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Wine, cheese music!

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Symphony Association is sponsoring a wine and cheese event to celebrate the symphony's 30th season and the 10th anniversary of Dr. Keith Graumann as symphony conductor. Tickets are \$25.

Charlotte Beil Wilhoit will provide a medley of familiar tunes, accompanied by her mother, Joan Beil and her former music teacher, Joyce Bradley.

Season tickets will be for sale.

Make reservations by Friday by calling 267-8514.

The event will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at Moss Creek Ranch on Moss Lake Road east of Big Spring.

The first concert of the season will be music by Latin American composers with guest conductor Maestro John Giardano. It will be at the First Baptist Church on Sept. 17.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
District 31 Texas Sen. Kel Seliger discusses the results of the recent legislative session and fields questions from the audience during a town hall meeting Tuesday at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College Campus.

Education, water key Seliger talk

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Water and education were the topics of choice during Tuesday's town hall meeting with Kel Seliger, as the District 31 state senator discussed the results of the recent legislative session and what it could mean for rural West Texas.

Seliger said the necessity of water is something the legislature is paying close attention to, especially in parched West Texas.

"What would be the most devastating thing to lose in Howard County tomorrow?" Seliger said. "A community,

industry and school system will not survive without water. It just won't. We have some problems in West Texas and I'm sure you're going to

hear daily from today's administration the drought is the fault of George W. Bush. And, if you can do that, I can take credit for the cool weather we've had the last few days.

"Here's the good news for you all. You have had some of the best planning in the state of Texas with the Colorado River Municipal Water District. You

"The question isn't so much if we can afford it, the question is can we afford not to use the resource."

—State Sen. Kel Seliger

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Howard College announces gift of building

Funds from G.C. Broughton Foundation will enable Phase II of ag complex

By **CINDY SMITH**
 Special to the Herald

The G.C. Broughton Foundation is once again partnering with Howard College to fund the construction of an

agriculture facility estimated at approximately \$685,000. The gift will fund the construction of Phase II of the Agriculture Complex on the Big Spring campus.

The current agriculture

pavilion was funded by the G. C. Broughton Foundation in November 2010. Phase II will continue the development of the original designs to include an enclosed formal show barn and pens.

"We are excited to see our agriculture program continue to grow and develop and get this kind of attention," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, president of Howard College.

"With partners like the G.C.

Broughton Foundation, we are certain this will be one of the premiere agriculture facilities in the area."

The complex sits between

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ISD to welcome new board member McIntosh

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Welcome aboard. The Rev. Kenneth McIntosh, Big Spring Independent School District's newest trustee, will be officially seated during a routine meeting of the BSISD school board at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

McIntosh, the pastor at Big Spring's First Christian Church for the past five years, was appointed to the District 3 po-

sition on the board during the trustees' Aug. 25 meeting. The position had been vacant since the May general elections. Allen Partee, the incumbent, declined to seek re-election and no one filed to run for the spot.

McIntosh was selected over two other applicants — Natalie Permenter and Lucy Odom — for the position. He will serve until at least next May, when a special election will be held for the final two years of the current District 3 term.

"We thought Ken was the right choice,"

School Board President Jeff Brorman

said in August. "He's gone out of his way to implement programs to help keep kids off drugs and he's been a strong supporter of this community, as well."

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- An adjunct faculty agreement with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.
- Employment recommendations.
- Enrollment report.

Scouting primer set for boys, parents



Special to the Herald

Youth and adults interested in Scouting are invited to attend a "School Night for Scouting" event at 7 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church gymnasium.

Scouting programs are open to boys and girls in first grade and older.

The "School Night" event was scheduled to allow children and parents to get a first-hand look at what Scouting has to offer, organizers said.

A Pinewood Derby track, push-mobile and interactive camp site will be on display, and demonstrations of knot tying and other Scouting crafts will be held, said Brian Sweeney, director of the

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Obituaries

Ruth Alice Jamison



Ruth Alice Jamison, 61, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, at her residence. Memorial Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at East Side Baptist Church with Dr. Doug Shelley officiating.

She was born Oct. 8, 1949, in San Bernardino, Calif., to Mary and Herbert Talley. She was a homemaker, a certified nursing assistant and med aide at Mountain

View Lodge and Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist.

She is survived by one son, Clinton Smith of Ft. Worth; two daughters, Angie Ontiveros and husband Josh of Big Spring and Tobi Martin and husband Cliff of Houston; two sisters, Marty Talley-Sides of Tacoma, Wash., and Elizabeth Sanders of Bakersfield, Calif.; ten grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Leo Walters

Leo Walters, 63, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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Police blotter

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

- ARLINDA ROSALES SMITH, 60, of 2002 S. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of silent or abusive calls to 911 service.
- ENRIQUE MARTINEZ ALVAREZ JR., 48, of 823 W. Eighth St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JIMMY RAY WILLIS JR., 41, of 303 Spring Creek Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 47, of 1405 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place.
- THEFT was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 1600 block of Wood Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- GERALD RAY KING, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - STEPHANIE R. WILLIAMS, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less and a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – more than two ounces and less than four ounces.
 - MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for evading arrest or detention.
 - JIMMY RAY WILLIS JR., 41, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - DAVID LANCE KILGORE, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
 - DANA DENISE REID, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.

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.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

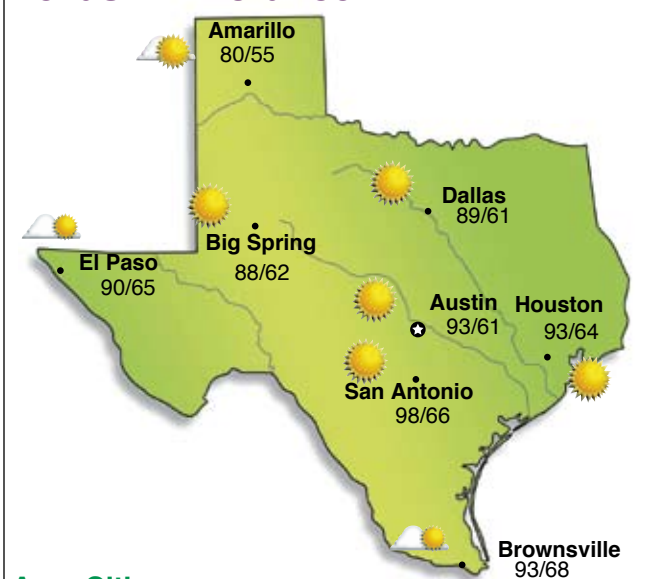
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 9/8	Fri 9/9	Sat 9/10	Sun 9/11	Mon 9/12
88/62 Abundant sunshine. High 88F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.	90/64 Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	90/65 A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	94/68 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	100/72 Sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	62	sunny	Kingsville	98	67	mst sunny
Amarillo	80	55	mst sunny	Livingston	92	58	sunny
Austin	93	61	sunny	Longview	89	58	sunny
Beaumont	88	60	sunny	Lubbock	83	57	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	68	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	58	sunny
Brownwood	91	61	sunny	Midland	88	64	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	96	69	mst sunny	Raymondville	95	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	89	59	sunny	Rosenberg	93	63	sunny
Dallas	89	61	sunny	San Antonio	98	66	sunny
Del Rio	96	68	pt sunny	San Marcos	95	62	sunny
El Paso	90	65	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	59	sunny
Fort Stockton	89	64	mst sunny	Sweetwater	87	61	sunny
Gainesville	87	58	sunny	Tyler	88	58	sunny
Greenville	87	58	sunny	Weatherford	88	58	sunny
Houston	93	64	sunny	Wichita Falls	89	60	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	58	pt sunny	Minneapolis	82	62	pt sunny
Boston	66	62	rain	New York	75	69	rain
Chicago	72	62	rain	Phoenix	103	80	pt sunny
Dallas	89	61	sunny	San Francisco	72	56	pt sunny
Denver	72	50	pt sunny	Seattle	85	56	sunny
Houston	93	64	sunny	St. Louis	75	61	mst sunny
Los Angeles	87	64	sunny	Washington, DC	79	72	rain
Miami	89	76	t-storm				

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- Immunizations will only be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.
- ISIAIAH 58 Food Drive will take place until Sept. 23. Drop off locations are at the Big Spring Herald office, United Way office, Walmart and H-E-B. All non-perishable foods are accepted.
- American Cancer Society

will have its board meetings at noon, Sept. 13 on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

- Are you a 1971 BSHS graduate? Come to our 40th reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact bshs71@yahoo.com or Susan Green McLellan at 432-267-5759.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county

or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union

is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

- A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national non-profit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a coun-

selling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.
- A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

SELIGER

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can handle the water, you can distribute the water, but your surface water depends on rain, and that's just the way it is. We have three strategies for water in this part of the country. They are conservation, re-use and recycling and desalination, and we can do all of those things very, very effectively. There's a plant in El Paso that can pass through 27 million gallons a day of desalinated water. They aren't doing that much right now, but they can. We're going to see that used a lot."

Seliger said efforts to conserve water — including restrictions set by municipalities similar to those currently

being enforced in Big Spring — won't likely go away any time soon.

"Water conservation districts are going to have to conserve water, and, over time, they are going to have to tell people what CRMWD has told them, and that is they can't use as much water as they did last year because we don't have it," Seliger said. "We want it to last a long, long time."

"There will be some very difficult decisions made. In Midland, if you water more than on the days you've been allocated, you are fined. That's going to be standard in cities around the state of Texas, and, unfortunately that is going to have to be the case."

An audience member asked Seliger if he felt

water desalination — removing salt from water — could be an answer for the water shortage in West Texas.

"I think so. However, when we say economically feasible, that doesn't mean it's cheap," Seliger said. "The question isn't so much if we can afford it, the question is can we afford not to use the resource. Under here (Howard County) there is the Capitan Reef, which is an aquifer of saline water. It has a lot of dissolved salt and it is absolutely huge. We cannot afford not to use that."

Seliger also discussed education standards in the Lone Star State during the meeting, saying tests like the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills)

prevents Texas schools from teaching more than just college preparation.

"People forget this is really about those kids in school," he said. "The reason the TAKS test was started, the way I interpreted it, was to ensure the kids who were advancing in school should advance, and that it wasn't social promotion. OK. It has become a test of college preparations, which completely dismisses things like career and technical education, and that is one of the things I absolutely disagree with."

"The accountability system we have now is less about determining where our kids are than giving grades to school systems. And I think that's a mistake, too."

Different groups of kids pose different challenges ... What we need to look at most is how the school district is making progress with those kids, not just grades on tests."

Seliger, who was one of several members of the legislature who championed the demise of the TAKS test, said the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) test — which replaces the TAKS test this school year — has its share of problems as well.

"I'm not satisfied with this end-of-course exam because TEA (Texas Education Agency) made it harder," Seliger said. "I think that before they made it harder we should have done everything we could to bring school districts up to

the level set by the old test before we presented schools with a moving target."

Also during Tuesday's town hall meeting, Seliger — a native of Borger who currently resides in Amarillo — said he plans to run for re-election in 2012.

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GIFT

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the east side of Memorial Stadium and the west side of Foundation Softball Field on the campus of Howard College.

Broughton, born and raised in Big Spring, began farming as a young man on his family farm north of Big Spring and lived his life dedicated to the industry he loved. He was a self-made man, developing his farm into

a large family operation that spanned seven counties.

Broughton also served as a member of the Howard College Foundation Board. He established his foundation in 1983 in order to continue serving the community. After his death in 2001, his wife Jean Broughton-Powell retained leadership of the foundation and has carried out his original mission.

"G.C. would have wanted the show barn to be built and used by the

youth in the area," said Broughton-Powell. "We know the complex will bring many opportunities for extended education in the agricultural industry and we are excited about that."

The agriculture program at Howard College not only serves traditional college credit classes and a livestock judging team, but works with area schools and Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs, 4-H programs and hosts lamb and goat

camp.

With the addition of the show barn, Howard College has high expectations for reaching out and increasing involvement in agricultural-based initiatives.

"We are indebted to the G.C. Broughton Foundation not only for their generosity, but also for their continued support for our agriculture program and what it can do for the youth in this area" said Cash Berry, assistant professor and director of the HC Agri-

culture Program.

The Howard College board of trustees will formally recognize the gift at their September meeting.

For more information, contact Cindy Smith at csmith@howardcollege.edu or visit www.howardcollege.edu

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Jose Angel "Matita" Mata, 82, died Saturday. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ruth Alice Jamison, 61, died Tuesday. Memorial Services will be at 10:30 AM Thursday at East Side Baptist Church.

Leo Walters, 63, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

SCOUTS

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local Scouting organization.

Parents who have questions about Scouting, or are interested in volunteering their services to the organization, also are encouraged to attend.

"In a separate area, we will hold a community meeting in which adults will be able to ask questions and learn about the needs and opportunities within the local program," local Girl Scout coordinator Shannon Duncan said.

"This will be a great opportunity for them to come in if they want to volunteer," Duncan added.

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Lending a helping hand to Isaiah 58

Food pantries serve a vital need in many West Texas communities, especially right here in Big Spring.

However, during these tough times, offering assistance is becoming a little harder to do.

Some West Texas food banks have had to shut their doors and others are working on a very limited stock.

As for area food pantries, food selection is also growing smaller and becoming non-existent.

Isaiah 58 — a local food pantry and 2012 United Way agency — is dealing with empty shelves and the inability to offer the assistance it is used to.

Normally, the food pantry is open for three distribution times a week — 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and again at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The lack of donations and increase of their food bill has hit them hard, but it doesn't mean they can't be helped and put back in service.

Big Spring Herald and United Way of Howard County have joined together with the help of Walmart and H-E-B in order to conduct a food drive in hopes of restocking at least some of the shelves at Isaiah 58.

Drop off boxes have been placed at both entrances of Walmart and H-E-B, as well as inside the offices of United Way and the *Herald*. Boxes will remain at each location until Sept. 23. All donations will go directly to Isaiah 58.

All non-parishable food items are being accepted during the food drive.

However, if you would like to donate frozen foods, the pantry is equipped to store those as well. Any frozen donations can be taken to Isaiah 58, located at 107 Runnels.

All donations, no matter how small, will help Isaiah 58 provide assistance locally. Donations are the driving force of Isaiah 58.

Also, if you are wanting to donate a few hours of your time, volunteers are always needed. On top of providing assistance through food items, a clothes closet is also located inside their office.

For more information about Isaiah 58, call Paul Smith at 268-1270 or the food pantry office at 263-4758.

White House says GOP will do anything to "Muck us up"

It seemed like a trivial matter: On Wednesday, House Republicans forced the president to delay his speech to a joint session of Congress by one day.

Who cares? The White House cares. Very much.

"It is a big deal that the House said no to the president from our end," a White House source with intimate knowledge of what took place between the House and the president told me Thursday. "This confirms what we all know: They will do anything in the House to muck us up."

On Wednesday, the White House staff did not know exactly what President Barack Obama was going to say in his major jobs speech, but they knew exactly where and when he was going to say it.

The location would be before a joint session of Congress in the august marble-clad chamber of the House of Representatives. And the speech would be next Wednesday night, when the House returned from vacation and there would be maximum TV viewership.

The speech would be dignified, sober and important. But the planning turned out to be a mess, a mess that illuminates just how hyper-partisan politics has become on Capitol Hill at exactly the time Obama is calling for bipartisanship.

The White House was well aware that the president's speech would conflict with a planned Republican debate sponsored by Politico and NBC to be held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. The debate would be broadcast live by MSNBC, CNBC, Telemundo and live-streamed by Politico.

Yet the White House did not see this as an obstacle. "With all due respect, the Politico-MSNBC debate was one that was going on a cable station," the White House source said. "It was not sacrosanct. We knew they would push it back and then there would be a GOP debate totally trashing the president. So it wasn't all an upside for us."

And, at first, things seemed to fall into place.

At about 10 or 10:30 Wednesday morning, White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley called Speaker of the House John Boehner and asked that a joint session of Congress be assembled the following Wednesday night. The White

House viewed Boehner as a political opponent, but not as an enemy, and the call was cordial, even pro forma considering such a request had never before been refused.

And, according to the White House source, Boehner said "OK" to Daley's request for the Wednesday evening date.

Then things quickly unraveled. It turned out not everyone was as sanguine as Boehner with the notion that a Democratic president was going to step on a Republican debate.

At 11:55 a.m. Wednesday, the White House tweeted the news about the joint session. "And then Rush Limbaugh beat Boehner up," the source said.

The conservative talk-show personality was in his familiar state of high dudgeon. "This is a pure campaign speech, and to give it the imprimatur of a speech before a joint session of Congress, there's no way. He doesn't deserve that," Limbaugh said. "Boehner's got to say no. Now, whether he will, I have no clue."

A number of Republicans in the House and a few in the Senate did have a clue, and they told Boehner that while they would allow the joint session — it was hard not to for both historic and political reasons — the timing had to be on their terms, which meant it could not conflict with the Republican debate.

At which point Boehner's office announced that Boehner had never agreed to the Wednesday date, that Congress did not get back into session until 6:30 p.m. on that day, that various votes had to be taken, that security had to be arranged, and Obama should push his speech back a day to Thursday.

Which just happened to be the evening the Green Bay Packers were meeting the New Orleans Saints in the NFL season opener. Which meant Obama would have to move his speech up about an hour or so before the kickoff at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time.

When asked for comment, Brendan Buck, press secretary to Boehner, said he had nothing to add to his statement of Wednesday that read in part: "No one in the Speaker's office — not the Speaker, not any staff — signed off on the date the White House announced today."

The White House was not pleased. In reality, it believed, Congress really had never gone out of session, a parliamentary move that blocked Obama from making recess appointments. "And they had to arrange security?" the White House source scoffed. "As if they couldn't do

that! This was a political thing, a tea party thing, a Rush Limbaugh thing. They were all giving Boehner gas."

The White House did not want to give in and look weak, but what was the alternative?

An Oval Office speech instead? "You can't speak for 40 minutes from the Oval Office," the source said.

How about the East Room? "He's going to speak to an empty East Room with just the teleprompters and staff there? No," said the source.

So it had to be in the House of Representatives, which the Republicans control. "But we couldn't go if they didn't let us come," the source said. "You can't hold the speech in the lobby or in the parking lot. And you're not going to get network coverage if you hold it at George Mason University."

"After a month of world chaos, the setting had to match the topic. And you don't get any better setting than a joint session of Congress."

In the end, the White House felt it had no choice but to give in on the date, and Obama sent an e-mail to his supporters with the subject line: "Frustrated."

"It's been a long time since Congress was focused on what the American people need them to be focused on," Obama said in the e-mail. "I know that you're frustrated by that. I am, too."

Obama said he was going to put forward "a set of bipartisan proposals to help grow the economy and create jobs" and he was "asking lawmakers to look past short-term politics and take action on that plan."

It was, perhaps, not the friendliest message, but the White House was not in a friendly mood. Some Democrats were attacking Obama for once again "caving in" to Republicans, though others thought it was an inconsequential matter.

The White House is viewing it as very consequential, however. "It is a big deal," the source said. "It shows the House Republicans will do no outreach, nothing."

And who does the White House believe was really behind treating the president so shabbily?

"At first, I didn't think it was Boehner, but his caucus," the source said. "But maybe not. Maybe it is him."

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

that doesn't rely on a federal loan and actually makes money?

Bad advance work, I figured.

A month later, Solyndra canceled a planned \$300 million public offering. In November, Solyndra closed its older plant and cut its workforce. Today Solyndra's lights are out.

Now I am wondering: Isn't there some graybeard in the White House who — knowing that the president won't look good if the tax-funded solar plant folds — does some digging to make sure the president's choice of venue will not come back to haunt him?

Or could it be that Team Obama is composed of like-minded green true believers who insulate themselves from other points of view — much like the way, critics contended, George W. Bush was surrounded with yes men?

Consider: The administration continues to cling to its belief that green jobs are the jobs of the future, despite evidence to the contrary. A July study by The Brookings Institution found that green jobs account for 2 percent of American jobs — and Brookings used a generous definition, which included public-transit

and waste-management jobs as green.

Even still, Brookings found that green jobs grew at a slower rate (3.4 percent annually) than the national economy (4.2 percent) between 2003 and 2010.

Some Democrats have clued in. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., recently observed, "Of course we want to be part of the new innovation and green jobs. But you know, the green jobs have been about a lot of talk, and not a lot has been happening on that."

But Team Obama won't give up the dream.

Then again, the administration has friends in the green-titan community. Enter Oklahoma oil magnate George Kaiser, who raised at least \$50,000 for the 2008 Obama campaign and is a frequent visitor to the White House. Kaiser was a top Solyndra investor.

In September 2009, Solyndra became the first recipient of an administration energy loan program that was part of the president's stimulus package. A 2010 Government Accountability Office audit of the program found that five applicants, including Solyndra, bypassed required steps for funding. A Department of Energy spokesperson told The Washington Post that the GAO got it wrong.

The Solyndra decision baffled some industry experts, who questioned the

viability of the company's solar technology. "To think they could compete on any basis, that took a very big leap of faith," solar analyst Ramesh Misra later told the Post.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has been investigating the Solyndra deal — with little cooperation from the administration. Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., who chairs the investigative subcommittee, noted in a statement, "In an apparent rush to push stimulus dollars out the door, the Obama administration wasted \$535 million in taxpayer funds in guaranteeing a loan to a firm that has proven to be unviable in the global market."

Thursday, White House press secretary Jay Carney defended the loan program with its goal to "invest in cutting-edge technologies."

The president, his Nobel Prize-winning energy secretary and Vice President Joe Biden (via satellite) participated in events that promoted Solyndra's brand. In addition, Solyndra got to spend a half-billion in taxpayer dollars — and still the solar company couldn't succeed.

Stearns and the committee's chairman, Fred Upton, issued a joint statement that rang true. They said, "We smelled a rat from the onset."

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Solyndra debacle spotlights Obama's folly

Last year, President Barack Obama came to the Bay Area to tout "green jobs" at an event at solar panel manufacturer Solyndra's Fremont plant. Quoth the president: "The true engine of economic growth will always be companies like Solyndra."

On Wednesday, Solyndra announced it was shuttering its remaining Fremont factory, laying off 1,100 workers and filing for bankruptcy. It was a sorry day for the Bay Area.

I remember the day Obama came, May 26, 2010, vividly. Then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger came to greet the president and wave to the hard hats. Venture capitalists preened. Just to show how brainy and farsighted the solar crowd is, Obama reminded the audience that his energy secretary, Steven Chu, is a Nobel Prize-winning physicist.

Rube that I am, I didn't understand what Obamaland was thinking. Solyndra had not turned a profit since it was founded in 2005. The plant in which Obama stood was bankrolled with a \$535 million federal loan guarantee. Two months before, PricewaterhouseCoopers questioned Solyndra's "ability to continue as a going concern."

If the president wants to send a positive message on the U.S. economy, I wondered, then couldn't his people have found a California company

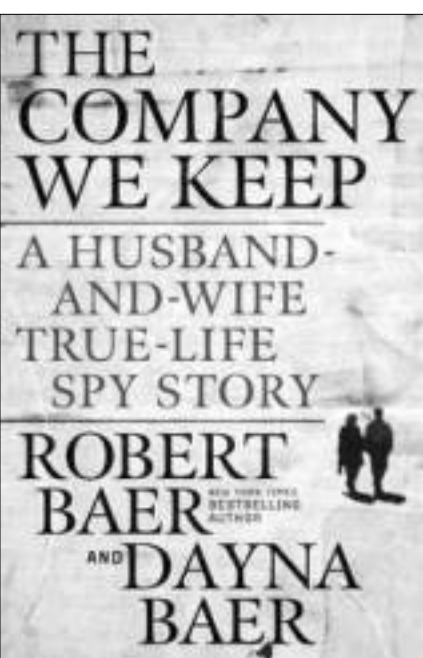
Why not check this out at the library?

The last day the Friends of the Library will accept books for their annual sale is Sept. 13. The sale will be here at the library on Sept. 16-18. Good, clean used books are welcome for donations.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Sort of a continuing theme from last week, "The Company We Keep: A Husband-and-Wife True-Life Spy Story" (327.127 BAE B), by Robert and Dayna Bayer, is the story of two CIA operatives who meet while on the job and fall in love. Bob has served several



decades in areas from Iraq to New Delhi and racked up a huge amount of accomplishments, but a large cost — loss of a personal life, never enough time with family, friends ... just the everyday glue of life.

Dayna Williamson was a California girl who was looking for the "edge."

By joining CIA, she thought she found it. First assigned to background checks, she quickly moved up to field ops and then was tapped to serve in some of the world's most dangerous areas.

You can see where this is going.

What does happen is they leave the agency and try to live a normal life — but what is normal.

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In 1991, Jaycee Dugard was stolen from her family.

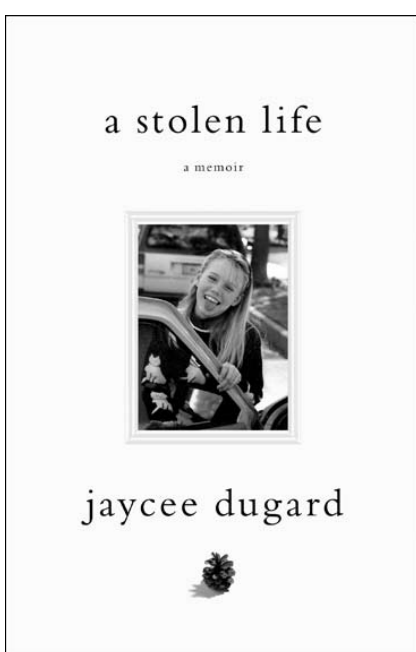
For 18 years, she was held a prisoner, an object to be raped and abused.

Her name was taken from her, her identify was stolen and a new one carefully constructed for her; she bore two children.

"A Stolen Life: A Memoir" (B DUG J) by Dugard is her story.

It is fragmented, much like the way her memory is coming back, but such a compelling story.

From the technical adviser to the TV show "House" comes, "Every Patient Tells a Story: Medical Mysteries and the Art of Diagnosis"



(616.075 SAN L) by Dr. Lisa Sanders.

Sanders will take you bedside to witness the process of solving each case.

Never before in human history have doctors had the knowledge, tools and the skills to try and diagnose illnesses and diseases.

Yet, mistakes are made, symptoms and tests misread and diagnoses are missed. The pit fall of patient-to-doctor communication, vagaries of tests and mishaps and other error complicate things.

A second book, edited by Lee Gutkind, is "Becoming a Doctor: From Student to Specialist, Doctor-Writers Share Their Experience" (610.92 GUR L).

This is a collection of stories, sometime verse, of vignettes when doctors see how their words affect their patients.

The broad array of stories portrays a doctor's life, from training, residency, bringing

life into the world to ushering it out.

These are stories of pivotal moments in people's lives.

Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne character will live on and on and on. Eric van Lustbader has written "The Bourne Dominion" (F LUD R).

Jason Bourne needs the help of his friend, General Boris Karpov (head of Russia's FSB-2) to help hunt an elusive cadre of terrorists determined to bring down America's most important natural resource.

However, Karpov has made a deal with the devil, to bring in Bourne.

The clock is ticking down — who will win?

Eric van Lustbader, writing under his own name, has written another McClure/Carson novel.

Alli Carson has had a bad year. Her father is dead, her mother is in a coma from a terrible accident and she has poured herself in training as an FBI agent at the Fearington Institute.

Her inspiration is Jack McClure, a National Security Advisor.

But Alli becomes a prime suspect in a murder at Fearington, an investigation is triggered and suddenly nothing is as it seems. Alli and Jack find themselves in the crosshairs of a global conspiracy (isn't that always the case?) and their lives change in way they never could have imagined.

Hoda Kotb is a war correspondent and is currently on the fourth hour of "The Today Show" with

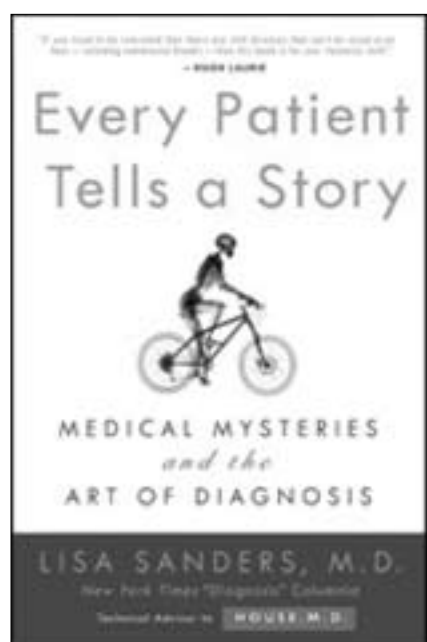
Kathie Lee Gifford. Born of Egyptian parents, she grew up in two cultures, that of conservative Egyptian parents and that of America.

Hoda has traveled the world as a news correspondent, sidestepping land mines and smuggling video tapes in her shoes. She has weathered breast cancer, Hurricane Katrina and divorce.

Her book is a positive, uplifting look at her life; check out "Hoda: How I Survived War Zones, Bad Hair, Cancer, and Kathie Lee" (B KOT H).

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Flight 93 video emerges 10 years later

By **ARLENE JOHNS**

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A video shot moments after the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 into an open field in Pennsylvania on 9/11 has surfaced on the 10th anniversary of the tragedy.

The video does not capture the plane's impact. But it clearly shows a mushroom cloud rising from the smoky site of the crash that killed 33 passengers, seven crew members and the four terrorist hijackers.

It was taken by Dave Berkebile, who lived eight miles from the crash scene. The hijackers intended to plunge the plane into the U.S. Capitol building but were overpowered by the passengers and crew.

Berkebile, 80, passed away last February. Five years ago, he gave

the 1 minute, 38-second video to Val McClatchey, the woman who shot the only still photograph of Flight 93's haunting, skyward aftermath.

McClatchey recently donated the video to the National Park Service for an oral history of 9/11. She had endured years of harassment from conspiracy theorists who believe Flight 93 was shot down by U.S. military jets and that her photo was a fake.

Donna Glessner of the National Park Service said the video authenticates the McClatchey photo and also has historic significance because of its timing and content.

"No one else has a video of that smoke cloud," said Glessner. "As far as I know it has not been shown or broadcast anywhere."

The video includes the voice of Berkebile. He is heard saying, "This is the remains of an airplane crash over on Lambertville Road. Probably a terrorist bomb on board that blew it up."

Berkebile reports the crash "shook the heck out of the house ... A great big, black cloud just mushroomed right up into the air."

The video will be available at the crash scene's Flight 93 National Memorial, which is being dedicated Saturday as part of the 10th anniversary remembrance of 9/11.

Berkebile's wife, Cathy, said her husband initially offered to show the video to news outlets covering the Flight 93 story, but no one was interested in looking at it.

So, she added, he kept it to himself until he read in the Johnstown, Pa., Tribune-Democrat about the conspiracy controversy surrounding McClatchey's photo. That's when he decided to give her the video to validate her mushroom cloud picture, dubbed "End of Serenity."

"We never considered it might be important (until then)," said Mrs. Berkebile.

McClatchey said she only recently turned the video over to the Park Service because she did not want the Berkebiles to experience the conspiracy "fruitcakes harassing them" like they had her.

With the death of Dave Berkebile seven months ago, she added, she decided to donate it to the oral history project.

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News in brief

Libya's former rebels say Gadhafi is now surrounded and trapped

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libya's former rebels have ousted dictator Moammar Gadhafi surrounded, and it is only a matter of time until he is captured or killed, a top, a spokesman for Tripoli's new military council said Wednesday.

Anis Sharif would not say where Gadhafi had been found, but said he was still in Libya and had been tracked using high technology and human intelligence. Gadhafi is trapped in a 40-mile- (60 kilometer-) radius area surrounded by rebels, he said.

"He can't get out," said Sharif, who added the former rebels are preparing to either detain him or kill him.

Locating Gadhafi would help seal the new rulers' hold on the country. The announcement after convoys of Gadhafi loyalists, including his security chief, fled across the Sahara into Niger in a move that Libya's former rebels hoped could help lead to the surrender of his last strongholds.

Some former rebels depicted the flight to Niger as a major exodus of Gadhafi's most hardcore backers. But confirmed information on the number and identity of those leaving was scarce given the vast swath of desert — over 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) — between populated areas on the two sides of the border.

Perry, Romney, Bachmann to face off at first of 3 debates this month

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Rick Perry is looking to make a strong first impression on the national stage. Mitt Romney is hoping for another flawless debate performance. And Michele Bachmann, perhaps, is shooting for relevance in what increasingly appears to be a two-man GOP presidential race.

With the national unemployment rate stuck at 9.1 percent, the economy was likely to dominate Wednesday's debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Republicans competing for the chance to challenge President Barack Obama next fall were taking the stage one day before the incumbent Democrat rolls out a jobs-creation plan.

It's the first of three Republican presidential debates scheduled over the next three weeks.

The events promise to shape the GOP presidential race heading into this winter's series of nominating primaries and caucuses. National and state polls show Perry, the Texas governor, and Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, competing for the lead. Bachmann, the Minnesota congresswoman who was running strong in polls earlier this

summer, is trailing, along with no less than a half dozen other lesser-known Republicans.

This would be the first debate appearance for Perry, who has been in the race just a few weeks.

Suicide bombers kill 23 in twin blasts in southwest Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) — A pair of suicide bombers attacked a top army officer in Pakistan's southwestern city of Quetta on Wednesday, missing him but killing his wife. At least 22 others died, including several guards, a senior officer and two children, officials said.

Police said they were investigating whether the strike was in revenge for the recent arrests in Quetta of three top al-Qaida suspects, an operation that was assisted by the CIA.

But within hours, the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack and a spokesman for the group said Brig. Khurram Shahzad, the deputy head of the region's Frontier Corps, was targeted because of an incident several months ago that left five people dead at a checkpoint in the city.

In Wednesday's blasts, the first attacker detonated his vehicle next to a group of Frontier Corps officers close to Shahzad's house. Hurling grenades, the second attacker then stormed the house and blew himself up inside it, police officer Naseer Ahmed Kurd said.

Police officer Hamid Shakil said at least 23 people were killed and more than 60 were injured.

Congress returns, with budget cuts topping autumn agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fights large and small await Congress as it gets back to business, with jobs and budget cuts topping a contentious agenda that also includes a lengthy roster of lower-profile but must-do items that also are potential victims of partisan gridlock.

President Barack Obama is to unveil his jobs agenda in a nationally televised address Thursday night, but early glimpses of the package show it relies heavily on extending expiring programs.

Obama is expected to propose \$300 billion in tax cuts and federal spending to get Americans working again. Republicans on Tuesday offered to compromise with him on jobs — but also assailed his plans in advance of his prime-time speech.

According to people familiar with the White House deliberations, two of the biggest measures in the president's proposals for 2012 are expected to be a one-year extension of a payroll tax cut for workers and an extension of expiring jobless benefits.

Together those two would total about \$170 billion.

The people spoke on the condition of anonymity because the plan was still being finalized and some proposals could still be subject to change.

Gunman wielding AK-47 shoots 11 at Nevada IHOP, killing 4

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — The burst of bullets came suddenly in Nevada's capital.

Just before 9 a.m., the gunman stepped onto an IHOP parking lot from his blue minivan with a yellow "Support Our Troops" sticker on it. He opened fire, then continued into the restaurant and marched resolutely toward a table of uniformed National Guard members before shooting each one of them, and fatally wounding three of them, authorities said.

Eduardo Sencion would kill three people and wound eight others in all before shooting himself in the head in front of a bustling business complex in an unexplained display of violence Tuesday. One of the wounded, a woman and National Guard member, would later die at an area hospital.

The breakfast-time massacre sent tremors of fear through Carson City at a time when lawmakers were not in session. In the immediate confusion after the shooting, officials prepared for a citywide assault.

A motive remained unknown late Tuesday, as lawmakers, business owners and law enforcement officials in this close-knit, government-driven city of 50,000 struggled to understand what drove Sencion to turn an AK-47 assault rifle on his hometown.

Bomb blast outside High Court in New Delhi kills 10

NEW DELHI (AP) — A bomb apparently hidden in a briefcase exploded Wednesday outside a top court in New Delhi, killing 10 people in the deadliest attack in the Indian capital in nearly three years.

The bombing, which came while the city already was under high alert, raised questions about India's ability to protect even its most important institutions despite a national security overhaul that followed the 2008 siege of Mumbai.

The government rallied Indians to remain defiant in the face of such attacks.

"We will never succumb to the pressure of terrorists," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said during a visit to neighboring Bangladesh. "This is a long war in which all political parties and all the people of India will have to stand united so that this scourge of terrorism is crushed."

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Mexico ruling party asks mayor, governor to step down

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's ruling party has asked the governor of Nuevo Leon state and the mayor of its capital city to step down temporarily while police investigate an arson that killed 52 people and a casino corruption scandal.

President Felipe Calderon's National Action Party, or PAN, said in letters sent Tuesday to Nuevo Leon Gov. Rodrigo Medina and Monterrey Mayor Fernando Larrazabal that they should leave their posts so that the probe into last month's deadly casino arson attack doesn't become "a struggle between political forces."

Larrazabal is a member of the PAN but Medina belongs to the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Larrazabal's brother, Jonas, has been detained for questioning in a casino-related corruption probe after videotapes became public showing him taking wads of cash inside an unidentified casino just days before the fire in the Casino Royale.

The newspaper Reforma, which published the images of Jonas Larrazabal, estimated that one wad of cash, stuffed inside a cell phone box, contained 400,000 pesos (\$32,000). Reforma reported that Jonas had visited at least three casinos to collect money in the weeks before the August 25 fire.

Jonas Larrazabal's lawyer, Jesus Martinez, has said that his client goes to casinos for fun, like any customer, but also sells them cheese, mezcal and other products from the southern state of Oaxaca.

Fernando Larrazabal told Multimédios television in Monterrey he would consider his party's suggestion to step down and announce a decision on Wednesday.

4 charged after Texas deputy shot, saved by vest

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators say four people have been charged over the shooting of a Texas deputy whose protective vest stopped the bullet.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says Deputy Alan Whitlock was shot in the chest Friday during a traffic stop, but wasn't injured by the bullet. Three suspects were arrested hours later.

A sheriff's spokesman says a fourth suspect was captured Tuesday night and has been charged with attempted capital murder of a peace officer.

Investigators believe Kendell Davis fired a bullet that went through a patrol car window and struck Whitlock. The deputy suffered minor cuts from flying glass.

Electronic jail records didn't list an attorney for Davis, who's held without bond.

Two other men are also charged with attempted capital murder. A

woman has been charged with evading arrest.

Perry calls on elite team to lead wildfire search

BASTROP (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry says a 100-member search team will comb an area of Texas near Austin for more possible victims from a massive wildfire already blamed for two deaths.

Perry said the search of Bastrop will begin Wednesday morning. The blaze has destroyed more than 600 homes in and around Bastrop. Authorities said Tuesday that two people have died in one of the most destructive Texas wildfires in history.

Perry said late Tuesday he deployed Texas Task Force 1, the state's elite search team, to help local authorities. The team includes a dozen search dogs.

Texas Task Force 1 was also sent to New York following the Sept. 11 attacks and to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Wildfires have scorched more than 45 square miles around Bastrop.

Shell to pay \$500,000 for pollution in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Shell Chemical LP has agreed to pay \$500,000 to a Texas County over five different air pollution events at its Deer Park refinery.

The settlement announced Tuesday was reached after Harris County accused Shell Chemical, a unit of Royal Dutch Shell PLC, of failing to notify officials about the toxic releases. There are two schools and many homes close to the refinery in suburban Houston.

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan says he's pleased Shell agreed to notify officials within 24 hours of any chemical releases. The law already requires petrochemical companies to notify the county, but Shell apparently failed to do so in five events between 2008 and 2010.

Shell released a statement saying the company disputes those claims but settled to resolve the matter.

Man accused of threatening Google exec via Twitter

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal grand jury in San Francisco has charged a San Antonio man with harassing a high-ranking Google executive with more than 20,000 Twitter posts, some of which were threatening.

According to court records, Gregory Calvin King was arrested in Texas last month and transported to San Francisco to face charges he threatened Google vice president Marissa Mayer, the company's first female engineer.

The indictment identified the alleged victim only as "M.M." but

King's Twitter account shows him sending thousands of threatening posts to Mayer.

King faces up to seven years in prison if convicted. His arraignment date hasn't been set.

Google did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Texas voting district maps argued in court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Attorneys for minority groups that sued the state argued Tuesday that Republican lawmakers discriminated when they drew new district lines for Congress and the Texas House districts.

The attorneys contended that the maps illegally dilute the voting strength of Hispanics and blacks and do not reflect the boom in Hispanic population in Texas over the last decade. Several lawsuits were consolidated into one trial, which started Tuesday in San Antonio and is ex-

pected last until Sept. 16.

"I believe there was a preference in design to protect Anglos at the expense of minorities," said state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, a San Antonio Democrat who is chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

Defense attorneys say the new district boundaries, which are required every 10 years to reflect changes in the Census data, were motivated by politics, not race.

The state is getting four new seats in Congress because of population growth, mostly among Hispanics. The groups suing, which include MALC, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and others, had hoped the new districts would include more minority-led seats.

Rather, attorneys argued, minority voters were packed into existing minority districts, leaving behind Hispanics who are less likely to turn out for elections.

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Crews make gains against wildfires

BASTROP (AP) — Firefighting crews started Wednesday to gain control of a wind-fueled blaze that has raged unchecked across parched Central Texas for days, leaving a trail of charred properties in its wake and causing thousands of people to flee.

At least two people have died in the wildfire, which has destroyed more than 600 homes and blackened about 45 square miles in and around Bastrop, a city near Austin.

Texas Task Force 1, an elite search team that was sent to New York following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, will be assisting in Bastrop.

The team has dogs that can help look for people trapped in debris, Chief Bob McKee told The Associated Press. "We also have human remains canines that would scent

on deceased persons or animals," McKee said.

Crews finally got a reprieve Tuesday from winds pushed in by Tropical Storm Lee that whipped the blaze into an inferno over the weekend. Texas Forest Service spokeswoman April Saginor said the Bastrop fire was 30 percent contained early Wednesday, and that the lighter winds were assisting firefighters in their efforts.

"Even though the fuels are critically dry, the grass is dry and the relative humidity is still pretty low, they were able to take advantage of lower winds," Saginor said.

The blaze in Bastrop is the most catastrophic of the more than 180 fires that have erupted in the past week across Texas, marking one of the most devastating wildfire outbreaks in state history. The fires have destroyed more than 1,000 homes,

caused four deaths and pulled the state's firefighting ranks to the limit.

In a housing development near Bastrop, Willie Clements' two-story colonial home was reduced to a heap of metal roofing and ash. A picket fence was melted. Some goats and turkeys survived, but about 20 chickens and ducks died in a coop that went up in flames.

"We lost everything," said Clements, who with his family took a picture of themselves in front of a windmill adorned with a charred red, white and blue sign that proclaimed, "Unit-er We Stand."

"This is the beginning of our new family album," the 51-year-old said.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry cut short a presidential campaign trip to South Carolina to deal with the crisis, and on Tuesday toured a blackened

area near Bastrop.

"Pretty powerful visuals of individuals who lost everything," Perry said after the tour. "The magnitude of these losses are pretty stunning."

The conservative Republican said he expects federal assistance with the wildfires but complained that red tape was keeping available bulldozers and other heavy equipment at the Army's Fort Hood, about 75 miles from Bastrop. The post was fighting its own 3,700-acre blaze.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the Obama administration has approved seven federal grants to help Texas with the latest wildfires.

About 1,200 firefighters battled the blazes, including crews from as far away as California and Oregon. Five heavy tanker planes, some from the federal government, and three aircraft

capable of scooping 1,500 gallons of lake water at a time also helped.

The disaster is blamed largely on Texas' year-long drought, one of the most severe dry spells the state has ever seen.

The fire in Bastrop County is the most devastating wildfire in Texas in more than a decade, eclipsing a blaze that destroyed 168 homes in North Texas in April.

At least 11 other fires exceeded 1,000 acres Tuesday, including a 7,000-acre blaze that has destroyed at least 60 homes and threatened hundreds more about 40 miles northwest of Houston.

An 8,000-acre fire has destroyed at least six homes in Caldwell County, next to Bastrop County. In far northeast Texas' Cass County, a 7,000-acre fire burned in heavy timberland.

About 40 people who fled their homes in a Bastrop neighborhood were staying at a community center in the town of Paige.

A volunteer, Debbie Barrington, said some people have been sleeping outside on picnic tables under a pavilion.

"The first night, we had a child 17 months old," she said. "We didn't have milk. The next morning, I think we had eight gallons."

Perry focusing on fires

AUSTIN (AP) — Call it a leadership test in real time.

Rick Perry left the presidential campaign trail this week to dash back to Texas, where wildfires have devoured more than 1,000 homes in a week.

"Not paying attention to politics right now" is how the conservative Republican explained it after he ditched a high-profile campaign appearance in early-voting South Carolina to tend to his responsibilities as governor.

His attendance at a debate Wednesday night in California — it would be his first on the national stage — is now in question.

"I'm substantially more concerned about making sure Texans are being taken care of," Perry stated Tuesday after viewing by helicopter the fire-ravaged neighborhood west of Austin.

His message was clear: governing first, politics second.

The wildfires come just weeks after Perry entered the GOP presidential race and shot to the top of national polls taking an early measure of the Republican field.

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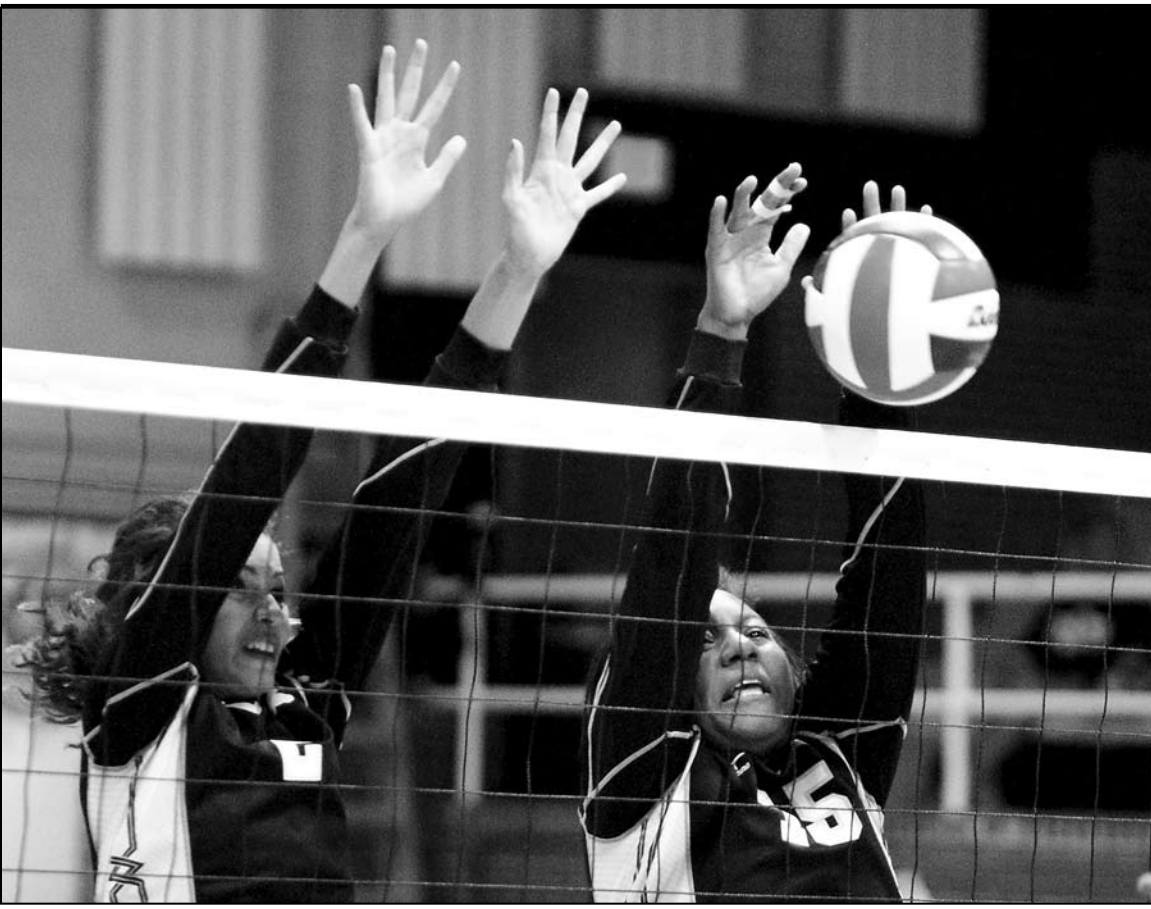
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Morgan Seaton (left) and Diamond Mayes defend the net in Big Spring's defeat of Midland Christian Tuesday night.

Seaton, Ritchey lead Big Spring past Midland

By ROBERT GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers were in action Tuesday, defending Steer Gym against Midland Christian. The game took all five matches to determine a winner, as the two teams took turns with the advantage, but Big Spring pulled out the win with scores of 14-25, 25-16, 25-17, 22-25 and 15-11.

The 20-8 Lady Steers used every weapon available to them in the win, with familiar names leading the way. Getters Cerbi Ritchey and Morgan Seaton combined for 49 assists in the game, along with 33 digs, 22 kills and 13 blocks.

Taylor Seaton added a team-leading 19 kills. Seaton also contributed seven blocks, 17 digs and an ace to the winning effort. Diamond Mayes led the Lady Steers with 16 blocks along with her four kills on the night.

On defense, Carson Reibe led the girls with 28 digs. She and

Clara Benavides combined for 41 digs, five kills, four blocks and an assist.

The Lady Steers will be on the home courts again Saturday as they host teams from Monahans, Lubbock Monterey and Abilene Wylie in dual matches. The action starts at 10 a.m. with Big Spring playing Monterey.

The Big Spring JV squad fell to Midland Christian in three matches with scores of 25-19, 18-25 and 6-25, pushing their season record to 6-8.

The freshman girls also fell to the hands of Midland Christian in three tough matches that went down to the wire. The final scores were 25-20, 14-25 and 24-25.

The JV and freshman teams will be playing Saturday as well, with both teams taking on Monahans at 11 a.m. The JV squad will play in the main junior high gym and the freshman girls will play in the small gym at the junior high.

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Win over TCU pushes Baylor up in rankings

NEW YORK (AP) — Winning the biggest game of college football's opening weekend boosted LSU to No. 2 in The Associated Press Top 25.

No. 1 Oklahoma held on to the top spot in the first regular-season rankings, while the Tigers used their 40-27 victory against Oregon to jump rival Alabama, which slipped to No. 3.

"It's the way too accomplished anything," LSU coach Les Miles said. "Our guys understand the need to improve

each game."

The Sooners received 32 of 60 first-place votes and 1,448 points. LSU received 17 first-place votes and 1,415 points.

Alabama had nine first-place votes, and two voters had No. 4 Boise State top-ranked after the Broncos' impressive 35-21 win against Georgia. Florida State moved up to No. 5.

Oregon dropped nine spots to No. 13 and defending champion Auburn, which started the season at No. 23, fell out of the Top 25 after needing a late rally

to beat Utah State 42-38 at home.

The Tigers became just the second defending national champions since the preseason poll started in 1950 to fall out of the rankings after the first week of the season in the first regular-season poll — though the circumstances were far different the first time it happened.

Alabama, the 1964 AP champion, started the '65 season ranked No. 5. The Crimson Tide lost 18-17 to Georgia to open the season and dropped out, but The Associ-

ated Press only ranked 10 teams that season. Alabama eventually returned to the Top 10 and won another national title.

The 1961 Minnesota team is the only defending champion to be unranked in the preseason poll.

Moving into this week's rankings were No. 20 Baylor, which beat TCU 50-48, and No. 22 South Florida, 23-20 winners at Notre Dame.

"When you look at it, the one that I'm most concerned about is the last one," Bulls coach

Skip Holtz said. "After the end of the year we'll talk about the rankings and all that because that's the only time it really matters. So what we've got to do right now is just focus on what we've got to do on a day-to-day basis."

Also ranked for the first time this season were No. 23 Penn State and No. 24 Texas. The Longhorns started the season unranked for the first time since 1998.

Penn State moves into the rankings ahead of Saturday's home game against third-ranked

Alabama. It's the only game this week matching ranked teams.

TCU dropped 11 spots to No. 25.

Notre Dame and Georgia tumbled out of the Top 25 after losses. Like Auburn, Southern California, which opened the season ranked 25th, fell out of the rankings after a victory. USC squeaked by Minnesota 19-17.

The rest of the top 10 had No. 6 Stanford, followed by Texas A&M, Wisconsin, Oklahoma

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Wilson shuts out Rays in blinding 8-0 win

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — C.J. Wilson got his first career shutout on a record-setting night for the Texas Rangers.

Wilson threw a five-hitter, David Murphy drove in four runs and the AL West-leading Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-0 on Tuesday night.

"He told us in the fifth inning that he was going to finish," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "He had a

good cutter working. Tight slider. Moving his fastball around. He was in control."

The Rangers have 18 shutouts this season, one more than the previous team record set in 1977.

"Wow ... It's awesome," Washington said.

Wilson (15-6) matched his career high in wins from last year and became the first Texas left-hander to record 15

or more wins in consecutive seasons. He threw 117 pitches in his third complete game of the year.

"I had enough pitches going," said Wilson, who struck out six and walked three. "I was just mixing well."

Murphy and Ian Kinsler homered for the Rangers, who are 3-2 on a six-game trip to Boston and Tampa Bay. Adrian Beltre extended his

hitting streak to 12 games with a third-inning single.

Tampa Bay right-hander Jeff Niemann (9-7) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings. He has lost three of his last four starts.

Kinsler tied his own team record, set in 2009, with his seventh leadoff homer this season in the first. He has 26 homers this year, including five in his last six games.

Murphy started the second with his ninth homer, then hit a two-run double during Texas' three-run third that made it 5-0. Josh Hamilton also had an RBI double in the third.

Hamilton tweaked his back during the game, but still played eight innings.

"No worries," Washington

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Mariners handle Angels again

ANAHEIM (AP) — With roughly three weeks left in the playoff race, Torii Hunter realizes every loss stings the Los Angeles Angels. This defeat only hurt a bit less because of the brilliance of the pitcher who delivered it.

Felix Hernandez pitched eight innings of four-hit ball to win at Angel Stadium for the first time since 2006, and the Seattle Mariners snapped a five-game skid with a 2-1 victory over the Angels on Tuesday night.

Alberto Callaspo drove in an unearned run for the Angels, who committed four errors and dropped 3½ games behind Texas in the AL West standings. The loss was just the Angels' second at home since Aug. 17.

The Rangers pounded Tampa Bay 8-0 earlier Tuesday. Los

Angeles was a season-high 13 games over .500 after Monday's win over the Mariners, but still faces an uphill climb in the regular season's final three weeks to make the playoffs for the seventh time in 10 seasons.

"Texas is playing good ball, and we're just trying to keep up with those guys, so 3½ games behind is still pretty good right now," Hunter said. "Today we faced Felix Hernandez, and they had (Tampa Bay starter Jeff) Niemann over there, so there's a difference."

Justin Smoak and Kyle Seager scored unearned runs for the Mariners, who had lost 18 of their last 21 games in Anaheim before Hernandez (14-11) outdueled Ervin Santana and silenced the Angels' improved lineup for his sixth victory in eight starts.

"You're going to have nights like that," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "When you're facing a tough pitcher, you can't crack the door open for him. They scratched together a couple of runs and made them hold up."

Santana (11-10) yielded seven hits and two walks over six muddled innings in his 200th career start for the Angels, losing for just the second time in 13 starts. Although he didn't give up an earned run, he allowed a baserunner in every inning, and his usually sure-handed teammates weren't much help.

"He's got great stuff and has great stats, so I knew it was going to be a close game," Santana said. "It was just one of

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Hockey team dies in crash

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian jet carrying a local ice hockey team crashed Wednesday while taking off in western Russia, killing 36 people and leaving one critically injured, officials said.

The Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said the Yak-42 plane crashed immediately after taking off from an airport near the city of Yaroslavl, on the Volga River about 240 kilometers (150 miles) north-

east of Moscow. It said one person survived the crash with grave injuries.

The ministry said the plane was carrying the Lokomotiv ice hockey team from Yaroslavl.

The team was heading to Minsk, the capital of Belarus, where it was to play Thursday against Dinamo Minsk in the opening game of the season of the Continental Hockey League. The CHL is a league of several ex-Soviet nations.

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those games that got away. We made a lot of mistakes, and they didn't. It's a little frustrating, because we're trying to win games, and that's not how you want to lose a game, especially when we're 2½ games back."

Seattle loaded the bases with nobody out in the second inning after two Los Angeles errors, but managed just one run on Trayvon Robinson's sacrifice fly. Seager then reached on an error in the fourth inning and eventually scored on Michael Saunders' grounder.

"We didn't do much on the offensive side to absorb any miscues, but I like our club defensively," Scioscia said. "I like the way they play aggressively. We made a couple of miscues tonight, but all in all, it's been a huge strength of ours this year, and it'll be there for us in the next three weeks. We're in this thing, and this game certainly didn't eliminate us. But any time you're losing ground, obviously the challenge gets a little steeper."

Los Angeles scored in the sixth when Hunter reached on a bunt single and advanced on Hernandez's throwing error before scoring on Callaspo's single off the second-base bag.

Hernandez struck out seven while giving up two walks and an unearned run on a sultry night in Orange County. When manager Eric Wedge asked him about finishing the game, even Hernandez didn't think it was a good idea.

"I can't lie, I was a little tired at the end, but it was hot," said Hernandez, who has pitched more than 200 innings for the fourth straight season. "I had to be honest. We had to win this game. It was important to us because we had that five-game losing streak."

After Hernandez retired the final seven batters he faced, Brandon League pitched the ninth for his 33rd save in 38 chances.

Hernandez improbably hadn't won in Anaheim since June 11, 2006 — also his first career complete game. He has just six victories in 25 career starts against the Mariners' division rivals, but after failing to beat the Angels at all since Sept. 29, 2009, Hernandez has two wins over Los Angeles in seven days.

On Aug. 31 in Seattle, Hernandez finally beat the Angels for the first time in nine tries, pitching a five-hitter.

"He pitches at a level that very few do, but even at his level, he's been a little bit better lately," said Wedge, whose club stranded 14 runners. "We just didn't get the two-out knocks today, but I was really impressed with our defense. ... It was a great challenge on both sides, but Felix is just a special pitcher with special stuff, and he was on tonight."

NOTES: Angels SS Erick Aybar's career-best 15-game hitting streak ended. ... Los Angeles failed to homer for just the fourth time in its last 28 games. ... Hernandez made his 202nd career start, tying Kelvim Escobar for fifth-most in major league history by a Venezuelan pitcher. Freddy Garcia holds the record with 324 starts.

Houston downs Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Humberto Quintero got a close look at Brett Myers' career-long losing streak.

So Quintero did as much as he could to end it.

Quintero had three RBIs, threw out a runner attempting to steal immediately prior to a home run and called Myers' first win in 2½ months, leading Houston to a 4-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

"I'm happy because I know he hasn't won a lot this year and it's been tough for him," Quintero said. "Maybe he'll start winning now and we'll see more wins next year."

Myers (4-13) allowed one run and four hits over 7 2-3 innings at soggy, chilly PNC Park as last-place Houston snapped a four-game losing streak.

Myers skipped his most recent turn in the rotation to be with his wife as she gave birth to the couple's fourth child. He had lost seven consecutive decisions since he pitched a four-hitter in a 7-3 victory at the Los Angeles Dodgers on June 17.

"I just try to go out there and get quality

starts," Myers said. "If I get a win, I get a win. I'm just trying to help this ballclub win games, but it's always good to get a win for myself, too."

The Astros have won four of their last five against Pittsburgh but are 2-9 in their past 11 against everyone else. Jimmy Paredes finished with three hits and Mark Melancon worked the ninth for his 17th save.

Ryan Doumit homered and former No. 4 overall draft pick Brad Lincoln had another effective outing for Pittsburgh, which has lost two of three and seven of 10.

It rained for much of the game for the second straight day of the series, but there were no in-game delays again. Monday afternoon's game started 56 minutes late due to the weather, but Tuesday's contest went on without a hitch despite temperatures falling into the 50s and wet conditions.

Both starters seemingly were unaffected by the weather — or maybe it was two of the NL's worst scoring teams. Myers struck out six and walked none.

"He was able to keep them off balance," Houston manager Brad Mills

said. "He got one breaking ball up to Doumit, but he didn't have many baserunners. There weren't a lot of stressful innings for him, and that was just great to see. It kind of set the tone for us."

The Astros grabbed the lead in the second. Carlos Lee led off with a single and stole second. He moved up on Brian Bogusevic's single and scored when Paredes grounded into a fielder's choice.

Quintero had a two-out RBI double in the second and a two-run single in the eighth.

Doumit hit a two-out drive in the second for his eighth homer.

Lincoln (1-2) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings. He tied

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said.

Murphy finished with four hits and came within a triple of hitting for the cycle.

Beltre hit a sacrifice fly and Murphy had a run-scoring double to make it 7-0 in the fifth. Mike Napoli added a run-scoring double in the eighth.

Wilson was working on a perfect game in last Thursday's 7-2 win over the Rays when Casey Kotchman's infield hit went off the pitcher's left index finger in the sixth.

Wilson departed after the inning.

"It's not 100 percent," Wilson said. "I think that's why earlier in the game I had a little bit of trouble with the control. But it's getting there."

Kotchman got Tampa Bay's first hit Tuesday when he flared an opposite-field single to left with one out in the second.

Wilson induced an inning-ending double play from Kotchman with two on in the fourth.

Wilson is 3-0 in four career starts against Tampa Bay. He also threw 6 1-3 innings in Texas' 6-0 win over the Rays in Game 2 of the 2010 AL division series.

"He did everything the same," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "He was very good. He does not miss against us. He's just on the top of his game whenever he sees us in the batter's box."

Tampa Bay catcher Jose Labaton left with a sore left knee and is not expected to play Wednesday.

NOTES: Texas OF Nelson Cruz (strained

left hamstring) is taking batting practice and will ramp up his running program this weekend.

Tampa Bay DH Johnny Damon (sore right leg) was out of the lineup for the second straight game.

Rays 3B Evan Longoria was the designated hitter for the third time this season. Rangers RHP Alexi Ogando (12-7), skipped one time in the rotation, is scheduled to start Saturday against Oakland. Texas RHP Tim Wood cleared waivers and was assigned to Triple-A Round Rock.

Tampa Bay LHP David Price (12-12) and Texas LHP Derek Holland (13-5) are the scheduled starters Wednesday. Texas announced that former Rangers minor league player and coach Dave Moharter died Tuesday. He was 62.

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State and Nebraska.

No. 11 is Virginia Tech, followed by South Carolina, Oregon, Arkansas and Ohio State.

No. 16 Mississippi State and No. 18 Florida give the Southeastern Conference six ranked teams this week, matching the Big 12 for the most. No. 21 Missouri, joins Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Baylor and Texas.

The Big Ten has five ranked teams, with No. 17 Michigan State joining Wisconsin, Nebraska, Penn State and Ohio State.

No. 19 West Virginia and USF give the Big East two teams in the Top 25.

The Atlantic Coast Conference (Florida State and Virginia Tech), the Pac-12 (Stanford and Oregon) and the Mountain West (Boise State and TCU) also have two ranked teams.

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Sound off Big Spring

I was too hard on the coach in my previous letter. I was venting my frustration about one play and I went to far. I apologize.

This week, the Friendship game did not have the outcome we needed or wanted, but I could tell we were trying every play. The fourth down conversion was special and that was a good call. The Steers need a win. Maybe Friday.

Weldon Jones

Mr. Jones,
Thank you for writing again.

I have to say the decision to go for it on fourth down versus Frenship was a gutsy call. It was in

the second quarter of a 7-7 game and the Steers were on their own 40 yard line. Very few coaches would make that particular call in that situation. They would simply follow the standard guidelines and punt.

Momentum hung in the balance and it could have turned the game in either direction at that point. I believe Coach Ritchey saw a chance to knock the wind even further out of the visiting team and give his boys the best possible opportunity to win the game, giving absolutely no regard to what you or I might say about it.

Gutsy, indeed.
Robert Griffin
Sports Editor

Serena is the one to watch

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether or not she ends up holding the trophy at the end, Serena Williams has no competition at the U.S. Open this year.

She is the top personality, the woman to watch in a sport that has struggled of late to find, and hold onto, a compelling star.

Part of it is because of the basic numbers — Williams has 13 Grand Slam titles compared to the grand total of zero from the other seven women left in the field.

Part of it is the image — a mercurial and physically intimidating presence on the court, who can charm people when she's off of it.

"There are certain people who are pretty special," said Tracy Austin, who was one of those people back in her day, "and sometimes we don't appreciate it 'til they're gone."

Williams' run at the title is scheduled to resume Wednesday night in Arthur Ashe Stadium, where she'll play Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, a 20-year-old Russian matching her deepest run in a major.

Play on Tuesday was washed out when a slow-moving rainstorm moved over the Big Apple and forced tournament officials to push several matches involving top players — Andy Roddick, Andy Murray and Caroline Wozniacki — onto outside courts when play resumes.

Williams, though, will be on center stage, as usual, and figures to be for the rest of the week. A favorite coming into the tournament, her odds have only grown shorter — 4-11 at some sports books in Europe — as the other "big names" in her sport have lost (Maria Sharapova), withdrawn (Serena's sister, Venus) or failed to show up (Kim Clijsters).

"Of course there's a chance. That's why you play in sports," Austin said when asked if anyone else could even dream of beating Williams this week.

"But it's a smaller chance. I've said in the past that I thought a certain player was a favorite, maybe Serena was the favorite or Justine (Henin) was a favorite. But I can't remember a time in a while when there was as big a gap between Serena, the favorite, and the rest.

"For her to lose the U.S. Open, she's going to have to have a really bad day and someone else is going to have to have a day where

they're just really in the zone."

The candidates include Wozniacki, who has been to only one Grand Slam final, and No. 2 Vera Zvonareva, who has been to two Grand Slam finals and won a total of eight games, five of them against Williams at Wimbledon last year.

Also last year, Zvonareva fell 6-2, 6-1 to Clijsters, the two-time defending champion who would have likely been Williams' best competition here had she not pulled out before the tournament with an injury.



By Steve Becker

Try the Impossible

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
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♥ Q 9 6
♦ A K 7
♣ 9 6 5 4

WEST
♠ Q 10 6 4
♥ 7 3
♦ 9 4 3
♣ A K J 10

EAST
♠ J 9 8
♥ 5 4 2
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ Q 8 2

SOUTH
♠ A 5 2
♥ A K J 10 8
♦ 10 6 2
♣ 7 3

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
2 NT Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

This deal, played many years ago in a tournament, provides an excellent example of proper squeeze technique. South reached four hearts as shown. Three notrump would have been much easier — nine tricks were available off the top.

It appears declarer must lose four tricks — two clubs, a spade and a diamond — but South found the solution. West started with the K-A-J of clubs, East playing the queen on

the third round. South recognized that his only chance was to engineer a squeeze. Since squeezes seldom operate unless declarer has only one loser remaining, South discarded a spade on the queen of clubs.

East shifted to a spade, taken by declarer with the ace. South then cashed the A-Q of hearts and A-K of diamonds before playing two more trumps to reach this position:

North
♠ K 7
♥ 9

West
♠ Q 10
♥ 10

East
♠ J 9
♥ Q

South
♠ 5
♥ 10
♦ 10

When declarer cashed the ten of hearts, the defenders were caught in a double squeeze. West could not spare the ten of clubs, so he had to discard a spade.

The club nine, having served its purpose, was discarded from dummy, and East now felt the pinch. He couldn't afford to let the diamond queen go, so he also pitched a spade. South then scored the last two tricks with dummy's K-7 of spades, and the contract was home.

Tomorrow: Trump management.
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A&M departure held up in court

The Southeastern Conference says it has accepted Texas A&M's application to the league, but the move is being held up because a Big 12 school has threatened legal action if the Aggies leave.

The SEC says in a statement released Wednesday that it had already received "unanimous

written assurance" from the Big 12 on Sept. 2 stating it was free to accept Texas A&M.

The SEC says its presidents approved the invitation to Texas A&M, but Wednesday it received word from the Big 12 that one of its schools had withdrawn its previous consent and was considering legal action.

ASTROS

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a career high with six strikeouts and walked none.

"He leaves game giving up (only) two runs," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "He was very solid again tonight. Very aggressive on both sides of the plate. ... He was very, very effective, just a good mix of pitches, the ball was down in the zone. Another good outing for Brad, a very good outing."

Lincoln threw 67 of 97 pitches for strikes. He has allowed seven runs in his past four starts — all coming in either the first or second inning.

"It seems when I do give up runs they come in little bunches like that," Lincoln said. "But I felt good out there. The curveball felt good, and it was good to get deep into the game."

Pittsburgh had two men on with two outs in the eighth, but Wesley Wright got Garrett Jones to fly out to right.

NOTES: Pirates OF Jose Tabata was diagnosed with a broken

bone in his left hand. He will rest and receive treatment for 10 days to allow the bone to heal and will be re-evaluated at that time. He first experienced pain while swinging the bat in the

cage on Aug. 24 and left Monday's game due to pain in the hand. The Astros activated LHP Sergio Escalona from the disabled list. RHP J.A. Happ is scheduled to start today.

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Before "google" became a verb for Internet searching, "Google" was the name of a new Internet search engine company incorporated on this day in 1998. This birthday makes Google a Virgo, the sign known for thoroughness and consistency. With the sun in Virgo and the moon in Capricorn, it will be easy to find out exactly what you want to know.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Projects have been derailed, and now -- due in some part to your ingenuity -- things are getting back on track. You'll affirm your position and resume your place in a team effort.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are not tempted by the things that others in your group find irresistible. Therefore, you will be better suited to a certain task today. People will depend on you, and you will come through brilliantly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have many ideas and not enough time to act on all of them. However, the ones you do act on will make quite an impression. Tonight you'll get a message from someone surprising.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You invite your favorite people to events you think will be fun, but you should also invite them to events you think will be laborious, tedious or boring. Because when you are in good company, the time zips by.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll feel comfortable enough to relax and be you. You'll accept that your feelings are neither wrong nor right -- they just are. When you're no longer worried about making an impression, that's when you make the best one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be moved to turn up the volume in the ways you express yourself. It feels good to be effusive, showing your love with great enthusiasm. Others see you as courageous in this regard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It will be very tempting to diversify your interests, hedge your bets or investigate new options. However, the real success secret is to pick one interest, bet or option and obsess over it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have the ability to doodle your way out of a problem. Whether you think you can draw or consider yourself a creative person won't matter in this instance. Wisdom will be released as you drag your pen across the paper.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your self-image is changing, and your style reflects this. You may be inspired to take charge of your wardrobe. You want to wear your clothes instead of letting your clothes wear you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Political moves will affect you, particularly on the job. Your work situation may seem, in some regard, glaringly unfair. Then again, if you don't look for reasons to be disgruntled, you won't find them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You're not trying to win an award or anything. But still, you'll appreciate the accolades coming your way before the month is over. You'll see the first signs of success today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Publicity is a necessity in most lines of business. Unless you are a spy, don't try to go under the radar now. Dare to dramatize your work. You could use the attention, and eventually that attention will translate into money.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (Sept. 7). This year you'll strike a happy balance between your personal relationships, professional interests and favorite hobbies. Your expertise will earn you money and privileges in October. December brings a chance to travel and gather new fans. An unexpected turn in January shows you a different part of life. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 14, 23, 35 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "My 12-year-old daughter seems to have hit puberty early, and with it comes an attitude that drives me nuts. She also has a sassy mouth and frequent ditzy spells. Do you have any insights about Aries teens?"

For many teen girls, rebellion is a natural part of growing up. For headstrong Aries, it's a stage of development that is practically unavoidable. Your daughter is expressing her right to her own opinion and building the self-confidence to make her own choices. You'll help her learn to do this while maintaining a respectful attitude toward you and the

others in her environment. There is so much changing in her world, and as she deals with all of these changes, it may be challenging for her to focus. It may seem to you that her common sense has flown out the window. It will return. But for the time being, it will be necessary for you to cater your communication to a person who is only half-listening. Let her know very clearly what is expected of her, and be specific about it. For instance, if she's expected to do certain chores around the house, tell her exactly what they are and when they should be done. This will be much more effective than telling her to "help out around the house."

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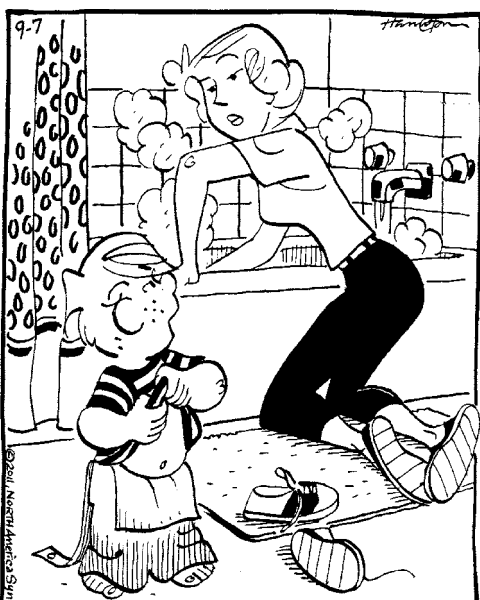
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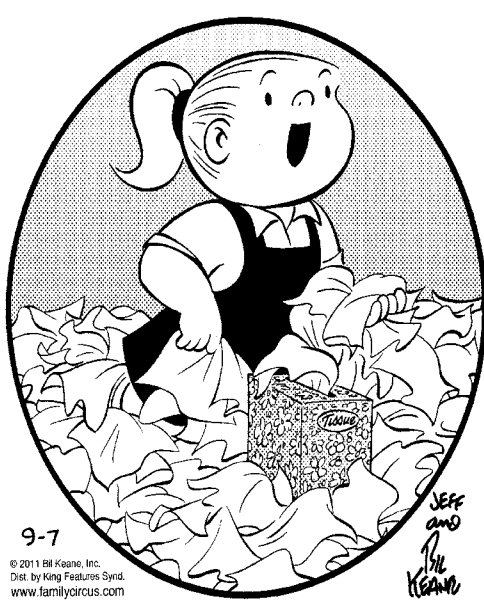
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10:PM :30	News Nightline	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	Bill Cloud	Roseanne	Sons of Guns	Movie: GoodFellas, Joe Pesci	Deadliest Warrior	Ways Die	CSI: NY	Movie: Somebody Help Me 2	Good	SportsCenter	
11:PM :30	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Para Volver a Amar	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night	Office	Cortes	World	South Pk	Brothers	Ways Die	Ways Die	MAN	Wizards	Baseball Tonight		
12:AM :30	Extra	Destilando Amor	Paid	Raymond	Insider	Pagado	Conan	Upd	Light	7th Street	Overhaul' Tripp	Breaking Bad	Blue Entourage	Falling Skies	Wendy Williams	Deck	NASCAR	SportsCenter
1:AM :30	Paid	Mujer	King-Hill	Paid	Pagado	Poker After Dark	Seinfeld	Light of the Southwest								Deck	NFL Live	SportsCenter

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Why do I hafta take a bath? I'm not dirty... just sweaty an' smelly."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy! Guess how many tissues fit in this tiny box!"

HAGAR

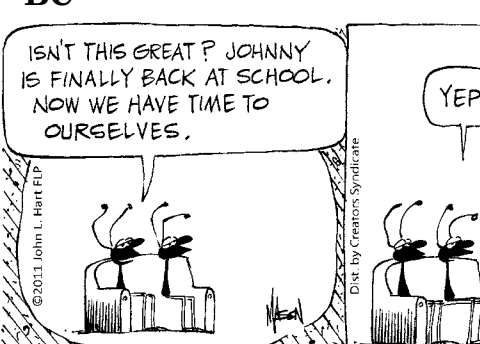


HAGAR, SO FAR I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING WRONG WITH YOU AS A RESULT OF THE BATTLE...

BUT YOU ARE GOING TO NEED A NEW SHIELD!

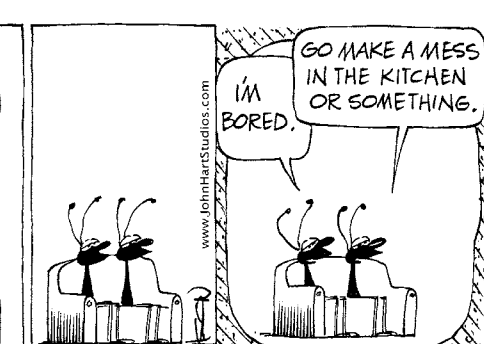


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ISN'T THIS GREAT? JOHNNY IS FINALLY BACK AT SCHOOL. NOW WE HAVE TIME TO OURSELVES.

WIZARD OF ID



I'M TELLING YOU! I'M AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SPIDER!

AGNES



I THINK I WILL TRY TO BE A BETTER STUDENT THIS YEAR.

HI AND LOIS



DO I HAVE TO WEAR THAT WHEN I'M HIS AGE?

THE OTHER COAST



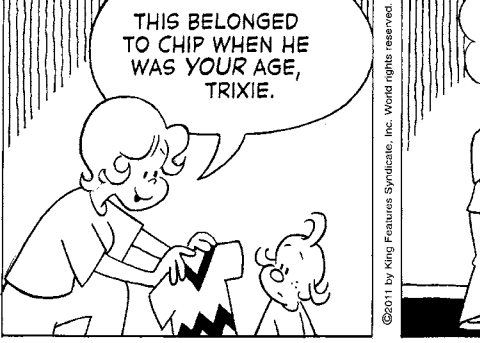
I REALLY WANTED A DOG, BUT I DIDN'T WANT ONE I'D HAVE TO LEAVE IN THE HOUSE ALL DAY.

SNUFFY SMITH



I DECIDED YORE SERMON WUZ SHORTER THAN 'WEEZY'S !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS A KINDLY, CARING AND THOUGHTFUL LEADER

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Singer's syllables
5 Limerick rhyme scheme
10 Counterfeit
14 All in a twitter
15 Employee's last words
16 Corrosive chemical
17 Sensible
18 Cuts of beef
19 Shopper stopper
20 Formalized one's displeasure, perhaps
23 Auto tracking system
24 Water conduit
25 Bond (to)
28 Minister's assistant
32 Stubborn beast
35 Intends
37 Passed-down tales
38 Love-letter envelope phrase
42 Ecuador neighbor
43 Girder material
44 Ten Commandments word
45 Refused
48 Refine, as ore
50 Pirates of the Caribbean series star
52 Athletic association
56 Brought in person
61 Way out
62 Juliet's beloved

DOWN
1 Rodeo rope
2 Once more
3 Hankers
4 Deal go-betweens
5 Placed on a clothesline
6 Pastel hue
7 Highway warning sign
8 Two-legged creature
9 Like some retired racehorses
10 Persuade by misleading
11 Trendy berry
12 Metric prefix
13 Genesis setting
21 Words on a Wonderland cake
22 Glacier, essentially
26 Crow's cries
27 Makes a sweater
29 Wishing-well deposit
30 Approximately
31 Treetop retreat
32 Nile vipers
33 "___ pin, pick it up..."
34 Delhi dress
36 Originate (from)

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 2011. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 7, 1964, the controversial "Daisy" commercial, an ad for President Lyndon B. Johnson's election campaign, aired on NBC-TV. (In the spot, footage of a little girl in a meadow plucking the petals of a flower is overtaken by a countdown leading to a nuclear explosion.)
On this date:
In 1533, England's Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich.
In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.
In 1892, James J. Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan to win the world heavyweight crown in New Orleans in a fight conducted under the

Marquess of Queensberry rules.
In 1907, the British liner RMS Lusitania set out from Liverpool, England, on its maiden voyage, arriving six days later in New York.
In 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.
In 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.
In 1968, feminists protested outside the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. (The pageant crown went to Miss Illinois Judith Ford.)
In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos (toh-REE'-hohs).
In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa.
In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.
Today's Birthdays: Sen. Daniel Inouye (in-OH'-way),

D-Hawaii, is 87. Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 81. Actor Bruce Gray is 75. Singer Alfa Anderson (Chic) is 65. Actress Susan Blakely is 63. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 62. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 60. Actress Julie Kavner is 60. Rock musician Benmont Tench (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 58. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 57. Actor Michael Emerson (TV: "Lost") is 57. Pianist Michael Feinstein is 55. Singer Margot Chapman is 54. Actor W. Earl Brown is 48. Actor Toby Jones is 45. Model-actress Angie Everhart is 42. Actress Diane Farr is 42. Actress Monique Gabriela Curnen is 41. Actor Tom Everett Scott is 41. Rock musician Chad Sexton (311) is 41.

Answer to previous puzzle

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39 Technology opponents
40 Foot part
41 Back street
46 Cal. neighbor
47 Musical productions
49 Bounty port of call
51 "Coming soon" announcement
53 Like some private communities
54 Oneness
55 Henry Ford's son
56 Neighborhood store
57 Test
58 Walk unsteadily
59 Jane Austen novel
60 Cherished

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