten times the amount you have donated.

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## News in brief

### Evacuations ordered as Hurricane Earl bears down on East Coast

BUXTON, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Earl blew toward the Eastern Seaboard on Thursday as a major storm with winds of around 145 mph as forecasters tried to pinpoint exactly how close the strongest gales and heaviest surge would get to North Carolina's fragile chain of barrier islands.

They also were trying to figure out whether the storm would stay offshore as it tracks up the Northeast coast or bring hurricane-force winds to Long Island, the Boston metropolitan area and Cape Cod.

Tourists were largely gone from North Carolina's Outer Banks, but those residents who stayed behind said they were prepared to face down the powerful hurricane.

"There is still concern that this track, the core of the storm, could shift a little farther to the west and have a very significant impact on the immediate coastline. Our present track keeps it off shore, but you never know," National Hurricane Center spokesman Dennis Feltgen said.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami issued a tropical storm warning early Thursday for the coast of Long Island in New York and a hurricane watch was issued for areas of Massachusetts. A hurricane warning was already in effect for the coast of North Carolina.

Earl's first encounter with the U.S. mainland should come around midnight Thursday, as the storm is forecast to pass just off Cape Hatteras, bringing wind gusts of up to 100 mph and several feet of storm surge both from the Atlantic and the sounds to the west of the islands.

### Cautious U.S. relaunches direct Israeli-Palestinian peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to broker a Middle East peace agreement that has eluded U.S. presidents for decades, the Obama administration is overseeing the first direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians in nearly two years.

After a day and evening in White House talks with President Barack Obama, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas sit down together Thursday for the first of what American officials hope will be a series of meetings that lead in a year's time to an agreement on the creation of a Palestinian state.

"This moment of opportunity may not soon come again," Obama said at the White House Wednesday night.

Obama said he was "cautiously hopeful" about the talks, which begin with dim expectations and have been marred by two shooting attacks against Israelis in as many days.

Mediated at the State Department by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and special Middle East peace envoy George Mitchell, the two leaders'

discussions face numerous obstacles, not least renewed violence and provocations from Israelis and Palestinians opposed to the goal of an independent Palestine and secure Israel.

### Removal of temporary cap on Gulf well not risk-free

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The image of thick crude gushing from a blown-out oil well a mile beneath the Gulf of Mexico was turned off when a tightly fitting cap was secured on top a month-and-a-half ago.

Engineers weren't expecting that sight again Thursday when they planned to delicately remove the cap as a prelude to raising the massive piece of equipment underneath that failed to prevent the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

But the government wasn't offering a guarantee no more oil would leak. Plans were being made for oil collection vessels to be on standby in case of a problem.

With the cap and failed blowout preventer removed temporarily until another blowout preventer can be installed, a lot will be riding on the stability of a plug that was created when mud and cement were pumped down into the well from the top. Essentially, the pressure exerted downward served to counter the pressure coming up.

But Rice University engineering professor George Hirasaki said there is still uncertainty about whether the cement settled everywhere it needed to in order to keep oil and gas from finding its way up.

That's why many people have felt that finishing a relief well and pumping mud and cement in through the bottom would be the ultimate solution to the crisis, said Hirasaki, who was involved in the oil containment effort in the Bay Marchand field off Louisiana after a rig burned in the early 1970s.

The government still plans on ordering BP PLC, the majority owner of the blown-out well in the Gulf, to do the so-called bottom kill operation. But it believes the wisest course is to put on a new blowout preventer first to deal with any pressure that is caused when the relief well intersects the blown-out well.

### Defense Secretary Gates in Afghanistan for talks with Karzai

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates arrived in Afghanistan's capital Thursday for meetings with President Hamid Karzai and top NATO commander Gen. David Petraeus.

The Pentagon chief also plans to visit U.S. troops.

Gates flew Thursday morning to Kabul from Baghdad, where he participated in ceremonies marking the formal close of the U.S. combat mission in Iraq.

### Hostage-taker at Discovery Channel headquarters railed against programs; shot dead by police

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — A gunman police shot to death after he took hostages at Discovery Channel's headquarters said he hated the company's shows such as "Kate Plus 8" because they promote population growth and its environmental programming because it did little to save the planet.

Three hostages — two Discovery Communications employees and a security guard — escaped unhurt after the four-hour standoff Wednesday in Silver Spring, just outside the nation's capital. After several hours negotiating with the gunman, tactical officers moved in when authorities monitoring him on building security cameras saw him pull out a handgun and point it at a hostage, said Montgomery County Police Chief Thomas Manger.

A law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing said authorities had identified James J. Lee as the suspect, but police had not released the gunman's identity.

It wasn't the first time Lee, a homeless former Californian, had targeted Discovery's headquarters. In February 2008, he was charged with disorderly conduct for staging a "Save the Planet Protest." In court and online, he had demanded an end to Discovery Communications LLC's shows such as TLC's "Kate Plus 8" and "19 Kids and Counting."

Instead, he said, the network should air "programs encouraging human sterilization and infertility."

### Bernanke and Bair presenting views of crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is set to appear before a panel investigating the financial crisis to give his take on the meltdown and his views on potential system-wide risks posed by large financial institutions.

Bernanke led the economy through the tumultuous months of the most severe recession since the 1930s, as the Federal Reserve took extraordinary measures to inject hundreds of billions into the battered financial system.

And he said last week the central bank is prepared to make a major new investment in government debt or mortgage securities if the economy worsened significantly or if the Fed detected deflation — a prolonged drop in prices of wages, goods and assets like homes and stocks.

Bernanke's scheduled appearance Thursday at a hearing by the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission comes as the congressionally appointed panel approaches the end of its yearlong investigation of the roots of the economic disaster. Sheila Bair, the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., also is testifying before the panel.



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	3		1	9	7		2	
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				5				
6	9		4		3		1	2
		8				7		
3								1
	7		3	6	1		8	

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# AICR HealthTalk

**Q: Does eating too much sugar increase risk of diabetes?**

**A:** Development of diabetes is strongly linked to overweight and obesity. For many people, the excess calories from frequent sweets and soft drinks makes it tough to maintain a healthy weight. Beyond that, however, research has not shown whether sugar consumption alone increases risk of diabetes.

In part that's because it's unclear whether there is a difference in the effects of sugar from soft drinks, fruit drinks and juices; sugar-sweetened foods; and the rise in blood sugar that can follow consumption of refined grains (like white bread and white rice).

Some studies do link greater consumption of all of these with increased risk of diabetes or pre-diabetes, even beyond any effect of total calorie consumption and/or weight.

A western diet — which includes more sweets and refined grains — is linked with greater risk of diabetes. But this pattern also includes higher consumption of red and processed meats, also linked with diabetes, so we don't know the role of each individual part of this eating pattern.

Evidence is strongest about risk from regular soft drinks: compared to those who consume less than one drink per month, people who consume them daily may increase diabetes risk by 25 to over 80 percent. Some people probably inherit a tendency to more easily develop diabetes in response to these choices than others. More research is needed.

Meanwhile, we don't have evidence that supports totally avoiding high-sugar foods and drinks, but keeping them to occasional use makes sense for many health reasons. For now, research is clear that reaching and maintaining a healthy weight and getting daily moderate physical activity are effective diabetes prevention strategies.

**Q: If abdominal exercises**

**can't spot-reduce fat around the waist, then what's the big deal about doing them?**

**A:** In terms of your appearance, strengthening abdominal muscles can't specifically burn excess fat located there, but when muscles get weak and sag, you can look like you have more fat there than you do.

Much more important, however, is that when you strengthen the muscles of your "core" — including your lower back, abdomen and pelvis — it helps you maintain good posture, avoid lower back pain, and prevent injuries.

A strong core also promotes better balance (which reduces the risk of falls), makes it easier to bend and reach throughout daily life activities and improves performance in a variety of sports, from bicycling to golf.

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## 'Classic' Ann Landers

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**Dear Ann Landers:** Quit telling people how to live their lives. I'm speaking on behalf of all the smokers out there.

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Well, I don't want to quit. I enjoy it. If I want to smoke, I'll smoke. I'm not breaking any laws. It's legal.

And please don't read me the riot act about what it's doing to my health.

That's my business, not yours. Our society has created more psychological damage to smokers than second-hand smoke could possibly do to your health. And you, Ann Landers, have been the cheerleader. You owe me and all the smokers of the world an apology. — *Disgusted in Cleveland*

**Dear Cleveland:** OK. I apologize — for trying to save you smokers billions of dollars in medical bills, burned buildings and the agony of emphysema and lung cancer.

thirsty, too. Let's go get a drink."

This is a good example of how we often hear, incorrectly, what is said to us. I hope you will share it with your readers. — *Woodrow in Colorado Springs, Colo.*

**Dear Woodrow:** I have heard several funny stories about hearing-impaired folks and how they have misheard something or other. I especially like yours, however, because I didn't have to clean it up to print it. Thank you.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Valiant Die but Once

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 6  
♥ 7 2  
♦ K J 5 4 3  
♣ Q 8 4

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 8  
♥ K J 8 5 4 3  
♦ 8 7  
♣ 6 5

**EAST**  
♠ J 7 4 3 2  
♥ A 6  
♦ 10 9 6 2  
♣ 10 9

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 5  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ A Q  
♣ A K J 7 3 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
3 NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.

This deal occurred in a team-of-four match, but what happened at the two tables could just as easily have taken place in a rubber-bridge game. At one table, the bidding went as shown. East won the heart lead with the ace and returned a heart, and the defense quickly ran off six heart tricks — down two despite North-South's combined 31 high-card points.

It is hard to blame South for the sad outcome. Looking at only his 13

cards, his three-notrump rebid was surely the most attractive choice. Three notrump would be the winning bid in the overwhelming majority of hands. Had North held, say, the jack of hearts instead of the K-J of diamonds and queen of spades — a much weaker hand — nine tricks would have been certain. Or if the opponents' hearts had been divided differently, the notrump game might easily have been made.

It may be argued that South should have bid three clubs instead of three notrump, and five clubs might then have been reached. The flaw in this contention is that three clubs is merely invitational, and a laydown game might be missed if North passed.

At the other table, the bidding started exactly the same way. But the North player at this table obviously valued his hand much more highly than the first North, because he raised South's three notrump directly to six notrump.

The six-notrump bid paid off very handsomely. West thought it was too dangerous to lead a heart from the K-J against such strong bidding, so he opted for the "safe" lead of the ten of spades. South then had no trouble collecting all the tricks to bring his team a net gain of 1,670 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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## sudoku

ANSWERS

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# In the trenches

## Bulldogs ready for physical Comanche squad

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Coahoma's game against Comanche at 7:30 p.m. Friday may leave the Bulldogs feeling like they're staring at a mirror.

Both teams rely on the power running game, both teams aim to be more physical and both teams hope the ground attack will help them control the clock.

Head coach Trey Gardner said where the disadvantage lies, and that's nothing new to the Bulldogs.

"They're going to be bigger than us," he said. "Of course, everybody else is too. Their tailbacks are very fast. They run a lot of zone stretch, a lot of pitch and if we have people who are out of position, he will find a hole."

"That's probably my biggest concern with those guys, is trying to make sure we have everybody on defense where they need to be, shutting him down."

Coming off a 21-12 loss to Greenwood on Aug. 27, the Bulldogs are hoping to make vast improvements on offense and be more consistent on defense.

Gardner said he has gone back to basics with his players this week when it comes to the Wing-T and the biggest goal in practice has been cleaning up mistakes.



File Photo

Coahoma quarterback Tanner Ruiz lines up for a play against Greenwood. The Bulldogs hope to get their first win of the season against a physical Comanche team.

But in the game against Greenwood, Coahoma's offense was trying to keep up with the Rangers' spread offense. This week, the Bulldogs will try to be do the same thing as Comanche: keep the ball out of the other team's hands.

Gardner also hopes to keep both Pete Acosta and Tanner Ruiz on the field as much as possible

and both could play at quarterback against Comanche.

Gardner said this type of game might suit his team better instead of going against the spread.

But there's still the size advantage for Comanche.

Gardner said he's made as many adjustments as he can in order to compensate for the

lack of size on his team. For example, Skyler Coates was moved from receiver to guard on the offensive line before the season started in order to add depth and size.

But Gardner said being small is OK, as long as the Bulldogs get the production they need out of the Wing-T.

"We're a little bit undersized in some places," he said. "But one of

the things I've been telling them is, 'With this offense, we can be small-

er. As long as we go full See **COAHOMA**, Page 8



**Comanche (0-1)  
at Coahoma (0-1)**

Coahoma players to watch: QB Pete Acosta, QB Tanner Ruiz  
- Trey Gardner will be going for his first win as a head coach.

### Area football schedule

**Friday**  
Big Spring at Frenship, 7:30 p.m., Wolfforth

Forsan at Sonora, 7:30 p.m., Sonora

Reagan County at Stanton, 7:30 p.m., Stanton

Guthrie at Sands, 7:30 p.m., Ackerly

Meadow at Grady, 7:30 p.m., Lenorah

Garden City at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m., Sterling City

## Bufs take potent offense to Sonora



Photo Courtesy of Bob Fishback

Forsan running back Brendan Roman runs for a touchdown during the Bufs' game against McCamey. Forsan hopes to keep the offense rolling against Sonora.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

FORSAN — What impresses Forsan running back Ty Johnson the most about his team's 40-22 win against McCamey can't be found on film or in the statistics.

It's the fact he and his teammates did what they thought they were capable of doing.

"We got what we were going for this time instead of always talking about it," he said. "We actually pushed what we were planning to be."

Players and coaches are still buzzing after lighting up the scoreboard against McCamey, but this week brings what head coach Jason Phillips believes is the toughest challenge of the year.

The upstart Bufs take on Sonora at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sonora, and

the Broncos have the ability to keep up with Forsan on offense.

Phillips pointed out quarterback Ethan Morriss, who is the Broncos' main offensive threat. Morriss is the epitome of a dual-threat quarterback, raking in 1,931 yards of total offense last season.

Phillips said the defense has added some new wrinkles this week in practice, mainly adjusting to the fact Mor-

riss will make plays with his feet.

The offense may be in the spotlight after its performance in the season opener, but Phillips said the Bufs' defense is expected to make the plays to match the explosiveness on the other side of the ball.

"At the beginning of the year, we were counting on our defense to probably lead us this

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**Forsan (1-0)  
at Sonora (1-0)**

Forsan players to watch: RB Brendan Roman  
Sonora players to watch: QB Ethan Morriss  
- Forsan put up 40 points against McCamey.

### Sports in brief

#### Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

#### Three-person scramble

The Gaines County Golf Course is hosting this tournament Sept. 11 and 12. Entry fee is \$80 per person plus the cart. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 432-758-3808 to enter.

#### Lady Steers Booster Club meeting

The club's next meeting is at 4:45 p.m. today in

the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center. The ATC is located next to the practice fields.

#### Coahoma Girls Softball Association meeting

The group is having a board meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the community center in Coahoma.

#### Howard College softball scrimmage

Hawk Softball fall preseason home games scheduled for Wednesday against Ranger Junior College was rescheduled. The games will now be played on at 1 p.m. today. The second game will follow beginning at approximately 3 p.m.

Fans are encouraged to come out to Foundation Field as the 2010-2011 Hawks softball team kicks off a new season. There is no charge for admission. Contact Cindy Smith at (432) 264-5034 for more information.

#### Holy Trinity Golf Tournament

This is a 4-person scramble set for Sept. 12 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Shotgun start is at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 per person. That does not include the green fee and cart fee. There will be a nearest to the pin contest and there will be cash prizes on all par 3's. Trophies will be given to the top four teams.

For more information, contact Tommy Billalba at 816-1091.



# Area previews for Week 1

## Reagan County (1-0) at Stanton (1-0) — 7:30 p.m., Friday, Stanton

STANTON — The Buffs edged Grape Creek on the road 20-14 to open the season and their home opener against Big Lake Reagan County will present a different challenge this week.

Head coach John Peterson said the Owls' have running back Anthony Marquez, who is their go-to player on offense.

"The Owls' went 1-9 last season and Peterson said they're putting a lot of new offense and defense in, but his defense should expect Marquez to get the ball a lot.

"We won't see so much of the three back sets, but we will see Maquez get the ball," he said. "He seems to be their feature back."

There won't be many changes on defense for the Buffs, however, in order to prepare for Marquez. Peterson said the goal this week has been making sure the defense gets plenty of reps and knows what to expect in Friday's game.

Peterson also said coaches have been trying to clean up a few things in practice this week, such as making sure players line up correctly on defense and limiting metal mistakes on offense.

"We want to cut out some of our penalties that we had," he said. "Some of those were things we control, jumping on the snap count or something. So we want to try to cut those out.

We need to correct a few things we did, like snapping the ball over the quarterback's head."

## Garden City (1-0) at Sterling City (1-0) — 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sterling City

GARDEN CITY — Garden City learned first hand in the first week of the season, everyone is gunning for the defending state champions.

After a 48-46 win against Calvert to open the season, the Bearcats stay on the road for a matchup against Sterling City.

Head coach Vance Jones expects another tough game this week.

"Every time we line up, people are going to bring their A-game just because of what we did last year," he said. "We have to be ready every week. (Sterling City has) some quickness and speed. They played really well last week and in their scrimmages."

Jones said it's no doubt Calvert was an early-season test and his team left that game a little sore. He said he's been making sure his players are healed up this week before Friday's game.

"Josh (Colunga) got banged up pretty bad," Jones said of his stand-out running back. "They were popping him every chance they got. It's really amazing. I didn't realize he had that many yards because they were giving us some stuff, but they were letting us take four, five and six yards instead of allowing him to break free."

Even through a physical game, Colunga has 28 carries for 248 yards and three touchdowns.

While Calvert had the tough defense, Jones said he expects Sterling City to be balanced — not outstanding on either side of the ball, but solid.

## Meadow (1-0) at Grady (1-0) — 7:30 a.m., Friday, Lenorah

LENORAH — Grady hopes the momentum from a 50-8 win against Sanderson carries over to its matchup against Meadow this week.

Head coach Brad Cox said the Broncos are one of the top teams in the state and their play on the field shows why.

"They're ranked No. 5 in the state, so obviously they're a good team," he said. "They have some good size. Real strong, physical, aggressive type of team. They execute well. They're crisp on offense. As far as matching up, we ought to be able to match up."

Grady had a lot of production from its running backs last week against Sanderson, raking in 421 yards on 44 carries.

Cox said Meadow's defensive ends will look for a way to slow the Wildcats' running attack down.

"Their defensive ends are going to come, try to get penetration," he said. "Last week, they were just basically sitting there trying to read stuff. It'll be a little bit different for our kids, but they've been doing a good job with it all

week, so they ought to be ready to go."

## Guthrie (1-0) at Sands (1-0) — 7:30 p.m., Friday, Ackerly

ACKERLY — Sands head coach Wayne Henderson expects an experienced Guthrie team in the Mustangs' home opener.

He said Guthrie isn't huge in numbers, but the Jaguars have a lot of talent returning from a team that made the playoffs last season.

"They've only got about 12 kids on their team, but they've got three seniors who are pretty good. They made the playoffs last year in Division II and they have all those kids coming back. They've got some talent there."

Sands probably couldn't have started the season any better with a 59-6 win against Lorenzo. The Mustangs utilized their ground attack with 175 yards on 15 carries. Junior Rogers, Hayden Ware and Landon Parker shined in the season opener.

Henderson previously said the Mustangs have high expectations for this season and the Lorenzo game showed what the Mustangs' are capable of doing.

But he also said his team is continuously trying to improve.

"You don't get better by just going out and beating people," Henderson said. "You have to make sure you're beating people by doing things correctly. So we're really looking at their technique." Are they wrapping up

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year," he said. "We still fully expect that. For the most part, Friday night, they played well. They had a couple of series where they were off a little bit, but overall our defense was great Friday."

But Phillips admitted if the offense is as potent as it was in the opener, the Buffs may be hard to stop.

A lot of the offense for Forsan runs through the running backs. Johnson had 10 carries for 112 yards against McCamey and Brendan Roman had 12 carries for 137 yards.

Phillips said he hopes to throw the ball a little more — quarterback Foster Burchett was 2-of-10 for 62 yards. But he still wants to be able

to run the ball at will.

Roman said the Buffs are taking it one game at a time this season and not trying to take too much from the first game.

But the difference between this team and the Buffs in 2009 is obvious to Roman. Now the Buffs believe they have a shot to go 2-0 to start the season.

"We didn't do that last year because we didn't have a bunch of heart," Roman said. "Every time they scored a touchdown, we just put our heads down. We knew they were going to win. But this year, we have a lot more leadership, we have a lot more heart, a lot more determination to win a football game."

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speed, we're OK.' That's one of the reasons I like this offense and we kind of do what we do."

Defensive coordinator Raul Sanchez is well aware of the size disadvantage his players have, but that's not necessarily a bad thing for the defense, in his opinion.

He said there may not be much size on defense, but there is quickness and that works in the Bulldogs' favor. Sanchez said some of his players weigh roughly from 180 pounds to 225.

Sanchez said facing a bigger team isn't that much of an issue for the players. It comes down to playing hard, something they can control.

"That's it," he said. It comes down to conditioning. Getting to the fourth

quarter. We tell them get used to it guys, you're not going to face another team that's smaller than you. Our guys kind of know that. It's been like that for years here, since I've been here. I don't really think it phases the kids."

Friday will be the home opener for the Bulldogs and as a first-time head coach, Gardner will be gunning for his first win in the same place he graduated from high school.

But that's the last thing on Gardner's mind.

"I've been asked that several times," he said. "I'm not really concerned about a win necessarily for me. I'm more concerned about us getting better and prepared for district. I'm not going to lose a whole lot of sleep over my record."

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# Rookie Moreland homers again, Rangers beat Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — David Murphy had three hits and Nelson Cruz drove in two runs, yet their late-inning catches in the outfield drew the most praise in the Texas clubhouse.

"The defense was outstanding," Rangers manager Ron Washington said after a 4-3 win over Kansas City on Wednesday night. "Murphy and Cruzie just saved the

game for us."

Rookie Mitch Moreland homered again as the Rangers increased their division lead to 9½ games over Oakland, which lost in New York.

With two Royals on base in the sixth, Murphy made an exceptional catch on Gregor Blanco's fly down the left-field line to the warning track.

"Murphy made a great play on Blanco, that's two runs,"

Royals manager Ned Yost said. "That absolutely saved the game for them."

Said Murphy: "We know he tries to slap the ball the other way so we were playing the lines. I didn't think it was going to carry as much as it did, but I got there at the last second and stretched and reached out and got it."

In the ninth, Wilson Betemit and Billy Butler each

sent Cruz to the right-field wall to make catches, allowing rookie Neftali Feliz to record his 34th save in 37 opportunities.

"They both smoked the ball," Yost said. "I thought they both had a chance to go out. The outfielders were playing so deep. Billy just scalded it."

Said Butler: "Almost every other park you can almost

put it on the board, but not in this one. All that resulted in was a save for Feliz, instead of a tie game. The guy is throwing 100 miles per hour and I put the barrel on it. We play in the biggest park in the league, if not the biggest."

"A lot of parks, Wilson's is gone, too. In Texas, we may have two home runs hit back-to-back. We're not playing in Texas, so it's two outs."

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## Crabtree gets in altercation

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Mike Singletary had to separate tight end Vernon Davis and wide receiver Michael Crabtree after the players got into a heated discussion at practice Wednesday.

Singletary didn't pro-

vide details about the incident, but said it was non-football related and is closed. He met with both players immediately in the locker room and they returned to

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Trevor Kernick (left) and Austin Madry (right) competed in the KJRA National Final Rodeolast weekend in Graham and brought back several wins between the two of them. Kernick won the breakaway roping in both rounds and won the average. He took second place in the goat-tying average and also took the Reserve for the All-Around. Madry won first and second place in the Pole Bending and also won the average. He took third in the Barrel racing average and placed fifth in the All-Around.

## Pence leads Astros to win

HOUSTON (AP) — Even their opponents are surprised by the St. Louis Cardinals' slide.

Hunter Pence hit a three-run homer and the Houston Astros completed a sweep of St. Louis with a 5-2 victory Wednesday, handing the slumping Cardinals their fifth straight defeat.

"Their backs are against the wall, not ours, and it didn't look like they wanted to come out and beat us," Blum said. "It's really surprising. For whatever reason, we got to them at their weakest point."

"I don't know if they were just laid back because they were coming in to play us."

The fading Cardinals,

who have lost 13 of 16, began the day seven games behind first-place Cincinnati in the NL Central. The Reds were scheduled to host Milwaukee later.

"I'm not all that excited on the reception we're going to get when we get home," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "I know we deserve to get it. But we'll tough it out. This is a tough group. We'll just show them we're a better ballclub than what we just played on this road trip. That's our assignment."

Nelson Figueroa (4-2) pitched out of two bases-loaded jams and lasted five innings for the win. Brandon Lyon worked a perfect ninth for his 11 save in 12 chances.

## Bench-clearing brawl as Marlins beat Nationals

MIAMI (AP) — Nyjer Morgan once again found himself in the middle of trouble.

The speedy Washington leadoff man charged the mound after a pitch sailed behind him Wednesday night, triggering a bench-clearing brawl during the Florida Marlins' 16-10 win over the Nationals.

"There's nothing good I can say about someone who doesn't play the game the right way and doesn't respect the integrity of the game," said Wes Helms, who drove in five runs for Florida. "We had to show we weren't going to put up with how he was treating us."

Morgan, recently suspended and criticized by his own manager for questionable acts on the field, left Florida catcher Brett Hayes with a separated shoulder Tuesday night after a home plate collision in the 10th inning.

Chris Volstad (9-9) hit Morgan with a pitch in the fourth inning this time. Morgan then stole two bases with his Nationals trailing 14-3.

"It's only the fourth inning, there's still a lot of game left," Morgan said. "If they are going to hold me on, I'm going to roll out."

Volstad threw his first pitch of the sixth behind Morgan, setting off a wild scene. Morgan took a big swing that appeared to graze Volstad's face — Marlins first baseman Gaby Sanchez clothes-lined Morgan, knocking off his batting helmet and sending him to the ground.

"I thought it was over after (the fourth inning), but once I saw the ball go right behind me, it's time to go," Morgan said. "Once is good enough, but twice, no, it's time to go." And go he went.

"I saw him running out. Obviously he's not coming out

there to talk," said Volstad, who had an abrasion on his right cheek as a result of the melee.

"I was just trying to defend myself and not get hurt. Gaby had my back, the whole team had my back," he said.

The teams piled up, and managers Jim Riggleman of the Nationals and Edwin Rodriguez of the Marlins jawed at each other.

"My feeling has always been if you hit somebody, then you did what you set out to do. Now if he decides to run on you, that's his business," Riggleman said about Morgan's steals. "I got no problem with that and we decide when we run. The Florida Marlins will not decide when we run, we decide when we run."

Morgan, Volstad, Rodriguez and Marlins pitcher Jose Veras were ejected. Morgan was loudly booed when he raised his arms as he was escorted

off the field.

Morgan is currently appealing a seven-game suspension for throwing a ball at a fan in the stands in Philadelphia on Aug. 21.

Last Saturday night, Morgan collided with St. Louis catcher Bryan Anderson, who had stepped a foot or two in front of the plate. Riggleman later called Morgan's actions "unprofessional."

"I have nothing to say about Morgan — that's their problem," Rodriguez said.

Washington reliever Doug Slaten and Riggleman were ejected after Sanchez was hit with a pitch with two outs in the seventh. Four batters were hit overall.

"They made the decision to throw at Nyjer — they did and then the question is do we throw at them," Riggleman said. "I got some of my veteran players together and said, 'It's your ballclub, if you

want someone getting thrown at, I'll order it right now,' and everybody said, 'No, it's over.' That being the case, when they threw at him a second time, then it's not over."

Helms had three hits in the Marlins' highest-scoring game since scoring 17 against Colorado on July 4, 2008. Mike Stanton, Brad Davis and Cameron Maybin homered for Florida.

Logan Morrison and Hanley Ramirez each scored three times through the first three innings as the Marlins took a 14-3 lead. Florida scored five runs in the first, five more in the second and four times in the third.

Scott Olsen (3-8) lasted just 1 2-3 innings while losing his sixth straight start. He allowed nine runs and eight hits.

Craig Stammen relieved Olsen and was greeted by Stanton's 15th home run.

## Wife of former Armstrong teammate speaks to feds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The wife of one of Lance Armstrong's former teammates said Wednesday she has spoken to a federal agent investigating the seven-time Tour de France winner and other cyclists.

Betsy Andreu, the wife of former Armstrong teammate Frankie Andreu, said she has talked with Food and Drug Administration agent Jeff Novitzky about Armstrong, but declined to discuss details. She said in a phone interview that her husband has also talked to the agent.

Novitzky did not give her any details about

the investigation or who else had been contacted, she said. Other Armstrong teammates, including riders George Hincapie and Tyler Hamilton, have reportedly confirmed that they have been contacted by investigators, but they have also declined to give details.

Betsy Andreu has claimed that Armstrong admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs in a hospital room in 1996 while battling cancer. The allegations have surfaced before, including in a lawsuit involving Tour winner and Armstrong critic

Greg LeMond, who has said he turned over 70,000 pages of records in the case to investigators.

Armstrong's team met on Tuesday with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, which is handling the inquiry.

"We will respect the privacy of our discussions with the government, but we can confirm that a meeting occurred yesterday to begin a meaningful dialogue with the government about this matter," Armstrong attorney Mark Fabiani said in a statement.

Thom Mrozek, a

spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office, declined comment.

Armstrong vehemently denies doping, and he and his attorneys note that the cyclist has never failed a drug test though he's been tested hundreds of times. Armstrong has also denied Betsy Andreu's version of the hospital room discussion.

"This old, discredited story is being regurgitated by people trying to legitimize what is clearly a fishing expedition that is wasting millions in taxpayer money and misusing FDA resources," Fabiani said.

"The hospital story was long ago proven to be fictional — by a sworn statement from Lance's doctor, by hundreds of pages of medical records, and by the others in the room that day."

Andreu said she expects the federal inquiry to show that she has been truthful about the incident.

"Lance pays his PR firm hundreds of thousands of dollars to promote himself and to smear those who speak the truth about him," she said.

"I have something that they don't have and that's the truth," she

said. "And I am overly confident that will come about. It will show all along I have said nothing but the truth."

Andreu's contact with federal investigators was first reported Wednesday by the Los Angeles Times.

Novitzky and a federal prosecutor have been handling an inquiry into allegations of organized doping in professional cycling, including whether Armstrong and members of his United States Postal Service team may have been involved. The team won six of Armstrong's record seven titles.

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practice separately.

"How many of you guys have families?" Singletary said to reporters. "You mind raising your hands? You scared to raise your hands? So you have kids and every now and then

your kids have some misunderstandings or what have you and they forget that there is a father at home.

"I will not talk about the issue. But I will talk about this: They were both wrong. And we will not have distractions on this team. Vernon just forgot temporarily, and that is not allowed."

Neither Crabtree nor Davis spoke about the incident.

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Legals

Glasscock County will take bids on two, new or used tandem axle trucks to be used as water trucks on Sept. 13, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Glasscock County Courthouse. For bid specifications, contact County Judge Kim Halfmann at (432)354-2639. #6674 September 2 & 7, 2010

Legals

Glasscock County Public Notice

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 152.013, Glasscock County Commissioners Court will set the increase amounts in the 2010-2011 budget for the elected or precinct officers as follows at the regular meeting on September 13, 2010 @ 9:00 AM.

<b>Sheriff</b>	
Sheriff Dept. Salaries	9600.00
Longevity	180.00
FICA & Medicare Taxes	749.00
Retirement	4624.00
Insurance	1884.00
Maintenance Agreements	1500.00
Bonds & Dues	100.00
Car Expense	5000.00
New Car	1000.00
Miscellaneous	1000.00
<b>Tax Assessor-Collector</b>	
Tax Dept. Salaries	4800.00
Longevity	96.00
FICA & Medicare Taxes	374.00
Retirement	1988.00
Insurance	942.00
Bonds & Dues	200.00
<b>County &amp; District Clerk</b>	
Clerk Dept. Salaries	4800.00
Longevity	180.00
Part time Help	14000.00
FICA & Medicare Taxes	1451.00
Retirement	1821.00
Insurance	471.00
Maintenance Agreements	1500.00
Bonds & Dues	500.00
Index & Imaging	25000.00
<b>County Judge</b>	
Salary	2400.00
FICA & Medicare Taxes	100.00
Retirement	1041.00
Insurance	471.00
Telephone	600.00
Supplies	1200.00
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Equipment	750.00
Bonds & Dues	180.00
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<b>Justice of the Peace</b>	
Salary	2400.00
FICA & Medicare Taxes	119.00
Retirement	684.00
Insurance	471.00
Telephone	600.00
Maintenance Agreements	100.00
Equipment	750.00
Bonds & Dues	150.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
<b>County Commissioners</b>	
Commissioners Salaries	9600.00
Longevity	324.00
FICA & Medicare Taxes	762.00
Retirement	3205.00
Insurance	1884.00
Bonds & Dues	1000.00
<b>County Treasurer</b>	
Salary	2400.00
Longevity	48.00
FICA & Medicare Taxes	188.00
Retirement	958.00
Insurance	471.00
Supplies	500.00
Maintenance Agreements	150.00
Bonds & Dues	250.00
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Salary	2400.00
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FICA & Medicare Taxes	187.00
Retirement	471.00
Insurance	471.00
Bonds & Dues	150.00
<b>County Attorney</b>	
Retirement	40.00
A copy of the proposed 2010-2011 budget for Glasscock County is available for inspection in the office of County/District Clerk Glasscock County Courthouse Garden City, TX 79739.	
A budget hearing will be conducted September 13, 2010 @ 9:00 AM in the Courtroom of the Glasscock County Courthouse. Any citizen is welcome to attend.	
Kim Halfmann Glasscock County Judge #6675 September 2, 2010	

If the voice mail is garbled and it takes three tries to send an e-mail, you can blame it on the stars. We have 10 more days of the Mercury retrograde. Still, all communication is not futile. The Gemini moon is expressive and witty, keying us into the more interesting stories and social interactions available. For the most part, it's still safe to express yourself.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Staying focused on your own work is often a good idea. But right now you might take a peek at what others are doing. You will be informed, perhaps even enriched, by what you learn while checking out your competition.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Relationships change — expand, contract and shape-shift. You influence the scene, but you can't control it. Treat love like it's a living and breathing thing that needs sustenance. Feed your love.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Just because you've eliminated every false option does not mean you have found the truth. Take a break from trying



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to understand or improve things. The answer will come when it's good and ready.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It would be a mistake to theorize on the topic before all the facts have come in. Making assumptions takes too much time and energy, and anyway, what you assume might prove in the end to be completely false.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Be assertive. Act on the impulse to help. Inaction can cause more harm than willfully taking a negative action. One who sees the opportunity to do good and does not take it has done bad.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you've been trying to think bigger — successfully on most days — you still believe deep down that little things are the most important. And you are most certainly right about that.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Know who you can trust, and keep your business completely away from anyone you cannot trust. On a related note, either tell your friend the whole story, or don't tell your friend anything at all.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What do you need to be happy? Your requirements have changed through the years, and yet they are essentially not so different from what they

were — loving companionship and a nice bit of work to get into.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Last month matured you, but thankfully, you still have a few illusions. As your sign mate Mark Twain said, "Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live."

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Advertising is a part of life. You're in the business of selling you. You compose the "ad" as you get dressed in the morning, open your mouth to talk and position yourself to walk up to a person. It's all part of your pitch.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You walk around with a greater sense of personal responsibility, and because of this, you change environments just by entering them. Complete strangers will notice your influence on a place.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are going to make a difference. You don't have an exact plan yet, but the plan is actually a minor detail. Decide that you are here to improve things. Declare it to yourself, and the message will come through in all you do.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (September 2). You have learned certain lessons in life and have never

forgotten them. You will follow your principles straight to financial success this month. A wayward loved one comes around in November. You'll find a partner in creativity in December. You'll take risks that pay off in January and will polish your public image, too. Leo and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 50, 12 and 30.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My parents hardly took any pictures of me when I was little. Now I have a little Scorpio, and I want to photograph her — she's so pretty! But when I turn the camera on her, she always makes a weird face, contorts her body or runs away. None of my pictures of her look like the little one I know and love. I took her to a professional, and she cried the entire time. I am determined to get a good photo of her. What do I do?"

Scorpios are famously private, and it sounds like your little Scorpio falls right in line with the description of her sign! Your best bet will be candid photos. That means no requests for a pose or a smile and no doing anything to draw attention to the fact that a picture is being taken. You could hire a photographer to hang out with you and snap shots while you play. Make

sure the pro is there long enough to blend into the background. Someone who can work outdoors with a telephoto lens (like the paparazzi) would be ideal. By the way, her camera shyness may not completely go away, but she will likely outgrow the extreme camera aversion she has now.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Actor, director and producer Salma Hayek has said that she aims for a lifetime of movies, and her natal chart supports career longevity. Hayek is a Virgo born under a Capricorn moon — an earth-sign combination that speaks to her sensuality, as well as her business acumen. Mercury, the planet of communication, and love planet Venus are both housed in Libra, the sign of art, balance and relationships.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I've been married for 18 years and have two wonderful children. I love my husband, but there are some behaviors I simply don't understand.

"Andy" works long hours, while I am home alone with our two children. He rarely calls to check in, and I never know when he will be home. There have been a few occasions when I discovered the next morning that he stayed at a friend's hunting camp all night.

He doesn't feel it's a big deal if he doesn't call. The other problem is when he returns home and I can tell that he has been drinking — which means he was driving under the influence. I do not understand how he can put so many people at risk.

When Andy doesn't call, I consider it disrespectful. I have tried talking to him, screaming, nagging and the silent treatment, but nothing makes a dent.

He is a good provider and loves us, but I feel alone in this marriage. I am certainly losing

respect for him. So, Annie, do I — Stay or Go?

**Dear S or G:** Andy is avoiding his responsibilities as a husband and father. A caring, mature, responsible spouse would call to let you know if he's coming home late, and certainly if he planned to be away overnight.

Tell Andy his behavior is not acceptable and either he cleans up his act or you'll be seeing a marriage counselor and a lawyer.

**Dear Annie:** I have been dating "Maurice" for more than a year. He has two grandsons, ages 10 and 5, who have behavioral problems.

Last summer, we took them on an all-day fishing trip, and the older boy wouldn't stop playing with his grandfather's fishing pole and finally broke it.

During a Christmas visit, the younger boy was batting at my ornaments, and his mother did nothing.

We thought we would take the boys one at a time, but his parents say



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MARCY SUGAR

we can only take the younger boy alone.

If we want to take the older boy, we have to take both of them. They say the younger boy wouldn't understand being left behind.

We didn't feel comfortable taking both boys on the canoe trip we were planning, so we took neither. Of course, the older boy was disappointed.

Maurice has neck and knee problems, and these children totally wear him out. But his son and daughter-in-law make him feel guilty if he does not spend time with them. What do we do? —

Trying Hard

**Dear Trying:** It's a shame those parents don't realize the strain they put on Grandpa (and the disservice they do their boys) by insisting he take both children.

Since Maurice wants to spend time with the grandchildren, suggest he do simpler things closer to home.

Perhaps take them for ice cream and a movie. Or teach them about his favorite hobby — building birdhouses, painting, baseball, whatever. It's not the activity but the time spent together that counts.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "C.C.," who has a sex offender working in her building. I own a property management business and certainly would find it inappropriate to hire someone with a sexual offense record.

I tell people who are looking for a rental property that if they have to register for Megan's law, I will not rent to them. The other people in the building outweigh a

sexual offender's rights.

If I were the owner or property manager of that building, I would want the tenant to share their concerns with me. — Peg

**Dear Peg:** Many readers feel as you do. Before casting stones, understand that not all sexual offenders are a danger to others. (Perhaps he was 18 and had sex with his 15-year-old girlfriend.) But his creepy behavior certainly merits looking into.

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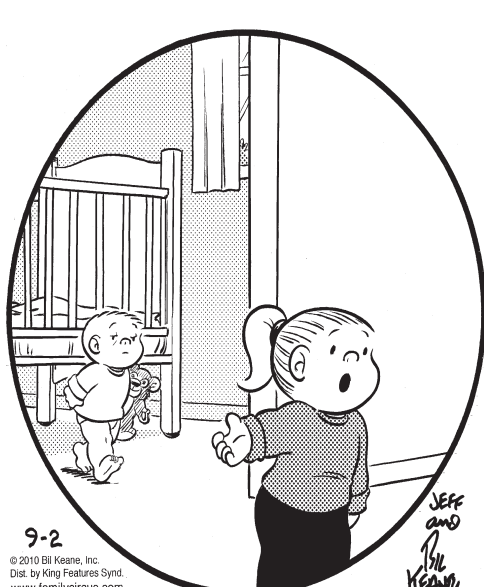
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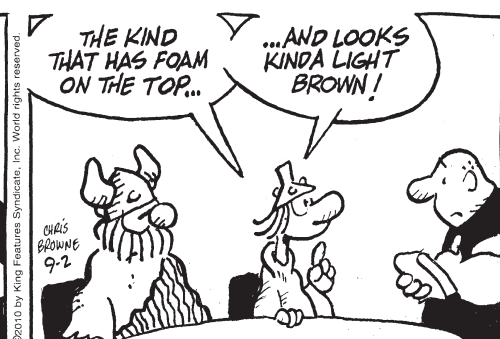


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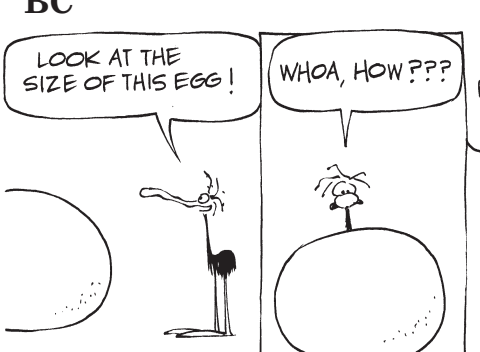
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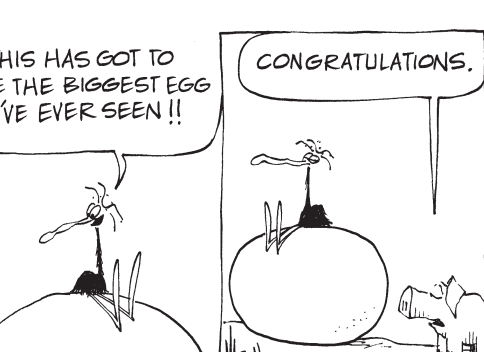
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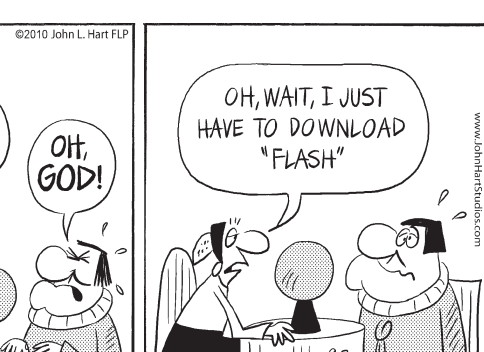
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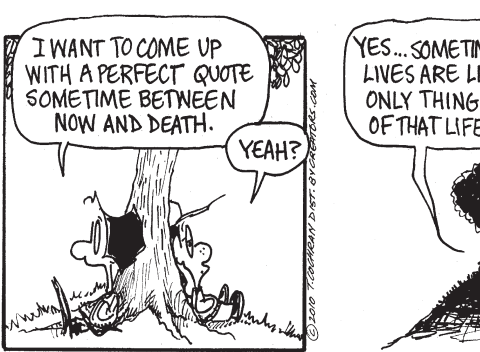
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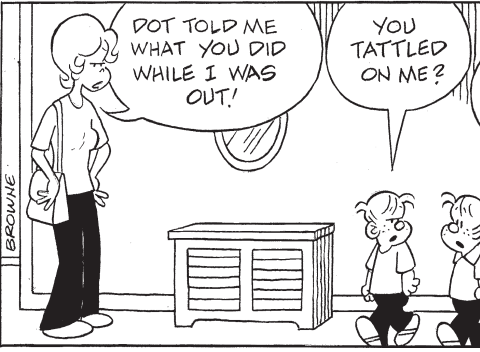
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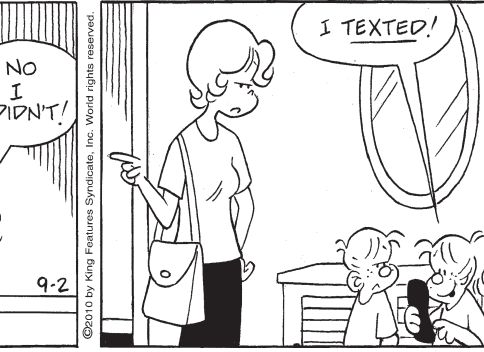
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2010. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.
- On this date: In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out.
- In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.
- In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.
- In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.
- In 1930, the first non-stop airplane flight from Europe to the U.S. was completed in 37 hours as Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, N.Y., aboard their Breguet 19 biplane, which bore the symbol of a large question mark.

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64 Text-message command

65 Safeguards, in a way

66 DC baseballer, for short

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1 October birthstone

2 Palm fruit

3 Horror-film series locale

4 Moocher

5 Truck capacity, sometimes

6 -deucy

7 Military prep org.

8 Self-defense school

9 -mo replay

10 Playground retort

11 Carnival features

12 Stood up

13 Sugar sources

19 Clock trio, often

21 Manner of fiction

25 Otto Bismarck

27 Astronomical sighting

28 Lot size, maybe

29 Pipe material

30 Pint-sized

31 Apprehension

32 Prefix for classical

35 Board-game card message

36 Sector

37 Llama land

39 "It's c-c-c-old!"

40 Supports, with "with"

42 Model wood

43 Pie filling

44 Blessed with talent

45 Square- (sailing ship)

46 Take the role of

47 Suffix meaning "lover"

48 Scout's job, for short

51 Limburger feature

52 Appear ominously

53 Malta money

55 Singapore setting

56 Tugboat sound

58 Deduction expert

59 Day divs.

Newsday Crossword

- 1 Keats creation
- 4 Gets on
- 10 Lobster relative
- 14 Close associate
- 15 Far from hip
- 16 Suffix for million
- 17 Cash source
- 18 Gary Cooper film of '41
- 20 Not as much
- 22 Mattel subsidiary
- 23 "This has been ..."
- 24 VCR successor
- 26 Attendance count, informally
- 27 The Godfather Oscar winner
- 33 Place to surf
- 34 Ancient letters
- 35 Santa's perch
- 38 Metals-in-the-rough
- 39 "That's it!"
- 40 In a huff
- 41 Badminton gear
- 42 Handfuls for sitters
- 43 Skinflint
- 44 Doonesbury cartoonist
- 46 Boston Marathon month
- 49 Creative flash
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- 54 Sports fan's nugget
- 57 X-and-O game show
- 60 GI hangout
- 61 Natural balm
- 62 More in need
- 63 2016 Olympics city

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