

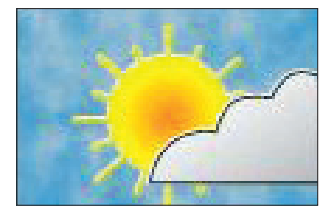
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## Turf's up! Trustees OK \$230,000 for artificial grass at BSHS baseball field

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Taking what they called the long-term view on the sub-

ject, Big Spring Independent School District trustees voted Tuesday to spend \$230,000 to install artificial turf at the high school baseball field.

Poor drainage and an uneven playing surface have made Steer Park, which has been in operation for more than 60 years, somewhat of a maintenance headache for district personnel and a nightmare for baseball players the past several years.

Baseball players dislike the field because it is not level and the grass is patchy, leading to innumerable bad hops. And Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell said the field's current drainage system is just that — a drain on district resources, estimating that BSISD spends between \$80,000 and \$95,000 every two

years just on field upkeep. "The field is horrible," Trustee Tony Kennedy said. "If you looked at all the fields we played on last year, there wasn't one as bad as ours."

The question trustees debated Tuesday was between resodding the field with grass or installing artificial turf in the in-field portion of the field, leaving the outfield with a grass surface.

"If we're going to spend this much money on artificial

turf, we've got to be able to show how we're saving money in the long run," Trustee Marie Padilla said.

Architect Jay Edwards, who is advising the district on upcoming bond construction projects, said the debate basically boiled down to how the district wanted to spend money on field upkeep.

"Over the 8-to-10-year life of the artificial turf field, you'll spend about the same amount of money," he told trustees. There are more up-front costs with the turf, but you'll also spend less on



Kennedy

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# Budget tight, reps say

## But add that Texas positioned to handle economic downturn

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Local residents spent more than an hour Tuesday expressing their concerns to their representatives in the state legislature.

State Rep. Joe Heflin and State Sen. Kel Seliger hosted a town hall meeting at Howard College's Hall Center Tuesday afternoon, an event that resulted in the representatives covering a wide array of issues with their constituents.

The No. 1 topic of discussion was the state of the Texas economy and just how the legislature plans to weather the recent economic downturn.

Although Texas faces a projected deficit of around \$18 billion for the next budget cycle, both Seliger and Heflin said the state is better positioned to handle the shortfall than many other states.

For starters, Heflin said, the state's "rainy day fund," which was established several years ago with just this sort of economic downturn in mind, will



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
 State Rep. Joe Heflin



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 State Sen. Kel Seliger

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# Shop owner complains animal ordinance unfair

□ Controversial measure passes by 4-3 vote.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Final reading of a ordinance setting the fee schedule for newly implemented permit requirements for animal-oriented businesses narrowly passed with a 4-3 vote Tuesday night by the Big Spring City Council.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mayor Tommy Duncan, council members Joann Staulcup, Gloria McDonald and Terry Hansen cast the deciding votes, with coun-

cil members Craig Olson, Stephanie Horton and Manuel Ramirez Jr. voting against the measure.

At the heart of the disagreement between the city representatives was an ordinance requiring commercial businesses that board or kennel animals to obtain a permit — including an onsite inspection by city personnel — at a fee of \$30 per year.

Betty Kelley, owner and operator of Pampered Paws Resort, said the ordinance — which exempts veterinarians and animal hospitals from the city-led permitting process — was unfair to her and her

business, which currently provides animal boarding.

"You have said the veterinarians would be exempted from this permit. They have kennels and I have kennels, so why are you targeting me?" Kelley asked the council. "I've talked to the veterinarians, and they have a license to practice veterinarian medicine. They don't have a permit to kennel. How many businesses in Big Spring have to have a permit to be in business? What you're saying to me now is I have to get this permit to be in business in

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HERALD file photo  
 Betty Kelley is pictured at Pampered Paws Resort. She has a beef with city council.



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## Obituaries

### Jane Gilmore

Jane Gilmore, 71, of Coahoma died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, at St. David's Medical Center in Austin. Funeral services were to be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix and the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Jane was born March 3, 1939, in Coahoma to Lilleen (Bill) and George (Buck) Graham and was a lifetime resident of Coahoma. She married Richard Gilmore on Oct. 30, 1955, in Coahoma. She received her licensed vocational nurse degree from Howard County Junior College. She had been in the profession for more than 41 years, having worked at Martin County Hospital, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, as well as nursing homes, hospice, home health, and most recently at Howard College in the nursing program. Prior to her nursing career, she also drove a bus for Coahoma ISD. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Jane is survived by her husband, Richard Gilmore of Coahoma; one daughter, Jana Smith and husband Earnie of Coahoma; one son, Leslie Gilmore and wife Judy of Lorenzo; one sister: Jaynet Hardin and husband Ray of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Shane Gilmore of Edmond, Okla. Cody Gilmore of Hobbs, NM, Kelsey Gilmore of Smyer, Steven Smith of Coahoma, Maurry Powe and wife Jeton of Plainview; and Keith Smith and wife Kendra of Big Spring; five great grandchildren, Brian Smith and Makayla Smith of Big Spring, Beaux Bennett, Lexie Bennett and Wyatt Powe of Plainview; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Pete Graham.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Juan Morelion Sr.

Juan Morelion Sr., 79, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, at his residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 16, 1931, to Nicolosa and Rosendo Morelion in LaPryor. He married Agnes Giron on Jan. 23, 1943, in Platville, Colo. She preceded him in death Feb. 13, 1996. He married Cristina Gonzalez on July 4, 2004. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1962. He retired from Gamco after 16 years working as a foreman. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Cristina Morelion; two sons, John Morelion Jr. and wife Cynthia, and Abel Morelion and wife Lucy, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Jo Ann Villa, and Phyliss Perez and husband Ed, all of San Antonio; one step-daughter, Crissy Fernandez of Ft. Worth; one step-son, Tony Fernandez of Ft. Worth; three sisters, Dora Hernandez, Maria Mendoza and Ciria Esquibel, all of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Morelion; one daughter, Lupe Morelion; and one brother, Joe Morelion.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Support Groups

### 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 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. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- ANGEL CIRILO MARTINEZ, 19, of 3613 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- MARINA CRESCENCIA FAIR, 27, of 1109 S. Runnels, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for disorderly conduct – fighting and failure to appear (three counts).
- JESUS FLORES, 32, of 1802 Mittel, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ, 27, of 3605 Dixon, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for disregarding a stop sign and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE, 18, of 3209 Oasis Rd., was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault causing bodily injury – family violence, driving without a seat belt and failure to appear.
- MARKQUIN EARL HARRIS, 24, of 1601 Avion, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for assault by threat (two counts), failure to appear (three counts) and no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- EDUARDO GALVAN, 17, of 2611 Cindy, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.
- IRMA MORIN YANEZ, 37, of 1610 Cardinal, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (three counts).
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 500 block of E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1100 block of E. Second Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of S. Runnels.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Harding.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

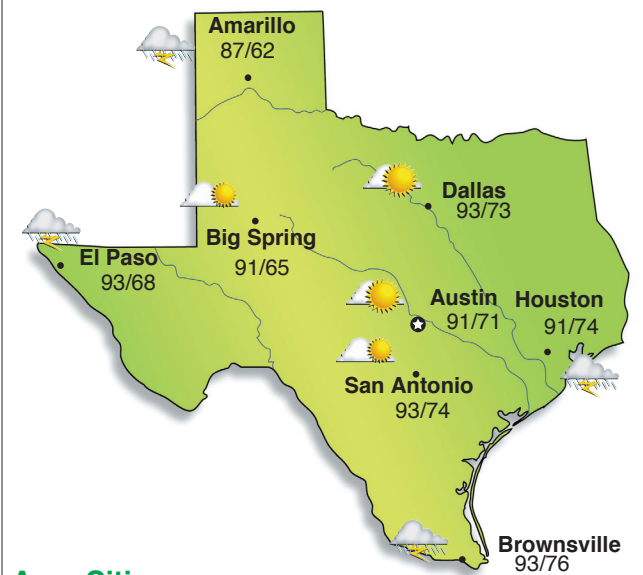
- JESUS FLORES, 32, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of running a stop sign and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- FRANKIE JUAREZ, 41, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- TERRY ALAN COLLINS, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOE SALDONA, 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- FIDEL M. MARTINEZ, 53, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- MARKQUIN HARRIS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for assault by threats (two counts), failure to appear (two counts), no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear.
- CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of ride not secured by safety belt – passenger, violation of a promise to appear and assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- IRMA MORIN YANEZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear (three counts).
- EDUARDO GALVAN, 17, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- CARLOS ROMERO ZAPATA, 58, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 9/16	Fri 9/17	Sat 9/18	Sun 9/19	Mon 9/20
<b>91/65</b> Partly cloudy skies. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 91F.	<b>90/66</b> A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>88/65</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>89/64</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>89/64</b> Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:30 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:51 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:31 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:49 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:45 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	67	mst sunny	Kingsville	94	75	t-storm
Amarillo	87	62	t-storm	Livingston	92	71	t-storm
Austin	91	71	mst sunny	Longview	94	72	mst sunny
Beaumont	91	73	t-storm	Lubbock	91	63	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	76	t-storm	Lufkin	94	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	94	69	mst sunny	Midland	93	67	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	92	76	t-storm	Raymondville	95	74	t-storm
Corsicana	93	72	mst sunny	Rosenberg	91	73	t-storm
Dallas	93	73	mst sunny	San Antonio	93	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	96	71	mst sunny	San Marcos	92	71	pt sunny
El Paso	93	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	95	72	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	90	65	t-storm	Sweetwater	91	66	pt sunny
Gainesville	92	70	mst sunny	Tyler	93	71	mst sunny
Greenville	93	70	mst sunny	Weatherford	92	69	mst sunny
Houston	91	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	93	68	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	66	mst sunny	Minneapolis	66	54	pt sunny
Boston	70	61	cloudy	New York	75	65	t-storm
Chicago	66	52	rain	Phoenix	102	75	sunny
Dallas	93	73	mst sunny	San Francisco	67	58	pt sunny
Denver	86	52	sunny	Seattle	73	58	pt sunny
Houston	91	74	t-storm	St. Louis	75	58	pt sunny
Los Angeles	80	58	pt sunny	Washington, DC	90	67	t-storm
Miami	90	78	t-storm				

## Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 06-14-50-55-56, Mega Ball: 1.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-10-13-21. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$19,389. Winning ticket purchased in: Texas City.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-7-6-7. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-4. Sum It Up: 10.

tion.

- JUAN FELIX CRUZ, 28, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges and warrants for driving while intoxicated – second offense, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, over registered weight, failure to appear – assault causing bodily injury, evading arrest with a motor vehicle and failure to appear – bail jumping.
- SAMUEL GALINDO JR., 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

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# Take Note

- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will have a Tailgate Cookout at 6:30 p.m. Friday prior to the Big Spring Steers home football game. The cookout will be held on the north end of the west parking lot at Memorial Stadium. Fajitas, a drink and dessert are priced at \$7 and all proceeds go to Rotary service projects.
- Businesses or organizations wishing to participate in the Big Spring High School homecoming parade need to contact BSHS no later than this afternoon to secure a spot in the lineup. For more information, call 264-3641.
- United Way Dine Out program begins this week with Cowboys Steakhouse & Restaurant, 404 E. FM 700, as the featured restaurant. The restaurant will donate a portion of its proceeds received through Sunday to United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.
- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery can be arranged from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084.
- A video of last Saturday's Tea Party rally can be viewed on the Big Spring Herald's Web site: [www.bigspringherald.com](http://www.bigspringherald.com)

# TURF

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field maintenance. Another advantage to a turf field is that you'll be able to use it a lot more, so basically this becomes a usage issue rather than a cost issue." Replacing the artificial surface in the future will cost about half the original installation price, meaning that the district will pay less in the long term in comparison to annual upkeep of a natural grass field, Edwards added. Trustees voted unanimously (Chad Wash and Irene Galan were not present Tuesday) in favor of the artificial surface. No timetable has been set for installation, although officials said the work will be done prior to the start of the 2011 baseball season. Carter Construction of Fort Worth, which recently installed artificial playing fields at Forsan ISD, will perform the work for Big Spring. The field

will cover the infield portion of the field (only the pitcher's mound will remain as is) and extend about 15 feet into the outfield area. This marks the latest project the district is undertaking to upgrade the baseball field. Ferrell said crews are relocating the dugouts and replacing the chain link backstop with mesh to improve fans' sight lines. In other business Tuesday, trustees approved:
 

- The method and timetable for naming a construction manager for the upcoming bond projects. Edwards said the district is on schedule to name a manager by November.
- An improvement plan for the junior high.
- Updates to legal and local policies.
- An adjunct faculty agreement with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

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# REPS

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help make up at least part of the projected shortfall, as will a recent uptick in sales tax receipts, which shows the state is starting to emerge from the recession. "Texas was one of the last states to go into the recession and we're one of the first to start coming out of it," he said. "The Texas economy is fundamentally sound and West Texas has one of the lowest unemploy-

ment rates in the nation." Despite that bit of good news, both men commented that crafting the state's next budget will be a challenge. "But it will be a positive challenge," Seliger said. "In my view, the state's budget needs to be tight. We need to have to work very hard to get our money ... because if the State of Texas has a lot of money, that means you don't. If we can't afford certain items, perhaps we should learn to live without them." "We're going to have a

tight budget," Heflin admitted. "What we won't do — what we should not do — is pass those cuts down to (the city and county level)." Switching to the subject of immigration, both men implored the federal government to do a better job securing the state's border with Mexico. "Unfortunately, Texas is spending millions of dollars doing what the federal government should be doing," Heflin said. "All we can really hope for," Seliger said, "is for

the federal government to enforce the laws that already exist." Among the other issues discussed were:
 

- Water — Both men pledged to do their utmost to help ensure that West Texas water supplies are sufficient to meet long-term needs.
- Education — Heflin and Seliger agreed that recent cuts to the budgets of universities and community colleges (including Howard College) should be among the first to be rescinded once the state emerges from the recession.

• Bipartisanship — The representatives were lauded by a member of the audience for working together on issues despite being from different political parties (Heflin is a Democrat, Seliger a Republican). Seliger responded by saying that's what representatives should do. "When I was elected, I was elected to be the representative of all the people in my district," he said. "I'm proud to be a Republican, but I'm the representative of all the people in this

district, regardless of party affiliation." Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

# COUNCIL

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Big Spring, Me. What's fair to one of us is fair to all of us." Duncan said the council was faced with a decision when it developed the new animal control ordinance: Get the money to fund the permitting process from the taxpayers "Someone has to pay for the gas and the leg work it takes the city staff to go and inspect a kennel or a place that houses pets," Duncan said. "The option was to have all of the city residents pay via property taxes, or to have those people pay who actually receive the service via a permit fee to the owner, and the owner either absorbing that cost or sharing it with the people who utilize the business. That was the intent of the ordinance." According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, veterinarians and ani-

mal hospitals were exempted from the city ordinance because they are already licensed through state agencies. "We exempted the veterinarians and animal hospitals because they are licensed by the state, and there is a complaint process already established for them," Sjogren said. "However, let me clarify something. All of the provisions of the ordinance still apply for veterinarians or anyone." Councilman Craig Olson spoke out against the permit fee at length during the meeting, saying the funds raised by the permit fee — currently estimated at \$90 each year — would do little to pay for the inspection process when city employees and animal control officials are already trekking all over the Crossroads area. "I have a problem with the idea it is somehow going to cost \$30, putting this kind of a fee on these people, when (ani-

mal control employees) are already being paid for 40 hours a week," Olson told the council. "They are already on the street, going up and down alleys. I've seen them there." The new animal control ordinance — which was finalized by the council in August — also provides definitions and regulations for animal rescuers and commercial animal establishments, as well as requiring custodians to reside on the premises with dogs or cats. The ordinance would also require pet owners with more than eight cats and/or dogs to procure a no-cost permit from the city, as well as place limitations on selling or giving away animals on public or government property. Also during Tuesday's

meeting, the council approved first reading of the 2010-2011 proposed budget and ad valorem tax rate by a unanimous vote. The proposed fiscal plan is based on a tax rate of 99.95 cents per \$100 valuation — down 1.34743 cents from the current tax rate of \$1.01. Final approval of the proposed budget and tax

rate is expected to be considered by the council next week, when the council meets one week early to accommodate scheduling issues. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEW

# It's homecoming; Time for Steers fans to celebrate

There's a special feeling in the air — one of pageantry, tradition, pride, spirit. It's homecoming in Big Spring and that's a time to treasure. This weekend, memories will be rekindled and memories will be made.

Welcome exes! Whether you reside in Big Spring or have traveled "home" to be here, this is your special time. It's a time to greet old friends, classmates and teachers. A time to reminisce and think about those days when you were attending Big Spring High School.

It's also a special time for current students, especially you seniors. These are memories you will carry with you the rest of your lives.

A significant percentage of our lives is spent in classrooms getting an education. With it comes the camaraderie of being with other students, meeting in the library, making spirit signs, cheering the team on, spiking the volleyball or getting a base hit, scoring a touchdown, playing in the band, taking a role in a one-act play, serving on the student council, participating in a club, singing in the choir, cramming for a test late at night. Those are things you never forget. Some of you will remember with tears, some with laughter. But you will remember them. And as the years move on, they take on even more special significance.

Some of those memories will be made Thursday night with the bonfire at the compost facility. Then there are Friday's activities: The afternoon pep rally in Steer Gym, the 4:30 p.m. downtown parade and the 7:30 p.m. game with Monahans' Lobos at Memorial Stadium along with its traditional halftime homecoming pageantry.

Saturday, the 2001 BSHS Steer Band will be inducted into the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame at 1 p.m.

And as always, Saturday's full of get-togethers by a number of classes.

Whether you are a BSHS alum or not, though, this is a fun week in Big Spring. So join us in kicking up your heels a little. Join us at Memorial Stadium on Friday night and cheer the Steers on to a win!

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Knowing You, Lord, accentuates our life.

Amen

# Border violence must be priority

The growing violence in Mexico has become one of the most pressing national security issues in America today. In Texas, with more than 1,200 miles of the nation's 2,000-mile southern border, we bear the brunt of the security burden, and our border communities increasingly face the threats of cross-over violence.

El Paso residents are seeing first-hand the effects of drug-related violence in Mexico. Recently, stray bullets from a drug cartel gunfight taking place across the border in Juarez hit El Paso's City Hall. Not long after that incident, a building at the University of Texas at El Paso was hit by stray bullets.

Thankfully, no one was hurt in either of those incidents. But we should all be alarmed at this escalation. Until now, American communities have been largely shielded from the violence raging in Mexico. But every day, there are new reports of horrific violence occurring across the border.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon launched an aggressive war against the cartels after taking office in 2006, but the cartels are violently fighting back. In four years, the drug-related violence has resulted in 28,000 deaths in Mexico.

In 2009 alone, there were nearly 10,000 organized crime deaths in Mexico. And so far this year, there have been more than 3,000 killings, including the murders of American embassy employees and their family members in Mexico.

In August, Mexican authorities discovered the bodies of 72 people who are thought to

have been brutally murdered by cartels running human smuggling operations. This massacre happened only 85 miles south of Brownsville. And in the space of two weeks, two mayors of Mexican cities were assassinated by drug cartels.

The criminal activity is spilling over into our communities and stretching our law enforcement and court systems thin. The U.S. Judicial Districts of Southern and Western Texas represent two of the top five most crime-ridden districts in our country.

On a typical day, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials arrest more than 100 criminals at ports of entry, seize more than 7,000 pounds of narcotics and apprehend roughly 2,100 individuals attempting to illegally enter the United States. More must be done at every level of government to secure our borders and to ensure the continued safety of border communities.

Last month, Congress passed a \$600 million supplemental border security bill. The bill allows Customs and Border Protection to hire 1,500 new agents to patrol the southern border and ports of entry.

It will create a specialized "strike force" to be deployed to different parts of the border, allowing law enforcement to focus on areas with the greatest need as they emerge.

The bill will allow federal border enforcement agencies and state and local law officials to better communicate and coordinate efforts. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Justice will also receive funding to hire more agents, investigators, attorneys and other law enforcement personnel.

I also strongly support another effort to deploy 6,000 National Guard troops to the southwest border. The National Guard would help CBP get operational

control of the southwest border, and it would augment our security forces until a continued scale up and training of Border Patrol agents can take place.

My Senate colleagues and I are also pushing for Customs and Border Patrol to obtain and operate daily flights of unmanned aerial vehicles. Aerial surveillance using unmanned drones is a force multiplier and it allows border enforcement officials to more efficiently and consistently monitor the border and respond to illicit activity.

On Aug. 1, President Obama deployed the first of a total of 1,200 additional National Guard members to help border patrol officials and local law enforcement.

However, spreading 1,200 National Guardsmen over four states is an insufficient response to a national security priority. Texas alone has asked for 1,000 National Guard troops and Arizona has asked for 3,000 National Guard troops.

I recently traveled to various communities along Texas' southern border, where I had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Border Patrol Agents and hear directly about their challenges. This direct contact is invaluable in order to get a true perspective of the situation on the ground.

The men and women of the Border Patrol are defending our nation and we must never waiver in our commitment to support them as they do their jobs.

Border security is a national security issue. And we must treat it as such. As President Reagan said, "a nation without borders is not a nation." That is why securing our borders cannot just be a Texas priority. It must be a national priority.

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# A real 'know-nothing' party

As America's kids get used to school again, American education

spending and policies are under attack. Tea Party-backed candidates around the country, particularly in the West, are dredging up the old GOP idea to shut down the Department of Education.

Quick history lesson: President Ronald Reagan tried to eliminate it in 1980. The Republican platform called for its elimination as late as 1996. But then the idea pretty much disappeared, unless you count constant support from radical figures like talk-radio host Glenn Beck.

That is, until this year. Now, many Republican nominees for U.S. Senate are stumping for the idea.

Ken Buck, the surprise Republican nominee in Colorado's Senate race, is attacking federal involvement in education. He says America should "immediately flip the switch" on the Education Department.

Elsewhere, GOP Senate candidates Rand Paul (Kentucky), Joe Miller (Alaska) and Sharron Angle (Nevada) have done the same.

This trend — and certainly its ramifications — has largely escaped the notice of the news media.

Yet, scrapping the Education

Department would constitute a major policy transformation. The United States has had an education agency or department for more than 140 years.

The New York Times, for example, has reported on Paul's views of the Education Department, but if I were a teacher, I'd have to give the Times' wider coverage of this issue an "F," unless its dog ate that homework assignment.

Our nation's newspaper of record hasn't run any articles connecting the controversial Kentuckian's views to other candidates and exploring this serious issue in more depth.

That's indefensible. If you look more deeply at the "let's abolish the Education Department," sound bite, you'll find a broad anti-government attack that's gaining serious steam at the local level that deserves national attention.

Reporters need to clarify for voters what the Education Department does. It employs about 5,000 people and runs a wide variety of education programs that its detractors never mention in stump speeches, including education research, grant-making and job training.

Its research focuses on innovative ideas, such as cost-effective testing and student-data tracking, which are refined and evaluated through indispensable grants. The Education Department provides a clearinghouse for new ideas that can spread throughout the country.

Federal support for primary and secondary schools, and for

coordination of national education programs, is needed now, perhaps more than ever, as school budgets are being slashed around the country.

Ditto with the department's job-training functions.

Unemployment is at its highest level in a generation. Millions of jobless workers will probably need new training to find jobs in new industries. We need to increase, not cut, the \$8 billion in job-training funds from the Department of Education.

Almost everyone agrees that we owe it to our kids to give them a first-class education and that America will lose its competitive edge unless our schools are at least as good as those of our economic competitors.

But we seem to shrug at the constant flow of statistics about the decline of America's education system and its slide compared to education systems in industrialized nations abroad.

The depressing statistics about American education keep coming, and we hear politicians complain. But how does that square with cutting federal dollars for our kids?

Reporters owe it to us to flesh out what tea party candidates want to achieve by abolishing the Department of Education. Our future is at stake.

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# Why not check this out?

## At the Howard County Library

The Friends of the Library Book sale is approaching! The sale will be Sept. 24-26. Hours will be announced later.

Here are the mysteries I didn't have room for last week:

James Lee Burke brings back Dave Robicheaux. In "Burning Angel" (M BUR J), Sonny Boy Marsallus has been involved with prostitution, gambling, etc for all of his life.

When he make the decision to go straight, it is not well received. Dave (of course) is involved in solving Sonny Boy's murder along with a side issue: who wants the Fontenot family's land?

Carla Neggers' "The Whisperer" (M NEG C) has mixed a lethal combination: Celtic treasure on a remote Irish island plus a Boston detective. That is a winning combination.

Father Dowling's church, St. Hilary, is in danger of being closed by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

There are too many churches and not enough people to run them, but it doesn't make it easier to stomach. Church politics, long-held family secrets and a killer will all play a part in the church's survival.

Some nonfiction: "Sully" Sullenberger is the pilot

who guided a loaded plan to safety on the Hudson River in New York City. There are two main reasons he was able to do this: He had years of experience and the advances in aviation and computer technology. In "Fly By Wire: The Geese, The Glide, The Miracle on the Hudson" (363.124 LAN W) by William Langewiesche, Sullenberger describes the testing procedures performed on jet engines, the struggle to build engines that can resist bird attacks and the creation of the A320 in France, all of which played a part in allowing him to safely land his plane on the Hudson River.

For spiritual help, we have just processed "God's Little Devotional Book for Men" (242.642 HON B) from Honor Books; "Battlefiled of the Mind" (248.4 MEY J), by Joyce Meyer; "Just Peace: A Message of Hope" (303.66 STE M), by Mattie Stepanek; and "If you Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat" (248.4 ORT J), by John Ortberg. Each book has something to offer.

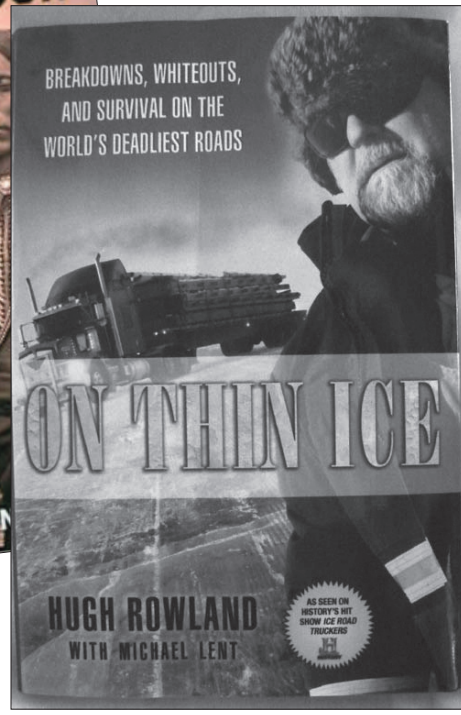
We also have "Seven Weeks to Sobriety" (616.861 LAR J), by Joan Mathews Larson; "Codependent No More" (616.86 BEA M), by Melody Beattie; and Wayne Dyer's "The Power of Intention: Learning to Co-Creat Your World Your Way" (158.1 DYE W). "Legends, Lies & Cherished Myths of World History" (902.07 SHE

(978.004 GWY S) by S.C. Wynne examines the 40-year battle waged by the Comanche nation against the constant encroachment of pioneers from the young United States. They had fought off the Spanish, French, and Mexican invaders, rolled back the Apache Nation and did a pretty good job in forestalling the American invasion. But the relentless push of westward settlement eventually won out. It is the attention to details and the development of the principle characters that makes Gwynne's book unique. This is especially true in how he deals with the young Cynthia Parker, the white girl taken captive and raised as a Comanche. She disappeared after this but eventually adopted the Comanche way of life, married a chief and became the mother of Quanah Parker, the center for Gwynne's book.

The Discovery Channel's "Ice Road Truckers" take truck driving to a different level. In "On Thin Ice" (388.324 ROW H) by Hugh Rowland, you will get the inside scoop on the perils of driving the Ice Road. I have thumbed through it and some of the stories are really something!

The library will be open Saturdays, from 10 until 2 with the Internet/Video Room closing at 1:30. Regular hours are 10 until 6, Monday through Friday. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main and our e-mail address is [reference@co.howard.tx.us](mailto:reference@co.howard.tx.us).

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



R) by Richard Shenkman debunks some commonly held myths. Did the English endure the Blitz (WWII) with a stiff upper lip? No. Was Catherine the Great Russian? I think you get the picture. There are some great nuggets of information that are very interesting.

"Empire of the Summer Moon"

## THE SAVVY SENIOR



Dear Savvy Senior, I'm in the market for some senior-friendly furniture and could use some help. My husband and I have arthritis and have gotten to the point where getting up from a seated position - especially from our living room couch and

recliners - has become a real chore. Can you recommend some good cushioned lift chairs or furniture accessories that can help us?  
*Can't Get Up*

Dear Can't, The task of sitting down and/or getting

up from soft cushioned furniture is a common problem for many seniors who struggle with arthritis pain and mobility issues. Fortunately there are a variety of home furnishing products and accessories that can help give you a boost.

**Lift Recliners**  
Having been around for nearly 30 years now "electric recliner lift chairs" are one of the most popular types of senior-friendly

furniture on the market today. While they look just like regular recliner chairs, lift recliners come with a built-in motor that actu-

ally raises and lowers the entire chair, which makes sitting down and getting up much easier.

**How to Choose**

With literally dozens of different types and styles of lift recliners to choose from, here

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You deserve a factual look at . . .

### The Unrelenting and Virulent Hatred of the Arabs

#### Will peace ever be possible under those conditions?

After more than sixty years of statehood, Israel is a lone outpost of Western civilization and its values. It is the staunchest ally of the United States in that part of the world - a bulwark of democracy. The Arab nations surrounding it are a swamp of terrorism, corruption, dictatorship, and human enslavement. But the hatred of the Arabs against Israel and against all Jews is so abiding and so virulent that peace, at least for the foreseeable future, seems unattainable and most unlikely.

#### What are the facts?

No "sacrifice" will overcome the hatred. There are those who still believe that the never-ending conflict between the Arabs and the Jews could be ended if the Israelis were willing to bring greater "sacrifices for peace." Such "sacrifices" would include relinquishing ever-larger portions of their tiny country (less than half the size of San Bernardino County in California) to the Palestinians, dismantling the "settlements" in Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"), handing the Golan Heights to Syria, and allowing the "return of the refugees," a group that has grown miraculously from about 500,000 to somewhere around 5 million. The absorption of even a substantial fraction of them would signify the demographic end of the Jewish states.

Israel, ill-advisedly, vacated Gaza. It was rewarded with daily barrages of Qassam rockets. In the north, after Israel had abandoned its southern Lebanon buffer zone, Hizbollah (the "Army of God") launched the second "Lebanon War." It must now be clear to even the most confirmed "dooves" that nothing that Israel could do, any further "sacrifice" that Israel would be prepared to bring, would satisfy the Arabs. The sad but irrefutable conclusion is that only the complete disappearance of Israel, the excision of this "cancer" could satisfy the Arabs and most of the Muslim world.

**Mortal hatred and the "Big Lie."** The "Big Lie," invented by the notorious Joseph Goebbels of Nazi infamy, is a mainstay of Arab hatred and propaganda. In Egypt and Jordan (the two Arab countries technically at peace with Israel), government-controlled news sources published that Israel had distributed drug-laced chewing gum and candy to

kill children and to make women sexually corrupt. The Jews (Israelis) are being accused of having introduced foot-and-mouth disease in the Middle East. The age-old calumny of Jews using the blood of Christian and Muslim children in order to bake their Passover matzos is alive and well in Arab publications. Translations of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" are steady best-sellers in all Arab countries. Among other malevolent fabrications, it accuses "international Jewry" of "limitless ambition, inexhaustible greed, and hatred beyond imagination." Schools, streets and plazas are named after notorious murderers of Jews.

In the controlled Arab press, Holocaust denial and accusation of the Zionists having been in cahoots with the German Nazis are regular features. Egypt's government-sponsored *Al Akhbar* newspaper has expressed fervent thanks to Adolf Hitler for having taken advance revenge on the "vilest criminals on the face of the earth." Still, it berated him for not having been thorough enough in his task of extermination. The Arabs do not consider Israel a normal country, but a creation of the devil, an excrescence, a malignant force of aggressors, murderers, infidels and barbarians. It should be destroyed, for the glory of God, no matter what sacrifices that might entail.

Mortal hatred against Israel and against the Jews is taught to Arab children from the very first grade. Children are encouraged to sacrifice themselves as martyrs and to become suicide bombers and human missiles, with promises that Paradise with unimaginable pleasures awaits those who sacrifice themselves in the holy cause of killing Jews.

This bottomless hatred, a hatred that pervades the Arab world in all strata of society and is incessantly fomented by Arab governments, including those supposed to be "at peace" with Israel, cannot be assuaged by negotiation or by making any further "sacrifices for peace." Nothing will suffice, except the destruction of Israel. The Arab states, having been unable in over sixty years and in many wars to defeat and exterminate the Jews, are now feverishly arming themselves with "conventional weapons" (easily purchased from the West, including, sad to say, from the United States), and are ardently pursuing the development of weapons of mass annihilation. Just as the suicide bombers do not vacillate to sacrifice themselves, one can safely expect that, once in possession of such weapons, the Arabs will not hesitate to sacrifice millions of their own people in order to destroy Israel. Israel's only course in the face of this almost certain prospect is to assume its previous stance of unflinching deterrence and, as it once did in the destruction of the Iraqi atomic reactor at Osirak in 1981, not to be inhibited by "international opinion" to preempt resolutely if it appears necessary to assure survival of the country.

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## Cyber Bullying

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### Beware of the Cyber Bully

The iSAFE America research team has discovered a disturbing trend—cyber bullying has affected more than half the students surveyed, on both sides of the issue. Their latest assessments surveyed more than 1500 students ranging from fourth to eighth grade across the country. They found out:

- 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online
- 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful things to another online
- 42% of kids have been bullied while online

The tradition of home as a

refuge from bullies on the school playground is over. The Internet is the new playground, and there are no off hours. The popularity of instant messaging, e-mail, webpages, and blogging means kids are a target 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Even worse, iSAFE found out 58 percent of kids have not told their parents or any adult about something mean or hurtful that had happened to them online.

Teachers and school officials need to be aware of the rising trend of cyber bullying as incidents online are brought onto school grounds.

iSAFE offers these tips to share with students who are being cyber bullied:

- Tell a trusted adult and

keep telling them until they take action.

- Never open, read or respond to messages from cyber bullies.
- If it is school related, tell your school. All schools have bullying solutions.
- Do not erase the messages. They may be needed to take action.
- If bullied through chat or IM, the bully can often be blocked.
- If you are threatened with harm, call the police.

Above all, students are the cure to the cyber bullying epidemic. By speaking out and telling adults they can stop bullying online and make the Internet experience a more positive one.

### Cyber Bullying: Breaking It Down

Cyber Bullying is verbal harassment that occurs during online activities.

Cyber Bullying can take many forms. These are a few:

- A threatening e-mail
- Nasty instant messaging session
- Repeated notes sent to the cell phone
- A website set up to mock others
- "Borrowing" someone's screen name and pretending to be them while posting a message.
- Forwarding supposedly private messages, pictures, or video to others.

Contact:

**Victim Services**  
**263-3312**

## Annie's Mailbox ®

**Dear Annie:** I had a textbook midlife crisis. In my early 50s, after an affair of six weeks, the guilt became too much and I confessed to my lovely and intelligent wife of 31 years that I wasn't sure I'd ever loved her. The new love of my life was also in her early 50s and had been married more than 30 years. My wife and three adult children were blindsided. Our marriage seemed perfect to others. But the relief from my confession was instant and cathartic, and I was anxious to begin my life anew with a woman I thought I could not live without. It is now eight years later,

and I still haven't put my life back together. I work hard to maintain a civil relationship with my ex-wife, who hasn't remarried and who graciously invites me to the house for family occasions with the children. However, I have yet to marry the woman of my dreams, who also gave up everything for me. Every time I think I'm prepared to complete what I started, I become paralyzed by guilt and a sense of responsibility to my ex-wife and family. I am now convinced that any new life for me is impossible. Please help me sort this

out. No one is getting any younger. — *Adrift in NYC*

**Dear Adrift:** And apparently no one is getting any wiser, either.

You have figured out that guilt has paralyzed you. And your ex-wife is being kind, which makes a new marriage feel like a second betrayal.

You cannot take back the damage you've done, but right now, the only favor you are doing your ex-wife is giving her the satisfaction of knowing you are miserable.

Moving forward may be painful, but it also will allow normalcy to eventually re-enter everyone's lives.

If you can't get beyond this

point on your own, please consider counseling.

**Dear Annie:** "Hungry in Grand Island" said someone kept stealing her lunches.

You suggested keeping her lunch at her desk with an ice pack.

You do a disservice to your readers when you assume we all have office jobs. Millions of us don't.

In nearly 35 years in the workforce in retail and restaurants, I have never had a desk that was accessible only to me. — *Michigan*

**Dear Michigan:** We didn't make any assumptions. "Hungry" said: "Someone in my office keeps stealing lunches."

So she apparently works in an office. But you are right that millions do not.

We've printed a few other suggestions to thwart food thieves, none of which require a desk, and we hope you saw those.

To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## SAVVY

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are some key points to help you cut through all the options and select a good fit for you and your husband.

- **Chair size:** The recliner needs to fit the person setting in it, so your body size (height and weight), or your husband's, will actually determine the size of chair you need.
- **Reclining options:** Aside from the

lifting system, the degree in which the chair reclines is your choice too. Most lift recliners are sold as either two-position, three-position or infinite-position lift chairs. The two-position chairs recline only to about 45 degrees which makes them ideal for watching TV or reading. But if you plan to nap, you'll probably want a three-position or infinite-position chair that reclines almost completely horizontally.

- **Fabric and**

features: You'll also need to choose the type of fabric and color you want the chair to be, or if you want any extra features like built-in heating or massage elements, or a wall hugging chair which is great if you're tight on space.

#### Where to Shop

While there are many companies that make lift recliners – such as Med-Lift, NexIdea, Health Circle, Cattanapper, Berkline, Franklin and even

La-z-boy – Pride Mobility ([pridemobility.com](http://pridemobility.com)) and Golden Technologies ([goldentech.com](http://goldentech.com)) have been around the longest and have the best reputation. With prices typically ranging between \$600 and \$2,000, you can find lift recliners at many medical supply stores and online. You'll also need to know that Medicare provides some help purchasing a lift chair. They cover the lift mechanism portion, which equates to around \$300 towards your purchase.

If, however, the lift recliners don't appeal to you, here are several other products on the market that might.

Risedale chairs: These

are open-legged, wing back chairs that are very different from lift recliners because only the seat cushion lifts instead of the whole chair. Made by Uplift Technologies ([uplift.com](http://uplift.com), 800-387-0896), the Risedale retails for around \$500. Uplift also sells a variety of portable seat lifts that can work with any chair in your home or you can take it when you travel.

Couch Cane: Made by Standers, this nifty tool acts as a support handle that makes sitting and standing much easier and it works on both couches and recliners. The base fits directly under the feet of the furniture for sturdy support. Couch Canes

sell for around \$100 and are sold online at medical equipment sites like [medexsupply.com](http://medexsupply.com) (888-433-2300) and [activeforever.com](http://activeforever.com) (800-377-8033).

Furniture risers: Increasing the height of your existing furniture a few inches is another inexpensive way to make it more accessible.

Furniture risers typically range from 2 to 5 inches in height, are made of heavy duty plastic or wood, and are inserted on the base of the legs or supports of your furniture. Costs range from a few dollars up to \$50 and can be purchased at Walmart and Target, or online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [mobilityhome.com](http://mobilityhome.com).

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# News in brief

## O'Donnell wins GOP Senate primary in Delaware

(AP) — It's tea time in America.

Conservative Christine O'Donnell pulled off a stunning upset over nine-term Rep. Mike Castle in the Republican Senate primary in Delaware Tuesday, propelled by tea party activists into a November showdown with Democrat Chris Coons. After a primary season shaped by economic pain and exasperated voters, the grass-roots, anti-establishment movement can claim wins in at least seven GOP Senate races, a handful of Republican gubernatorial contests and dozens of House primary campaigns, and it influenced many others.

In the fight for New Hampshire's Republican Senate nomination, a second insurgent trailed in vote counting that was still going on Wednesday. After lagging in early returns, former Attorney General Kelly Ayotte moved ahead of Ovide Lamontagne with a lead of roughly 1,000 votes, with results tallied from 85 percent of precincts. Ayotte was backed by establishment Republicans and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin; Lamontagne, a former chairman of the state Board of Education, campaigned with the support of tea party activists.

In New York, tea party ally Carl Paladino dealt another shock to the GOP establishment, defeating former Rep. Rick Lazio in the race for the party's nomination for governor. Paladino will face state Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, the prohibitive favorite.

The Delaware outcome reflected the energy and enthusiasm of the tea partiers, but O'Donnell also enters the race against Coons as an underdog, putting GOP control of the Senate further out of reach. Former George W. Bush political adviser Karl Rove told Fox News Channel, "This is not a race we're going to be able to win."

## Clinton: Israeli, Palestinian leaders already 'getting down to business' on major issues

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says Israeli and Palestinian leaders are already "getting down to business" in tackling the key issues at the heart of their conflict.

But Clinton gave no indication Wednesday that the sides are any

closer to resolving the most immediate stumbling block to newly relaunched peace talks: a Palestinian threat to quit the negotiations if Israel doesn't extend a curb on West Bank settlement construction.

Clinton is in Jerusalem for a second day of talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, a day after meeting the leaders at a summit in Egypt.

Addressing reporters, Clinton said they already have "begun to grapple with the core issues" in their conflict. But she made no mention of the settlement dispute.

## House Democrats deeply divided over Obama plan that would let taxes go back up on wealthy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats are confronting deep divisions in their nervous ranks over whether to support President Barack Obama's plan to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans — or just punt the entire matter until after voters go to the polls Nov. 2.

Democratic leaders committed to Obama's proposal were to hear Wednesday from endangered lawmakers who fear that raising taxes on anyone in a weak economy could be politically lethal.

"Don't raise taxes in a recession," said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D.

Democratic leaders refused to say whether they were open to changing Obama's plan, or even commit to a vote before the balloting seven weeks off. Instead, they called House Democrats together Tuesday night to discuss a poll showing that extending tax cuts for middle-income earners was a winning strategy for the party.

Not everyone was con-

vinced. A group of moderate and conservative House Democrats was collecting signatures on a letter calling for Democratic leaders to offer a bill extending tax cuts for all Americans. Broad tax cuts passed during the George W. Bush administration are due to expire at the end of the year.

## Tropical Storm Karl heads toward Mexican coast, warnings issued

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — A strengthening Tropical Storm Karl neared the Yucatan Peninsula on Wednesday, bearing down on the resort beaches of the Mayan Riviera.

Meanwhile far from land, Hurricane Julia rapidly intensified, becoming a powerful Category 4 storm early Wednesday.

Karl had maximum sustained winds of about 65 mph (100 kph) and was located about 105 miles (170 kilometers) east of Chetumal, Mexico, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

Mexico's government issued a tropical storm warning for the peninsula from Chetumal northward to Cabo Catoche. Parts of Belize are under a tropical storm watch.

The storm was expected to smack into land near Tulum, a beach town of eco-resorts and cliffside Mayan ruins, and then quickly weaken into a tropical de-

pression before heading back out over the Gulf of Mexico, where it could turn into a hurricane by the end of the week.

## Record number of U.S. airstrikes hit Afghan militants in Pakistani border region

MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP) — Drone aircraft unleashed a missile attack in a lawless tribal region on the Afghan border Wednesday, keeping up the most intense period of U.S. strikes in Pakistan since they began in 2004, intelligence officials said.

The stepped-up campaign that included Wednesday's strike is focused on a small area of farming villages and mountainous, thickly forested terrain controlled by the Haqqani network, a ruthless American foe in Afghanistan, U.S. officials say. There is some evidence the network is being squeezed as a result, one official said.

In the latest strike, US missiles killed 12 people in a house in Dargah Mandi, 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) west of the main town of Miran Shah in North Waziristan, Pakistani intelligence officials told The Associated Press.

American officials said the airstrikes were designed to degrade the Haqqanis' operations on the Pakistani side of the border, creating a "hammer-and-anvil" effect as U.S. special

operations forces carry out raids against their fighters across the frontier in Afghanistan. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing classified operations.

The missiles have killed more than 60 people in 13 strikes since Sept. 2 in the Pakistani region of North Waziristan, according to an Associated Press tally based on Pakistani intelligence officials' reports. Many struck around Datta Khel, a town of about 40,000 people that sits on a strategically vital road to the Afghan border.

## Eiffel Tower reopens as normal after bomb threat

PARIS (AP) — The Eiffel Tower has reopened a day after being evacuated because of a bomb threat from an anonymous caller.

Paris police said Wednesday that no enhanced security measures were planned at France's most visited monument, and an investigation has been handed over to the city prosecutor's office.

Explosives experts found nothing suspicious, and there was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Parts of a second tourist hub — the Saint-Michel subway station

near Notre Dame Cathedral — were briefly evacuated following a similar threat. An attack there in 1995 killed eight and injured scores of people.

The head of France's counterespionage agency was quoted over the weekend as saying the risk of an attack in France has never been higher.

## States cut benefits for public-sector retirees

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The security guards at the headquarters of New Jersey's pension fund have never seen anything like it before: lines of public employees extending out the door and into the street.

Day after day, workers come in droves to apply for retirement. They often line up before dawn.

The rush has been set off in part by Republican Gov. Chris Christie's campaign in this cash-strapped state to make government employment — and retirement — less lucrative.

Since 2008, New Jersey and at least 19 other states from Wyoming to Rhode Island have rolled back pension benefits or seriously considered doing so — and not just for new hires, but for current employees and people already retired.

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# Staying healthy key for Steers



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The Steers' John Flores and DeVante Lloyd fight for a fumble during Big Spring's game against Plainview. Already with a few key injuries, the Steers are trying to adjust and stay healthy as the season continues.

**BY ADAM COLEMAN**  
Sports Editor

There was no way Big Spring tailback Lee Garcia was not going to be in pads for practice this week.

The junior suffered a tendon injury in his right foot in the Fort Stockton game on Aug. 27 and, in his opinion, missing the next two games was too much time away from the field.

"It's just one of those things that happens," he said of the injury. "It's like a car wreck. You don't know what's going to happen. Have to take it as it comes."

A handful of Steers have had the same experience as Garcia through the first three games of the season — some less fortunate than him.

There may be more teams that have been bitten by the injury bug

worse than the Steers, but it's taken its toll on the Steers.

Big Spring already lost Jake Spring, a transfer from Forsan High School who was expected to contribute at safety and receiver, for the season due to a knee injury.

In addition to losing Garica for two weeks, running back Lukas Falcon saw limited action in the Plainview game because of an ankle injury and Sergio Torres, who shined during two-a-days at tailback, is out with an elbow injury.

The latest blow had linebacker Robert Parra suffer a left knee injury during the Plainview game. He was later taken off the field in a stretcher.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey said most coaches' goals include his

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# Twice as nice: Lady Steers get second straight sweep

**BY ADAM COLEMAN**  
Sports Editor

Big Spring volleyball coach Lynn Osborne tried to hide the smile on her face after her Lady Steers beat Colorado City Tuesday in Steer Gym. Two consecutive sweeps at home might do that to a coach.

"I'm excited," Osborne said. "It wasn't the prettiest win, but it was a win and they didn't let it get out of hand."

After ousting Greenwood Saturday 3-0, the Lady Steers followed it up with another sweep, beating Colorado City 27-25, 25-20, 25-17.

Osborne is pleased with the progress, but like she said, the Lady Steers have much more room to grow. Even though it was a sweep, Colorado City tested Big Spring Tuesday.

"They fought, they're scrappy," Osborne said of the Lady Wolves. "They just kept bringing it back and they've got some good hitters and they're a really good team, but I just feel like we're still not where we

need to be."

The test came early in Game 1, with Big Spring down 22-20 late in the game. But a kill from Cerbi Ritchey and a Colorado City error quickly tied the game.

The two teams went back and forth until another error by the Lady Wolves gave Big Spring the 27-25 win.

But the Lady Steers talent and athletic ability proved to be the difference.

Big Spring had little problems putting the match away in Game 3, reeling off seven straight points to cruise to a 21-14 lead. While the Lady Wolves scored three more points, Big Spring never wavered.

Osborne said she thought her team did well keeping the serves in the court and Colorado City helped the Lady Steers get a few breaks due to errors and serves. She said her team is starting to clean things up and the mini-games and work in practice is showing up on the court now.

But the only thing



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Desiree Anderson attempts to dig a ball during the Lady Steers' 3-0 sweep of Colorado City Tuesday.

that might be more impressive than back-to-back sweeps at home is a sweep or win on the road. A trip to Andrews is on tap for the Lady Steers.

"That would definitely

mean a lot because in district we have a lot of road games," Ritchey said. "So we're going to have to learn how to do that on the road."

A lot of the success in Tuesday's match can be

attributed to the Lady Steers' talent and athletic ability, but libero Valerie Ross said the team continues to work on keeping the momentum high during matches. For the most part, once

the Lady Steers had a lead in Tuesday's match, they never looked back.

"We're working on it and it's going to get better and better every time before we get to district," Ross said.

# Former USC star Reggie Bush forfeits 2005 Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK (AP) — Reggie Bush is giving back the trophy. To many, though, he'll always be a Heisman winner.

"Everyone still knows Reggie Bush was the best player that year. Look at the runs. He was clearly the best player," said Johnny Rodgers, the 1972 Heisman winner from Nebraska. "O.J. Simpson got accused of a murder and they didn't take his back. That was a far greater allegation,

and they didn't find O.J. guilty on that."

Bush took the unprecedented step of forfeiting his 2005 Heisman Trophy on Tuesday, saying the scandal over improper benefits while he was a star running back at Southern California should not stain "the dignity of this award."

Returning the trophy has no practical effect on Bush since he's already a member of the NFL and a member of a Super Bowl championship team.

However, it is the first time in the award's 75-year history that a player has forfeited it.

"I think it's a sad day, that's the way I feel about it," said former Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch, who won the 2001 Heisman and voted for Bush in 2005. "Having to actually be the first time in the history of the award that someone has given it back. ... I don't know if

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# Murphy leads Rangers past Tigers

ARLINGTON (AP) — David Murphy had to wait a few nervous minutes before he got confirmation from the umpires that his home run was legit.

Murphy's blast was ruled fair on replay to help the Texas Rangers win their sixth straight game with an 11-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Murphy led off the fourth against Jeremy Bonderman with his 10th homer, a towering drive to right field that sailed over the area above the foul pole, with

the ball finally glancing off the facing of the second deck.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland argued that the ball was foul, but he was overruled after the umpires went to video review.

Although one replay seemed to support Leyland's claim, crew chief Jerry Layne said the ball went over the foul pole without an overwhelming reason to overturn the original call.

"There was no evidence it was any different from what I had seen on the field," Layne

said. "You need reversible doubt to change the call."

While the umpires watched the video, Murphy bided his time in the dugout, unsure of the outcome.

"Some of my teammates said it was fair and some of my teammates said it was foul. I didn't know what to think," said Murphy, who had three hits and extended his career-best hitting streak to 12 games.

"It started so far fair"

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## Sports in brief

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

Pluto has recently changed direction, Mars is wearing a new attitude, and the sun is pulling across the sky from Jupiter and Uranus. There will be no settling in. Everything is still changing. The best we can do is turn up our awareness. Instead of blindly running around, slow down, be observant and try to gracefully find your place in the grand ballet.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Consider taking a trip. Though your family treats you as a commoner, there are places in the world in which you would be received as a highly honored guest. Both kinds of reception are good for you.

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memory serves you well, and theirs serves them, too.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are moving at a highly productive pace. You have to work when you don't want to. You want to work when you don't have to. As for sleep — it will overcome you eventually, but not without a fight.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are a connoisseur. You know what you would like to see. When a piece of art falls short of your expectations, it may nonetheless be a great gift. This will be a jumping-off place for your creativity.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It will be easy for you to get worked up into a concentrated state of mind. So be sure to focus yourself well. Make sure you're getting excited instead of nervous, enthused instead of upset.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your goal is simple — to keep everything going in a positive direction. The people around you are depending on you now. There are three clear next steps. You have the energy, so start climbing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What do you do for fun? Well, do that more today. A lack of fun will be the start of a negative trend. Keep your immune system going strong. Laugh, love and be light of heart.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Do some reflecting — physically. Involve a mirror. The problem is not your face, but the

mirror will help you face the problem. Look deeply into your own eyes — search for answers.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be activity in the realm of personal relationships. You could fall back in love with someone you fell for before. The chemistry won't be the same. You both have changed, but the new combo will be just as potent.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though you're not always confident that you can do a job, to an outsider, you seem to have all the answers. You know more than you think. But the key thing you know is when to ask more questions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is rumored that dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both participants are registered blood donors. There are unspoken rules of battle in your own family that are just as absurd as this.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). This is one of those times when saying less will convey more information. People will remember one-sentence "sound bites" better than they would anything long and involved.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 15). Your adventurous style will attract admirers. In October, you'll see the potential to make money and quickly figure out how. Certain rules will be changed or bent for you. A stable, responsible person helps you turn a domestic dream into reality. You'll be awarded

in January. Family additions come in June. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 2, 19, 21 and 14.

**SCHOOLDAYS!** THE GEMINI STUDENT: The phrase commonly associated with Gemini is "I think," which is why the sign of the twins is perfectly suited for the intellectual challenges of school. Ruled by Mercury, the Gemini student quickly absorbs information on many levels at once. This is one of the most communicative signs, and Gemini has no problem raising a hand to answer or ask questions. Gemini often breaks the ice for other students, too, leading discussions and sharing observations. Because this sign is so quick, it is important that the class is challenging enough. If not, Gemini will be chatty and mischievous, creating distractions or trouble.

THE CANCER STUDENT: Cancer feels his or her way through a classroom. The subject matters less to Cancer than the degree to which students collectively create an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. The moonchild can really read and match the mood of a classroom, which is why

the particular school, teacher and peer group Cancer is involved with will make a huge difference for this sensitive sign. Cancer excels in a group of students who provide positive stimulation and a little competition, too. Classes in the arts give Cancer a place to work out strong emotions.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Reality television personality Heidi Montag was already gorgeous when she famously underwent 10 plastic surgeries in one day — extreme even for a Virgo perfectionist! Sometimes Virgos can be too analytical for their own good. Her love planet Venus is in Scorpio, a sign associated with passion, intensity and also with surgery. Mars in Capricorn indicates ambition and business savvy.

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

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**Contract Bridge**  
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South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 8 7 4 3  
♥ Q J 7 5  
♦ —  
♣ A Q 10 6

**WEST**  
♠ K Q  
♥ 8 3 2  
♦ K J 7 5  
♣ 8 7 3

**EAST**  
♠ A J 10 6 2  
♥ —  
♦ A 10 8 6 4 3 2  
♣ 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 4♦ Dbic  
4NT 5♦ 6♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

One might think that in duplicate bridge, where the contestants play exactly the same hands, the results would be the same at most tables. While this may be true when the distribution is relatively flat, almost anything can happen when the distribution is freakish. Consider this deal from the final round of a major team championship.

At the first table, the bidding went as shown. North's four-diamond bid was conventional, indicating heart support and game-going values, plus a singleton or void in diamonds.

At the second table, where North-South's teammates held the East-West cards, the bidding followed a completely different path:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 1♠ 2♦  
Pass 3♦ 4♥ 4♠  
Pass 5♦ Pass Pass  
5♥ Pass Pass 6♦  
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This time, it was the East-West pair who bid and made a slam, doubled by South. Declarer here also had no difficulty making the contract, so East-West scored 1,540 points to yield a total gain for his team of 2,970 points!

The general rule in competitive auctions at high levels — where it's clear that both sides are bidding on distributional rather than high-card values — is to bid when in doubt. That's what East should have done at the first table, and what South should have done at the second.

Tomorrow: Rise and shine.  
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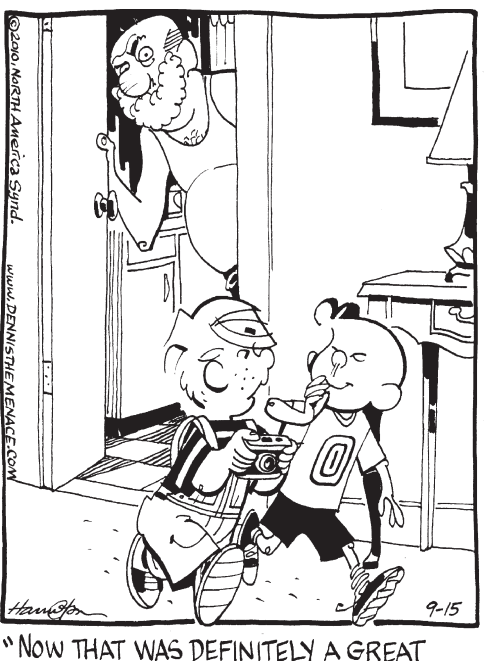
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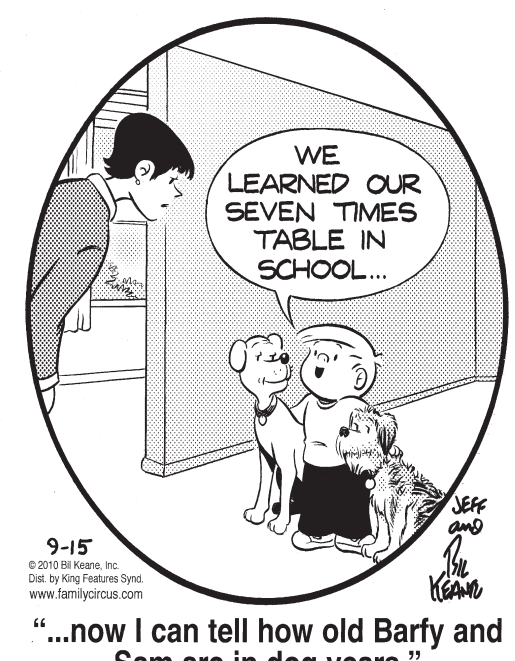
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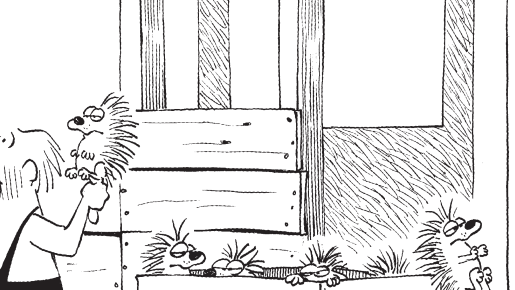
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Today is Wednesday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2010. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses against the Luftwaffe, forcing Adolf Hitler to indefinitely postpone his plans to invade Britain.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge two weeks after he was found not guilty of treason.

In 1821, the Kingdom of Guatemala proclaimed its independence from Spain.

In 1857, William Howard Taft, who served as president of

the United States and as U.S. chief justice — was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Incheon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul (sohl).

In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, where he was greeted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh (sah-DEK' goht-BZAH'-deh), was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Jackie Cooper is 88. Actor Forrest Compton is 85. Comedian Norm Crosby is 83.

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  - 6 Hoarse voice
  - 10 Story line
  - 14 Last Greek letter
  - 15 At all
  - 16 VIP's transport
  - 17 Church law
  - 18 Parcel (out)
  - 19 Surrounded by
  - 20 Business abbr.
  - 21 One glued to the tube
  - 24 Laughs
  - 26 Defer, with "off"
  - 27 Modern singer
  - 29 Paris Hilton, for one
  - 33 Mean ones
  - 34 Overworks
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  - 37 Homeowner's paper
  - 38 Napa Valley products
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  - 40 USN rank
  - 41 Parts of some portfolios
  - 42 High-school event
  - 43 Casual wear
  - 45 More important
  - 46 Ancient
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  - 48 Snitch
  - 53 Used to own
  - 56 Affirmation
  - 57 Traditional tales
  - 58 Author Zola
  - 60 Soprano's solo
  - 61 Thunderstruck

- DOWN**
- 1 Central points
  - 2 Somali-born supermodel
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  - 5 Western spreads
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  - 10 Great Plains river
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  - 22 Dinghy
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  - 25 Mimicked
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  - 28 Counterspy, for one
  - 29 Rounds of applause
  - 30 Former spouses
  - 31 Four-to-midnight work
  - 32 From then on
  - 34 Windshield extra
  - 36 \_\_\_ -do-well
  - 38 2006 film about puzzles
  - 39 Calendar unit
  - 41 Invoice
  - 42 Main meals
  - 44 Fuss
  - 45 Life story, for short
  - 47 Yorkshire city
  - 48 Skyrocket
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**STEERS**

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players being healthy when district play arrives. With the schedule Big Spring has, he said it's an unrealistic vision.

But he also said coaches are doing everything they can to keep players healthy as the season rolls along. Practices are intense at times, but a lot more instruction is involved and conditioning is key.

But even with the players the Steers have lost, Ritchey said it feels like they never left the team.

Rhodon and Torres still show up at practice for support and Parra was on the sidelines for Tuesday's practice in crutches.

"They still feel like they're a part of our team and we want them to," Ritchey said. "Them just being out here is an inspiration to me. The fact that they could be laying at home watching TV, but they chose to come to practice and help support their team."

The injuries keep Steers' head trainer Jim Campbell busy. He said it's tough to see players go down, but it's to be expected.

"I just hate it. In this game, it's a contact sport," Campbell said. "The first three ball-games, we've experienced three fairly significant injuries. You'd hate to see that, but it happens in this sport, so we try to be on our very best to make sure that we're hitting it on the nose and finding out what it is."

Parra's injury may hurt the Steers' the most.

Defensive coordinator Don Kelso said it limits the depth at linebacker, meaning the starters who play both sides of the ball will have limited time to rest.

However, Kelso said there are other teams that have two-way players, and while injuries sometimes happen randomly, it comes down to conditioning.

"It's weird. They seem like they come in spurts," he said. "You don't just get one. You get two or three or four. I feel bad for Robert. That's the worst one we've had."

**Oliva staying on varsity**

Sophomore Michael Oliva's 11 carries for 61 yards and two touchdowns against Plainview was enough to

keep him on varsity for the Steers' homecoming game against Monahans on Friday.

Ritchey said the move will come in handy with Pete Chavarria and Falcon, who has a minor ankle injury, playing defense.

"He's going to stay up this week," he said. "We'll keep him up this week for depth purposes. If he's up, he's going to play. I'm not going to keep a sophomore up and not play him. He'll get into some kind of rotation with everybody else in the backfield. I like what he did last week."

The game against Pla-

inview was the sophomore's first varsity game after being moved up from junior varsity last week.

The move makes things at running back interesting with Garica coming back this week from injury, Falcon getting healthier and Chavarria's emergence.

"We have extraordinary running backs," Garcia said. "All four or five of us, when Sergio gets back, we've all got speed, size, a lot of talent for the running back position. So we always have fresh carriers."

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**RANGERS**

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that I couldn't tell if it hooked around at the last second or if it went right in front of it or if it went over it. Their guess was as good as mine."

Texas maintained momentum from a three-game week-

end sweep of the New York Yankees, increasing its lead in the AL West over second-place Oakland to nine games and reducing its magic number to 10.

Murphy was credited with an RBI for the go-ahead run in the three-run sixth when his ground ball was bobbled for an error by second baseman Will Rhymes, with Elvis

Andrus scoring from third to give Texas a 5-4 lead.

Nelson Cruz and Ian Kinsler added run-scoring singles off Robbie Weinhardt (1-2) later in the inning for a 7-4 lead.

Weinhardt's sinker was consistently up in the strike zone, and he allowed three runs and four hits in 2-3 of an inning.

The Tigers were undone by

shaky pitching and defense. Leyland refused to blame the result of the video review for any lost momentum by his team.

"You don't make pitches and you don't make plays against good teams, that'll kill ya," Leyland said.

Michael Young, who went 3 for 5 with three runs scored, added a three-run double in

the seventh to extend the lead to 10-4.

All the Texas starters had at least one hit and all but two scored runs.

"Our biggest goal is to get contributions up and down our lineup, be as versatile as we can and find ways to score runs in different ways," Young said. "If we do that, we should be in good shape."

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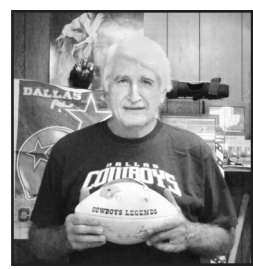
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# Johnson, Astros beat Brewers 3-2

HOUSTON (AP) — When Houston starter Bud Norris took a line drive off the shin on the first pitch of the game, he thought his night was over. After the shock wore off he remained in the game and turned in one of his best performances of the season, allowing one run and three hits in 7 1-3 innings as the Astros beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Rookie Chris Johnson had a three-run homer in the first inning to help Houston to its third straight win and the 11th in the last 15 games.

Norris (8-8) struck out seven and won for the sixth time in seven decisions.

Norris got hit on a ball hit by Joe Inglett. Houston's trainers examined him for a couple of minutes after he was hit before he threw a couple of warmup pitches and faced the next batter.

"At first I thought it was pretty bad," he said. "I really needed to walk around on it and make it feel better. The adrenaline definitely helped out."

Norris had a large bruise covering

his left shin after the game.

"To see him come back and throw as long as he did and as well as he did was pretty special," manager Brad Mills said.

Closer Brandon Lyon gave up a solo homer to Casey McGehee in the ninth inning to make it 3-2 before retiring the next three batters for his 16th save.

Johnson's two-out shot off Chris Capuano (3-4) bounced off the train that sits atop the wall in left-center field, scoring Michael Bourn and Jeff Keppinger to erase a 1-0 deficit. Bourn

walked and Keppinger singled before Johnson's ninth home run of the season.

"It all came down to one pitch," Milwaukee manager Ken Macha said. "I think Cappy was trying to go away, and it wound up being a homer to Johnson, who has kind of been a thorn to our side."

It was the second straight start by Norris in which Johnson hit a three-run homer in a 3-2 win, after he also did it last week against the Dodgers.

"He owes me," Johnson said. "He pitched great."

# Packers tailback Grant out for season after ankle injury

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Green Bay Packers running back Ryan Grant is out for the season with a right ankle injury, a significant blow to the team after he piled up 1,200 yards in each of the past two seasons.

The Packers also placed former first-round pick Justin Harrell on injured reserve and signed running back Dimitri Nance and defensive end Jarius Wynn to fill their spots on the roster headed into Sunday's home game against Buffalo.

"When you lose a running back of Ryan's caliber, it's a big loss, but this is something we have to deal with and move forward from as a team," general manager

Ted Thompson said in a statement. "Our medical people will do a great job with Justin and Ryan, and we expect each to make a full recovery from their injuries."

Grant was hurt in the second quarter of Green Bay's 27-20 win at Philadelphia on Sunday. Packers coach Mike McCarthy said a day later that Grant's injury involved ligament dam-

age.

More tests had been scheduled for Tuesday, and the results weren't encouraging enough to try to bring Grant back this season. Multiple reports say ankle surgery could keep Grant sidelined for up to three months.

"Guess everyone has heard the news," Grant posted on his Twitter account. "Frustrating,

disappointing, all the normal emotions."

Grant, who is in the third year of a four-year contract, was wearing a protective walking boot on his right foot after the injury and said after Sunday's game that his ankle was only sprained and not broken. On Tuesday, he said there was a chance he could return this season after surgery.

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## BUSH

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he actually had to. Maybe this is on his terms."

Even Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young, who finished a distant second to Bush in the Heisman voting, said Bush will always be the winner to him.

"Reg will continue to be the 2005 Award recipient and I will continue to be honored to have been in the 2005 Heisman campaign with such a talented athlete," Young posted on his Twitter account.

USC was hit with heavy sanctions by the NCAA this summer after it determined Bush and his family had received hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts from two fledgling California-based marketing agents. The NCAA ruled that Bush was ineligible for the 2005 season, which opened the possibility that the Heisman Trophy Trust would take back the award.

One of the few guidelines given to Heisman Trophy voters is that a player must be in compliance with NCAA rules to be eligible for the award.

"The persistent media speculation regarding allegations dating back to my years at USC has been both painful and distracting," Bush said in a statement released through the Saints.

"In no way should the storm around these allegations reflect in any way on the dignity of this award, nor on any other institutions or individuals.

"For the rest of my days, I will continue to strive to demonstrate through my actions and words that I was deserving of the confidence placed in me by the Heisman Trophy Trust."

Shortly after USC was sanctioned, the eight-member trust, based in New York, said it was considering what to do about Bush, who won the Heisman Trophy in a landslide vote over Young.

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