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Above: Emergency responders prepare to transport a man to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Tuesday morning following a motorcycle accident near the 172 mile marker of I-20. The rider was from Florida, according to officials at the scene, and suffered serious — but not life-threatening — injuries in the crash. Right: Emergency personnel look over a one-vehicle rollover near mile marker 169 of I-20 at about 5 p.m. Tuesday. The vehicle was west bound when it left the roadway and rolled. One person was transported, according to EMS records.
 HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins and Amanda Moreno



Council OKs city budget

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 The Big Spring City Council approved first reading of the proposed 2011-2012 budget Tuesday night on a 6-1 vote, as the municipality looks to finalize its fiscal plan for the coming year.
 District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez cast the lone vote against the proposed budget, while District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan, Mayor Tommy Duncan, District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, District 5 Councilman Craig Olson and District 6 Councilman Terry Hansen all gave the financial plan their approval.
 Fernandez said he voted against the proposed budget because it contained a hike in water rates.
 "I had a lot of people come to me over the past few weeks and they opposed the increase in water rates," Fernandez said. "Because the water rate increase is a part of the budget, I felt I should vote based on the way my constituents felt about it. In the



Fernandez

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Symphony set to trumpet new season

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer
 For 30 years, Big Spring Symphony Orchestra has been bringing something special to Big Spring and this

year is no different.
 Dr. Keith Graumann, third and current conductor of the symphony, will be celebrating his 10th year and the symphony itself will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. The season will kick off at 8 p.m. Saturday with a Latin



Graumann

celebration at First Baptist Church, located at 705 W. FM 700.
 "It is sure to be an evening to reflect on the Mexican classical composers and full of music to tap your foot to, including some tango and rumba," Graumann said.
 John Giordano will be the guest conductor and Curt Thompson will be on violin. Thompson, professor of vio-

lin at Texas Christian University, will play "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires" by Piazzola.
 "This will be a great performance for those who aren't familiar with the symphony music. It won't only be the classical music, but a mixture of Latin music as well," Graumann said.
 The next performance will be the annual Nutcracker

Ballet scheduled for 8 p.m. Dec. 17. This performance will also mark the re-opening of the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. The dance will be performed by Midland Festival Ballet and the music will be performed by the Big Spring orchestra.
 The season continues at 8 p.m. Feb. 4, 2012, with a

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Relay to benefit from fair proceeds

By NANCY KOGER
 Special to the Herald
 The Howard County Fair returns this year. Sept. 29 through Oct. 1, the 38th celebration of Howard County's best products and arts will be displayed for everyone to see and enjoy.

As one of the few county fairs in the state that is not subsidized by the county or city, this not-for-profit group returns to a newly repainted and spruced-up fair barn, thanks to much-appreciated help from Sheriff Stan Park-



Driver

er's jail inmates.
 The Fair Board will honor long-time treasurer and two-time president (1977 and 1987) Skipper Driver by giving \$1 per person who enters the fair per night to the Howard Glasscock Relay For Life in his name.
 They will also have a booth near the county quilt booth for accepting donations to Relay For Life as memorials to Driver, who passed away in

April.
 In the same vein of public service, the Children's Fair section will feature luminaria sacks decorated by school children across the county to be decorated, displayed and made into cards to be sent to children's hospitals around the state.
 The fair will include a carnival, provided by Crabtree Amusements Inc. from Staples, the largest carnival operation in Texas. Children will have a chance to show their pets at the pet show on Saturday.

Preparations for fair entries are not limited to children and their pets and art projects; adults are readying artwork, photographs and crafts. Mamie Lee Dodd, prolific crafts exhibitor, is working from an early 1900s magazine article on "How Many Items You Can Make From One Single-sized Sheet."
 A ranch rodeo and a tractor pull also are scheduled.
 Musical entertainment, which is included in the entrance ticket, will feature Amber Digby, the Crystal River Band and Heather Vassar.



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Obituaries

Mildred Murphy



Mildred Murphy, 96, of Big Spring passed away Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson and Dr. Randy Cotton officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 1, 1915, in Vincent, Texas, to Oma and R.B. Murray. She married J.O. Murphy Sr. in Big Spring, Texas. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Marian Walker and husband Ralph of Big Spring; three sons, J.O. Murphy Jr. of Big Spring, Jerry Murphy and wife Tavie of Seguin and Dick Murphy and wife Barbara of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Murphy, Lance Murphy, John Kennedy, Jason Murphy, Daniel Clark, David Erwin and Larry Doyle. Honorary pallbearer is Jeremy Murphy.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Compass Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

John C. Borchardt Jr.



John C. Borchardt Jr., 65, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born July 28, 1946, in Vernon, Texas, and married Debra Stokes on Aug. 8, 1970, in Snyder,

Texas.

John retired from the Texas Department of Health as a meat inspector. He loved playing with his grandkids and helping them with their show lambs.

Survivors include his wife, Debra Borchardt of Big Spring; two daughters, Brandi Borchardt and fiancée Tony Rodriguez and Tori Borchardt, all of Big Spring; three granddaughters, Kylee Borchardt, Morgan Flores and Kynlee Fontana; a grandson on the way, AAR III "Trace" Rodriguez; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Charlene and Billy Hopkins of Quanah and Barbara and Lewis Retting of Crowell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Carl Sr. and Winnie Inez (Anderson) Borchardt.

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

Paid obituary

Robert D. Barton

Robert D. Barton, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, at his residence. No services are planned.

He was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Utica, Neb. He married Sarah Booth on Aug. 22, 1950, in Maryland. She preceded him in death April 17, 2006.

He has been a resident of Big Spring since 1970. He was retired from the United States Air Force.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Mark Barton and wife Rosanne and Michael Dean Barton and wife Colleen, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Sarah Brewster of Big Spring; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. The family suggests memorials to West Texas Parkinson's Foundation, 3610 22nd St., Lubbock, Texas 79410.

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

Verlene Atkinson

Verlene Atkinson, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Gregg Robert McAteer



Gregg Robert McAteer was born April 13, 1963, in Billings, Mont. On Aug. 23, 1985, he married Katherine Ann "Katy" Peeples.

Gregg passed away in a Houston hospital Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, at the age of 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, Katy McAteer; son, Sean David McAteer Sr. Airman USAF, Joshua Timothy McAteer Airman USAF and Michael George McAteer, senior at Faith West Academy; mother, Nayna G. Walker and her husband J.T. Walker; father, George L. McAteer Sr. and wife Gloria McKenney; brother, George L. McAteer Jr. HFD District Chief and wife Effie McAteer; sisters, Jeanne Oden and husband Clark Oden and Gayle Pierce and husband Dr. Scott Pierce.

Gregg loved being with his large family, which included nine siblings and step siblings, nine in-laws, 13 nephews and 10 nieces.

Gregg graduated from Katy High School in 1981 and in 1987 completed coursework for a masters in petroleum engineering at Texas A&M. He worked for 24 years around the world for Nalco in sales, marketing, consulting and training. Gregg was a Sunday school teacher and member of Grace Fellowship UMC in Katy; he also worked in prison ministry. Gregg was a die-hard Aggie who would watch live games regardless of his location or time zone.

Gregg put God and family first, and was also a dedicated professional who loved his work. He was a man brimming and overflowing with a fearless, reverent and ravenous love for life. Gregg was proud of his family and always made the time to spend with them.

He was a great teacher whose life was the best source of instruction for the children and individuals in his life and in his home; he had a passion for turning boys into men. He had a generous spirit, a quick wit, an infectious laugh and a piercing whistle that called his sons to immediate attention in any and every environment. Gregg loved his country ... and he loved a good cigar.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at the Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel in Katy. A funeral service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, at Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church in Katy with the Rev. Jim Leggett officiating.

Funeral services are under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home, 1508 East Avenue, Katy, Texas 77493 — (281) 391-2424.

Paid obituary

Richard Eugene Johnson

Richard Eugene Johnson, 73, of Holly Lake Ranch, Texas, died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was born Jan. 8, 1938, in Kenny, Ill., to the late Charles and Viola Johnson.

He served in the U.S. Army and performed quality control in the printing industry. He was a member of AMBUCS, Rotary Club, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of The Knights of Columbus of Holly Lake Ranch, Texas. He attended Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Robert Johnson, John Franklin Johnson, Raymond Lee Johnson and Charles "Skeet" Johnson; two sisters and brothers-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Johnson; two sons, Paul Andre and Richard Stephen Johnson; two daughters, Laura Louise Mills and LaDonna Michelle Metzzer; a brother, Vernon Earl Johnson and sister-in-law Myrna Johnson.

Mr. Johnson will be interred at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, at 3 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, with a 9 a.m. Rosary and a 9:30 a.m. mass.

You may view Mr. Johnson's obit and picture, as well as sign his guestbook, by going to www.beaty-funeralhome.com.

Police blotter

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

- PRISMA JESSICA VIERA, 25, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 407, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child with intent to return.
- AARON COMPTON, 21, of Garden City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARCUS LAMON COLE, 24, of 1102 S. Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of tampering/fabricating physical evidence.
- AUTUMN ROSE HENRICH, 23, of Garden City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- LIZA LEIGH GARFIAS, 27, of 1002 N. Main St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and a warrant from another agency.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 700 block of S. Gregg Street. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- PETER SCOTT LYMAN, 39, was arrested Tuesday on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated — second offense.
- PRISMA JESSICA VIERA, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child with intent to return.
- DARRELL SCOTT SHULTZ, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft — more than \$20,000 and less than \$100,000.
- AARON PAUL COMPTON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARCUS LAMON COLE, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driver not secured, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and tampering/fabricating physical evidence.
- AUTUMN ROSE HENRICH, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- LIZA L. OVALLE, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for capias — failure to maintain financial responsibility and a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Avion and Webb. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Tubbs Loop Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the 172 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Runnels. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported near the 170 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.



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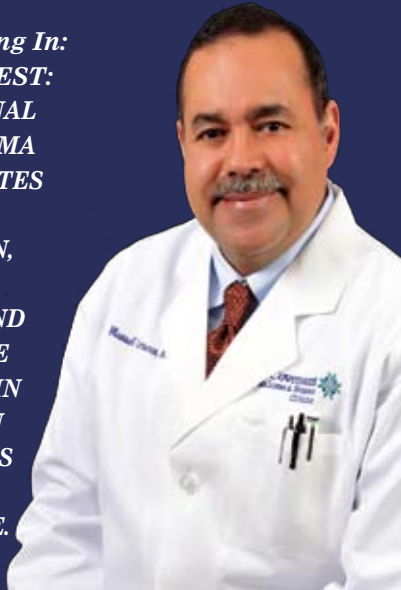


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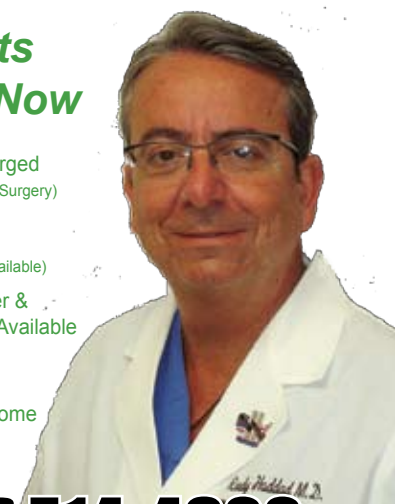
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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Thu 9/15	Fri 9/16	Sat 9/17	Sun 9/18	Mon 9/19
78/62 Scattered thunderstorms. High 78F. Winds ENE at 15 to 25 mph.	85/70 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	90/69 Mix of sun and clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	96/69 Times of sun and clouds. High in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	93/67 Times of sun and clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 7:52 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 7:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 7:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:47 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	60	t-storm	Kingsville	97	73	pt sunny
Amarillo	58	49	rain	Livingston	95	66	pt sunny
Austin	96	70	pt sunny	Longview	87	64	t-storm
Beaumont	92	67	pt sunny	Lubbock	61	54	rain
Brownsville	93	73	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	65	pt sunny
Brownwood	90	65	t-storm	Midland	75	60	t-storm
Corpus Christi	95	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	89	69	t-storm	Rosenberg	97	71	pt sunny
Dallas	87	69	t-storm	San Antonio	99	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	96	74	t-storm	San Marcos	97	70	pt sunny
El Paso	89	70	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	86	65	t-storm
Fort Stockton	81	64	t-storm	Sweetwater	74	58	t-storm
Gainesville	81	61	t-storm	Tyler	87	64	t-storm
Greenville	85	64	t-storm	Weatherford	85	65	t-storm
Houston	97	71	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	71	56	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	60	t-storm	Minneapolis	60	41	mst sunny
Boston	74	47	t-storm	New York	74	50	t-storm
Chicago	60	44	sunny	Phoenix	91	73	mst sunny
Dallas	87	69	t-storm	San Francisco	59	51	mst sunny
Denver	61	50	rain	Seattle	64	53	pt sunny
Houston	97	71	pt sunny	St. Louis	67	50	pt sunny
Los Angeles	74	60	pt sunny	Washington, DC	77	53	t-storm
Miami	91	76	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 9/15	Fri 9/16	Sat 9/17	Sun 9/18	Mon 9/19
6	9	9	9	9
High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Take Note

• Big Spring High School Student Council would like to invite the community of Big Spring to join us to show Steer spirit during homecoming, as well as throughout the entire school year. We encourage all the businesses to decorate their business fronts/windows for homecoming. The theme of the homecoming and the parade is "Catch The Tide...Lei Out The Ranger." If any business and/or organization would like to participate in the homecoming parade, they need to call the high school and inform us of their entry. They may contact our advisor, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Hunt, or talk to the receptionist in the office. We must know by Wednesday, Sept. 21, in order to create a lineup for parade entries.

• Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the

date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment.

• ISAAH 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 starting 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 vol-

unteers. 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 re-registration period runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are available for registration by another party. For information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214.

• 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 own hours and days of the week. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

CITY

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end, the people of District 1 are my bosses, and I answer to them."

The council also approved the rate increase for city water customers on a 5-2 vote, with Fernandez and Ramirez voting against the measure.

The increase — which will total approximately \$13.25 on most residential customers' base rate — also establishes a tiered system that city officials hope will encourage water conservation during the ongoing drought.

"The tiered usage system is meant to help enforce conservation," City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council. "The more water a customer uses, the more they are charged for it."

Of the \$13.25, \$11 was made necessary by the Colorado River Municipal Water District's recent announcement it would be constructing

a new pipeline to bring water from the Ward County well fields, according to CRMWD Manager John Grant.

Fuqua said the additional \$2.25 will allow the city to make up for lost revenue during the current fiscal year, when the city has been forced to pay more money for less water due to the current shortage of water in local reservoirs.

The council also approved first reading of the proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2011-2012 during the meeting, offering a unanimous vote on the issue.

The proposed tax rate is 94.95-cent per \$100 valuation, a drop of 5 cents compared to last year's 99.95 cent rate. The proposed rate is also nearly 5 cents below the effective tax rate of 99.7 cents per \$100 valuation.

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the rate consists of 62.1317 cents toward the municipality's general fund; 8.5 cents

for the Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Task Force; 20.7249 cents for general obligation bonds issued in 2007 on voter approval; .7133 cents for certificates of obligation issued in 2007; and 2.8801 cents for certificates of obligation issued in 2010 to finance the newly constructed city aquatic center.

According to Walker, the tax rate reduction will mean approximately \$16.68 in savings for the owner of a average residence (approximately \$41,688) and a \$40 reduction for homeowners whose property is valued at approximately \$100,000.

Final reading of all three plans is expected to take place during the Sept. 27 meeting of the council.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail

at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Piano Celebration. Haochen Zhang, Chinese gold medalist of the 2009 Van Cliburn Competition, will be performing "Prokofieff 2nd Piano Concerto." Finally, the season will wrap up at 8 p.m. March 31, 2012 with Pops Celebration. To conclude the season, songwriter and ASCAP president Paul Williams returns.

"Saturday's performance is going to provide something for all ages," Graumann said. "I am looking forward to hearing Curt Thompson and really grateful to have John Giordano here as well."

Tickets can be purchased at Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, Heritage Museum, Faye's Flowers, Western Bank, KBST and Blum's Jewelers. Adult

tickets are \$15, seniors are \$10 and students are \$5. Season tickets are also available, which include four tickets and are \$50 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$15 for students.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-

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OUR VIEWS

Time for a little floating and flying fun

If you hear buzzing this weekend, don't be alarmed, especially if you are near Comanche Trail Lake.

Saturday and Sunday will be the 18th annual Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Don McKinney Memorial Float and Fly.

Planes will be flying over Comanche Trail Lake between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. both days. Take off will occur around the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The float and fly started in the early 1990s by Don McKinney, longtime BSMA member and advocate and was named in his honor. McKinney also served on the board of Howard College trustees for 36 years and passed away in 2009.

Spectators of every age are encouraged to attend and enjoy watching the radio controlled model aircraft dip and dodge above the waters the lake.

Comanche Trail Lake has been the chosen venue because of the visibility. Not only can people access the park easily, but the visibility is rather clear for passerbys on Highway 87. According to Robert Walker, float-fly coordinator, it's a great way to promote the event.

With dwindling membership numbers, Walker said the BSMA is looking to attract not only more members, but younger members as well.

On top of watching the planes fly around the lake and above the water, attendees can enjoy some good food around noon both days. Brisket plates with potato salad and beans can be purchased at a fair price, according to Walker.

No matter the reason, whether it be because you are in airplane enthusiast, just enjoy sitting outside watching the planes fly around or want to enjoy some good food, make sure to swing by the float-fly event Saturday and Sunday.

The biggest goal, on top of providing something a little bit different and entertaining to area residents, is to gain awareness, raise funds and attract new members to the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can make our way out of tough spots.

Amen

Gov. Jerry Brown puts in his vote on three truth telling bills

California Gov. Jerry Brown scored a victory for common sense last week when he vetoed a bill that would have imposed criminal penalties on minors — or their parents — who ski or snowboard without a helmet. "While I appreciate the value of wearing a ski helmet, I am concerned about the continuing and seemingly inexorable transfer of authority from parents to the state," Brown explained. "Not every human problem deserves a law."

That veto endeared Brown to conservatives who have grown wary of the Democratic Legislature's nanny-state ways. It also highlighted how unpredictable Brown can be.

There are two bills awaiting his signature that will tell Californians much about Brown.

As a candidate for governor, Brown said he opposed giving driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. So what will Brown do with AB 353, authored by Democratic Assemblyman Gil Cedillo, which would prevent police officers from impounding the cars of sober unlicensed drivers — read: illegal immigrants — stopped at DUI checkpoints?

San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Rod Hoops opposes the bill, in part because his

deputies have to clean up after hit-and-run accidents involving unlicensed drivers.

Unlicensed drivers can be the worst drivers. The AAA Foundation for Public Safety looked at fatal accidents in 2008 and found that 29 percent of fatal car crashes in California involved a driver without a valid license; 1,964 had their licenses suspended or revoked; 1,802 were unlicensed; and another 1,200 were unknown.

Cedillo spokesman Conrado Terrazas told me that AB 353 is needed because unlicensed drivers "have to get to work." That's an argument that drives me up the wall — that Sacramento should change state law to accommodate adults who violate federal immigration law and then knowingly break California driver's license law so that they can drive (not take the bus) to jobs possibly obtained by document fraud.

Yet the cupidity of local governments could give Brown cover should he want to sign the bill.

An investigation by California Watch and the Investigative Reporting Program at the University of California, Berkeley found that most motorists whose cars were impounded at DUI checkpoints were sober unlicensed illegal immigrants. In some locales — such as the infamous city of Bell — DUI checkpoints sure seem like the new speed trap.

In 2009, the state impounded

the cars of six unlicensed drivers for every drunken driver. It very well could be that the state has six illegal immigrants driving for every drunken driver, but the stats also may indicate what Republican Assemblyman Chris Norby called "bounty hunting cops" — eager to part owners from their cars.

"As a property-rights Republican," Norby told me, "I want to strike a balance."

Republican bigfoot Jon Fleishman said the measure "hits the sweet spot between a traditional conservative and a traditional libertarian."

On a more partisan front, Democratic leaders put Brown in a sticky corner when they jammed through a bill to limit initiatives to the November ballot only. The bill would be helpful to labor and Dems. But how could Brown sign it after spending his first months on the job arguing in favor of a budget/tax extension deal that he wanted to put before voters in a June special election?

Brown's new mantra would have to be: Let the voters decide — but only when I say so.

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Republicans lash out — at each other this time around

A Republican presidential debate became a race to the bottom Monday night, as candidates attacked each other for treason, lack of manliness, trying to prevent cervical cancer and even — gasp — letting campaign contributions affect their judgment.

When Michele Bachmann, trying to claw her way back up in the polls, bashed Texas Gov. Rick Perry for taking money from a drug company in return for a favorable executive order, Perry was dismissive.

The drug company had given him only \$5,000 out of the \$30 million he had raised, Perry said. "If you're suggesting I can be bought for \$5,000, I'm offended," he scoffed.

Right. It would take much more than that.

At the last Republican debate only five days ago, Perry complained that he felt like he had become a "pinata." Monday night, at the CNN/Tea Party Express debate in Tampa, Fla., Perry must have felt like he was inside a kettle drum with the other candidates jumping up and down on it.

Even moderate, measured, calm and collected Jon Huntsman, who is so far back in the polls he might as well be running in an alternate universe, decided that climbing on Perry was his staircase to heaven.

Perry, like two other border-state governors before him, George W. Bush and Ronald Reagan, is a relative moderate on immigration, and Perry said during the debate that building a fence along the entire border with Mexico is impractical.

Huntsman pounced. "For Rick to say we can't secure the border is pretty much a treasonous statement," he said.

Huntsman probably meant this as a backhanded joke. Earlier in the year, Perry had said that if the Federal Reserve Board printed more money, it would be "almost treacherous, or treasonous in my opinion."

But Huntsman laid an egg with the audience, which sat in stunned silence. It was a Perry crowd, anyway. If the polls are to be believed, much of the Republican Party is a Perry crowd.

A CNN/Opinion Research Poll completed on Sunday showed Perry at 30 percent, Mitt Romney at 18 percent, Sarah Palin (who currently is not running) at 15 percent and Ron Paul at 12 percent. The rest of the pack (can you name them? sure you can), including U.S. Rep. Bachmann, is in low single digits.

But while Romney believes he ultimately will win the nomination by persuading primary voters he is more electable than Perry, he can't afford to let Perry get too far ahead of him. So Monday night, Romney directly attacked Perry on his greatest claim to fame, that Perry dramatically has improved the economy of Texas.

"I think Gov.

Perry would agree with me that if you're dealt four aces, that doesn't make you a great poker player," Romney said in a dry tone. (The four aces are the energy resources of Texas, the lack of a state income tax, the lack of right-to-work laws and the presence of a Republican-controlled legislature.)

Perry was not amused. The two men were next to each other on the stage once again (and probably will be in every future debate), and Perry glared up an inch or so at Romney.

"Mitt, you were doin' pretty good until you got to poker," Perry said through teeth that were almost clenched. It seemed to be a macho thing with Perry, as if Romney was an effete Northeasterner who couldn't possibly play poker like a Texan, who could hold his cards, chew tobacco, spit on the floor and devise job-creating legislation all at the same time.

"I think we ought to have a conversation," Perry said, leaving some to wonder if he were inviting Romney out into the alley for a good beating.

"We're having it right now, governor," Romney replied, stopping just short of an actual sneer. "You're running for president."

The audience in the hall was

with Perry, but Romney was playing to the much larger TV audience. Or at least that part of the TV audience that was not watching pro football, Miss Universe or the finale of "Bachelor Pad."

The two also had an extended exchange over Social Security. At the last debate, Perry called it a "Ponzi scheme" and refused to withdraw that characterization Monday night. Romney disagreed, saying that it was a program that had benefited the American people for decades.

Perry got the worst of the exchange, and you could see Romney's satisfaction. But Perry doesn't seem to care that he might not be Romney's intellectual equal. The smartest guy often does not win the race in presidential politics, and Romney has yet to convince the public that he has a real heart beating inside his impeccable suits.

One person who probably didn't watch the debate was sitting in the White House. "I didn't watch my own debates, much less somebody else's," Obama told NBC's Brian Williams in an interview that aired Monday.

But Obama did weigh in on his idea of government compared to the Republican idea of government: "I think having Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid programs that provide a social safety net for people, that is a vital role for our government," Obama said. "It's not enough for us to just leave that to local charities."

So that's the difference between me and those Republicans, Obama was saying. Vote for me, and secure your old age. Vote for the Republicans, and line up for private soup kitchens.

And if Obama can get the 2012 campaign to be about that, he has a real chance.

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HOLLIS McCRIGHT

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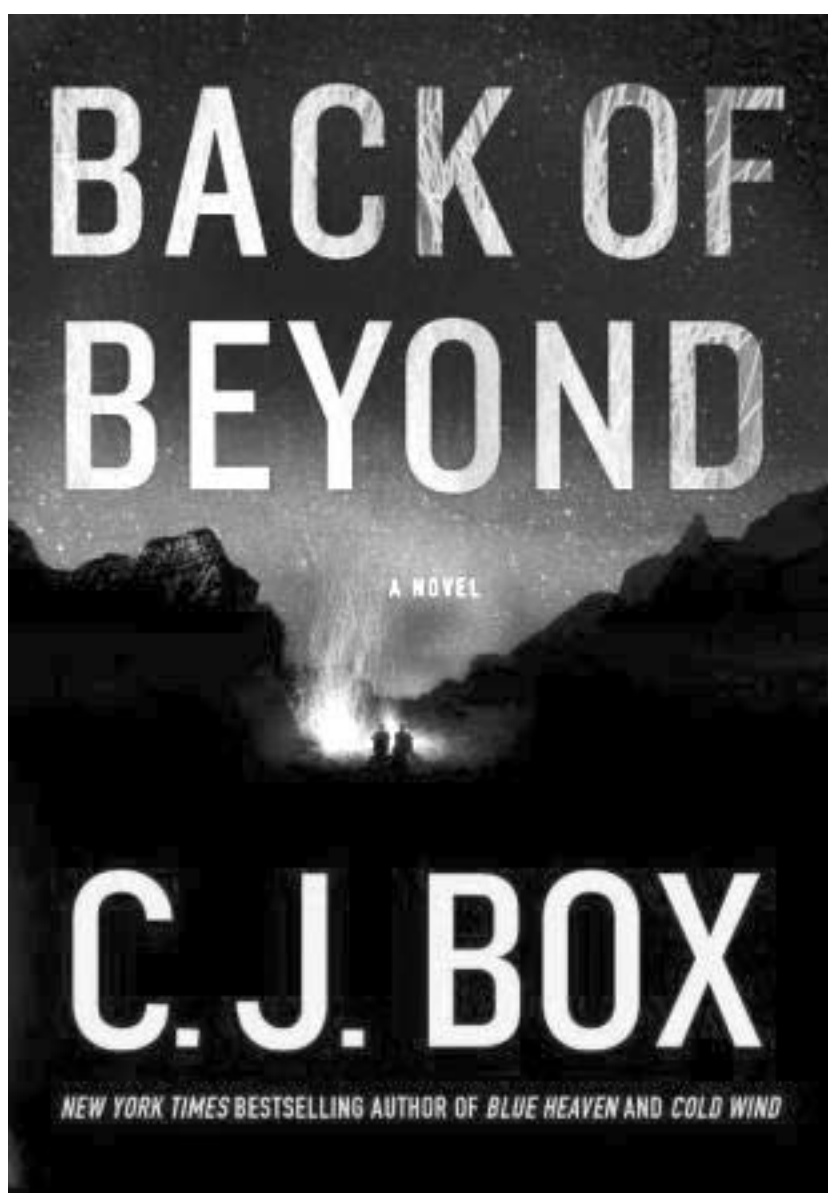
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A collection of large print books have come

in. C.J. Box has written "Back of Beyond" (LP F BOX C). Cody Hoyt, while a brilliant cop, still is struggling with sobriety when his AA sponsor Hank Winters is found dead in a remote cabin, an apparent suicide. Cody knows that Hank would not do that and he is determined to find the murderer. Clues link the murderer to an outfitter on a trip to a remote corner of Yellowstone National Park. Cody is determined to stop the killer before the group (which includes his son) heads into the wild.

For you who enjoy the Regency romances of Mary Balogh, another has arrived. In "The Secret Mistress" (LP F BAL M), the Earl of Heyward rescues Lady Angeline Dudley from a scoundrel's embrace and Angeline has found her husband. As it goes in such stories, compromising situations occur and marriages must be made. A light romp through a somewhat gentler time (at least) for the gentry.

And now for a contemporary tale: From Julie Garwood, is "The Ideal Man" (LP F GAR J). It is not much different from Balogh's story. Just the year is



different; the woman is an independent woman and the man is a protector, just like the Earl was/is. Dr. Ellie Landry is the witness in the shooting of an FBI agent by a couple identified as the Landrys. Ellie has gone to South Carolina for her sister's wedding; and Agent Max Daniels has arrived to be her shadow as witnesses against the Landrys have a habit of disappearing. Sparks soon fly, etc., etc.

I think you know how

this is going — another feisty Southern gal comes up against a protective man, who is going to save her, even if, doggone it, she doesn't want to be saved.

Dick Francis has written 45 mysteries, all connected in some way with horse racing. He also was a jockey, so he knows the horse racing world intimately. Joined by his son, Felix, he has written "Even Money" (F FRA D), which takes place at Ascot, one of

the world's most famous horse racing venues.

Ned Talbot has worked all his life as a book-maker, so he knows the ups and downs of the gambling life. When a gray-headed man steps from the crowd, claiming to be his father, Ned is stunned. He had been told his parents had died in a car crash.

He is further astonished when his father is found dying from a stab wound to the abdomen, warning his son to "be very careful." But careful of what? Or whom? Of course, this is where I leave you with the dictum, check out this book and find out.

In the large print section, there is also "Gamble" (LP F FRA D) by Dick and Felix Francis.

Continuing from last week on the medical side: "This Won't Hurt a Bit (and other white lies): My Education in Medicine and Motherhood" (610.92 AU M0) by Michelle Au reads like a roller coaster ride. Both Au and her

husband are residents, about to have a baby early in the start of their residencies. I have read through some of her chapters and it takes a great deal to be a doctor.

If you read the W.E.B. Griffin series Honor Bound (the one with Cletus Frade), the latest volume is "Victory and Honor" (LP F GRI W). Weeks after Hitler's suicide, Frade and his colleagues in the OSS find themselves in battles just as fierce as those fought on the battlefield.

The first is political — will the OSS survive? The second — will Josef Stalin start a third world war? Frade will be asked to conduct an operation to investigate Stalin and his men to see what they are up to.

Happy reading! I will be on KBST's "Community Calendar" with Bill Norris at 8:20 a.m. Thursday to talk books and library stuff.

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Law-breaking Gumby turns himself in

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Gumby has surrendered.

San Diego police say the man accused of trying to rob a convenience store last week dressed as the famous claymation character turned himself in Tuesday.

Detective Gary Hassen tells the San Diego Union-Tribune (<http://>

bit.ly/n6uO2H) that Jacob Kiss and Jason Giramma voluntarily went to police headquarters. He says Kiss brought the Gumby suit and turned it in as well.

Police say a man dressed in a Gumby costume and an accomplice went into a 7-Eleven in Rancho Penasquitos on Labor Day

and told the clerk it was a robbery.

The clerk thought it was a prank and dismissed him. Both then left the store.

Surveillance video shows the clumsy would-be robber struggling to keep the green suit on as he walked out the door.



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Perry faces new criticism for vaccine order

AUSTIN (AP) — Four years ago, Gov. Rick Perry put aside his social conservative bona fides and signed an order requiring Texas girls to be vaccinated against HPV.

The human papillomavirus is a sexually spread virus that can cause cervical cancer, and he says his aim was protecting against that cancer. But it didn't take long for angry conservatives in the Legislature to override a measure they thought tacitly approved premarital sex, and for critics to accuse Perry of cronyism.

Now Perry's taking heat on the issue anew as he runs for the presidential nomination of a GOP heavily influenced by conservatives who are sour on the government

dictating health care requirements. Illustrating the delicate politics at play, he's both defending himself and calling his action a mistake.

"If I had it to do over again, I would have done it differently," Perry said Monday night as he debated his rivals, insisting that he would have worked with the Legislature instead of unilaterally acting. But he did not back down from his stance that girls should be vaccinated against the virus, which is generally spread by sexual contact. He argued that it wasn't a mandate and noted that he included the right for parents to opt out of the vaccinations.

"This was about trying to stop a cancer," he said. "I am always going to err on the

side of life."

Not that the explanation satisfied his GOP opponents.

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum told Perry, "This is big government run amok. It is bad policy, and it should not have been done."

And Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, looking to siphon support from Perry's base of evangelical and tea party supporters, said: "To have innocent little 12-year-old girls be forced to have a government injection through an executive order is just flat out wrong." She also noted that that the company that makes the vaccine, Merck & Co., employed Mike Toomey, Perry's former chief of staff, as a lobbyist in Texas, and that the drug company had donated to

Perry's campaigns.

Renewing the attack Tuesday, Bachmann said on NBC's "Today" show that "it's very clear that crony capitalism could likely have been the cause" of Perry's executive order.

The exchanges mirror the criticism Perry took in 2007.

It all began when Merck, which won approval for the first HPV vaccine a year earlier, was spending millions lobbying state legislators to require girls to be vaccinated with the new product, Gardasil. The company also was donating money to a national organization called Women in Government, which in Texas was led by state Rep. Dianne White Delisi, who chaired the House public health commit-

tee. She was also the mother-in-law of Perry's chief of staff at the time, Deirdre Delisi — the same woman who now is one of Perry's top presidential campaign aides.

Schedule and campaign finance reports show that on one day — Oct. 16, 2006 — Deirdre Delisi held a staff meeting to discuss the vaccine and Merck's political action committee gave Perry \$5,000. The drug maker had previously given \$6,000 in donations. Perry's office called the timing of the donation a coincidence.

A review of campaign finance reports shows that Merck's political action committee continued to contribute, a total of \$17,500 to Perry's campaign fund.

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Romney's aggressive approach here to stay

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — An assertive Mitt Romney has emerged in the GOP presidential race.

The former Massachusetts governor has shown little willingness to assail his Republican competitors over

the past few months, focusing all of his criticism on President Barack Obama. But in one night, Romney became the most prominent aggressor in a growing effort by the GOP field to derail front-runner Rick Perry. And in doing so, Romney may have started to ease concern within the GOP establishment over the strength of his candidacy.

"Those doubts were erased," Steve Duprey, a Republican National Committee member from New Hampshire who is unaligned in the race, said Tuesday, a day after a Republican presidential debate in Tampa, Fla., where Romney tested out his on-the-attack approach. "In a dominant fashion, he showed he could take and fend off Governor Perry's blows and at the same time deliver sound, hard-hitting policy criticisms of Governor Perry. After that debate, Romney looked strong. Perry looked dazed."

It's the beginning of a new phase in Romney's campaign; aides say the time has come to contrast Romney's record with those of his oppo-

nents and they expect Romney will keep the pressure on Perry, specifically. Criticism on issues like immigration, Social Security and jobs is expected on the campaign trail, in an upcoming debate next week, and, perhaps, in TV and radio ads eventually.

The shift reflects a growing sense of urgency in Romney's campaign and others that Perry must be knocked down before he becomes too strong and runs away with the nomination.

For months, Romney sat atop public opinion polls across the nation and in early primary states, seemingly the preference of Republican voters who denied him their party's presidential nomination in 2008.

He spent much of the year ignoring darts from his rivals.

Then Perry entered the race a month ago and immediately shot to the lead in polls. Within days, Romney started drawing contrasts with Perry without naming him, highlighting his own business background while generally noting that there also

were "career politicians" in the race. It was an obvious reference to Perry, who — like some other candidates — has spent most of his adult life in and around politics. Even when asked pointed questions, Romney was careful not to directly engage.

He showed signs of a willingness to go after Perry in their first debate together last week, but he shifted his strategy completely during the opening minutes of Monday's debate as the candidates sparred over Social Security, the program Perry has repeatedly described as a "Ponzi scheme" that may violate constitutional principles.

Romney quickly became Perry's lead interrogator.

"The question is, do you still believe that Social Security should be ended as a federal program as you did six months ago when your book came out and returned to the states or do you want to retreat from that?" Romney asked Perry.

"I think we ought to have a conversation," Perry said before being cut off.

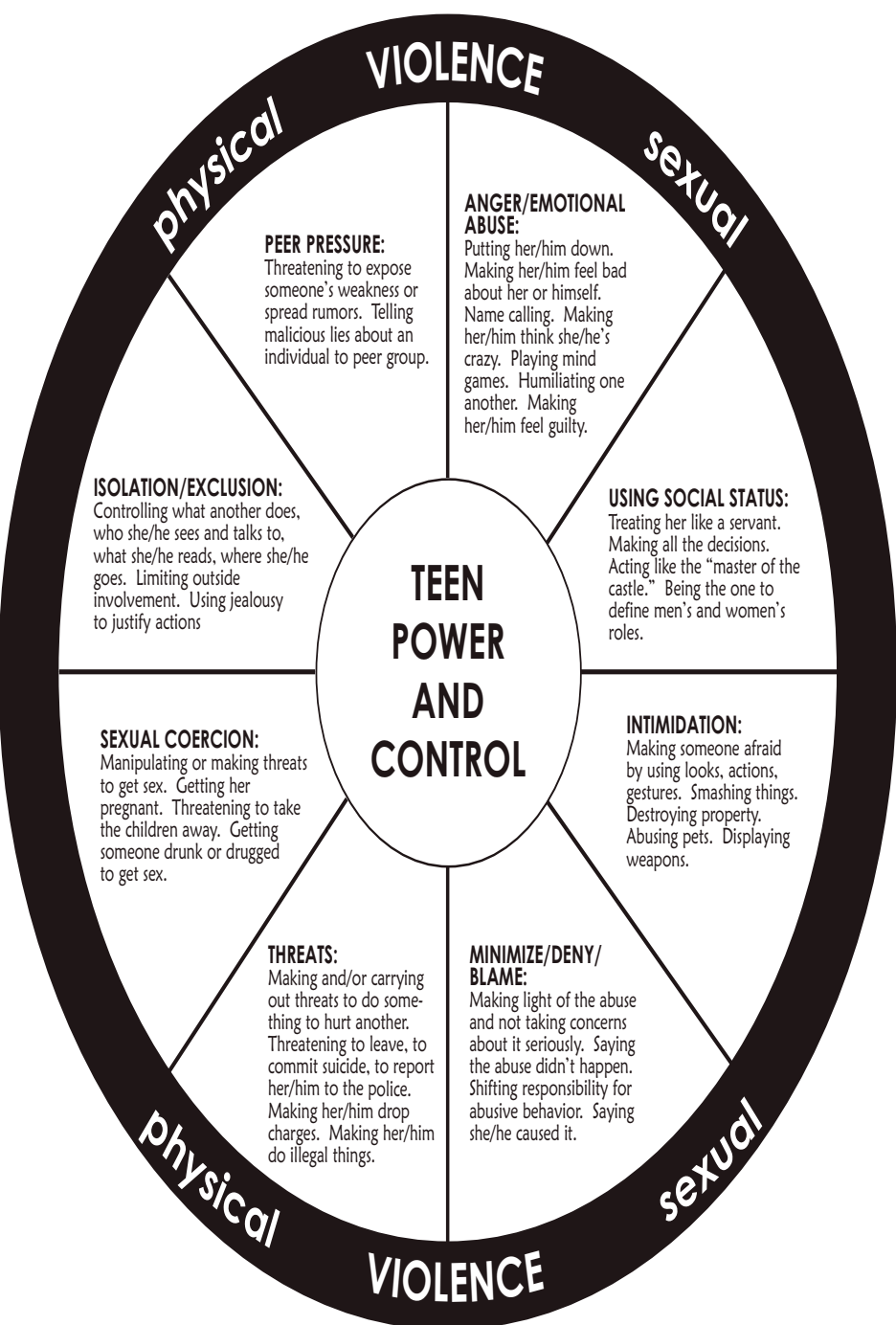
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News in brief

Wildfires damage nearly all of Bastrop State Park

BASTROP (AP) — Nearly all of a Central Texas state park has been blackened by wildfires. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says about 95 percent of Bastrop State Park, located 25 miles east of Austin, has been scorched. Officials say the 6,500-acre park will likely be closed through October.

Officials say all 13 stone and wooden cabins, built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, have survived wildfires that flared last week. The park has National Historic Landmark status.

Crews on Thursday plan to check other park structures for damage.

Superintendent Todd McClanahan said the park house where he and his family live survived the flames. McClanahan says officials are concerned that the park suffered a tremendous loss of wildlife, including endangered Houston toads.

Boy dies after hit by DPS car in College Station

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Police say a 14-year-old boy has died after being struck by a Texas Department of Public Safety patrol car in Central Texas.

College Station police say the accident happened around 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Police say the boy was hit while trying to cross a road. The victim suffered a head injury. He died at a hospital.

DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange (TEE'-'luh manj) told The Associated Press that authorities are investigating the accident. She says the trooper was on patrol when the boy was struck.

Names of the boy and the trooper haven't been released.

Dental records ID Texan accused of killing wife

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — Dental records have been used to identify a South Texas man who was sought after his wife was slain.

New Braunfels police say a body found Sept. 8 near an abandoned vehicle was 43-year-old Shannon Dee Smith.

A murder warrant was issued for Smith after his 43-year-old wife, Lisa, was stabbed to death during an April 8 domestic dispute in New Braunfels. The couple's teenage son and daughter were also hurt.

A property caretaker checking a heavily wooded area came upon a truck matching one owned by Smith. Police say the truck apparently went through a retention pond and wrecked in a wooded area. Some human remains were nearby.

Police on Tuesday announced Smith had been identified.

West Texas teen accused of deception, faked cancer

EL PASO (AP) — A West Texas teenager has been accused of faking cancer and collecting about \$17,000 in donations.

Police say 18-year-old Angie Gomez of Horizon City has been charged with theft by deception.

Detective Liliana Medina says there is nothing to indicate that Gomez had cancer. Police received a complaint in June that Gomez, who claimed she was dying from leukemia, did not appear to be sick.

Police on Tuesday announced the charge against Gomez, who had not been arrested. El Paso County Jail records Wednesday did not indicate that Gomez was in custody. Online listings did not have a telephone number for Gomez.

Gomez in May announced she'd started a foundation, called Achieve The Dream, to benefit cancer-stricken children. A website for the foundation was not in service Wednesday.

Man accused in Texas rapes claims mental illness

EDNA (AP) — Testimony is scheduled to continue in Edna in the trial of a Texas man accused of raping several older women.

The prosecution is expected to rest Wednesday in the case of 54-year-old Billy Joe Harris, the man accused of being "The Twilight Rapist."

DNA samples link Harris to six assaults or attempted assaults during a two-year period. He has been charged with the sexual assault of a disabled person in a case in Jackson County, and has pending charges in other counties.

A 59-year-old disabled woman testified Tuesday that Harris broke into her apartment Jan. 8 at an assisted-living facility in Edna and raped her. Edna is about 100 miles southwest of Houston.

The Victoria Advocate reports that Harris' attorney said his client suffers from multiple personality disorder.

More than 3,000 rounds of ammo seized at border

DEL RIO (AP) — More than 3,000 rounds of ammunition have been seized from a vehicle examined at a border crossing in Texas.

Customs and Border Protection officers in Del Rio confiscated the ammo from a truck preparing to head into Mexico.

Authorities on Tuesday said the driver was taken into custody, pending possible federal charges. Further details on the 39-year-old woman from Del Rio were not immediately released.

The vehicle was also seized during the incident Saturday at the Del Rio International Bridge.

3 caught in Mexico indicted over U.S. bank robberies

WACO (AP) — Three suspected bank robbers caught in Mexico have been indicted over holdups in Texas and Missouri.

A federal grand jury in Waco on Tuesday indicted 25-year-old Jeffrey Brent Heckman, 23-year-old Jacob Thomas Norris and 23-year-old Alexia Quentasha Baker, all from Macon, Mo. Each has been charged with conspiracy to commit bank robbery and bank robbery.

Norris and Baker are also charged with being accessories after the fact.


Prosecutors say the suspects have been linked to the July 8 holdup of Merchants & Farmers Bank in Columbia, Mo., and the July 11 robbery of Texell Credit Union in Temple, Texas.

Ex-drug dealer executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Former drifter and drug dealer Steven Michael Woods was executed Tuesday evening for a double murder more than a decade ago north of Dallas.

Woods, 31, acknowledged he was present in May 2001 when Ronald Whitehead, 21, and Bethena Brosz, 19, were fatally shot and had their throats slashed near a golf course in Denton County but insisted he was not involved and blamed the murders on another man, his friend Marcus Rhodes.

Woods was tried first for the slayings, was convicted and sentenced to die. Rhodes then pleaded guilty and accepted a life prison term.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

How to Capture a Queen

South dealer.
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NORTH
♠ 9 2
♥ K 8 6 4
♦ Q 10 3
♣ Q 10 9 5

WEST
♠ 6
♥ Q J 10
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ K J 8 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ A 9 3
♦ 8 2
♣ A 7 6 3

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
3♦ Pass 3 NT Pass
4♠

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at four spades and West leads the Q-J-10 of hearts, East winning the third round with the ace. East plays the ace of clubs, which you ruff, and the question is how to handle the trump suit. There are two possible approaches to this card combination.

One is to cash the ace of spades before entering dummy with a diamond to take a trump finesse. The purpose of the ace play is to guard against the possibility of the singleton queen in the West hand.

The other method of play is to cross to dummy at once with a diamond, lead the nine of spades and let it ride. If the nine wins, declarer repeats the finesse.

In the actual deal, the second line of play makes the contract, while the first loses it. The question that naturally arises is which approach is correct, without the benefit of having seen the East-West cards.

There is no doubt that in the long run, the second method of play is far superior to the first. The so-called safety play of cashing the ace first, to protect against the singleton queen, is a snare and a delusion.

While it is true that it gains whenever West has the queen singleton, it loses four times as often, whenever West started with the singleton 7, 6, 5 or 4. When West has one of the small singletons, declarer eventually loses a trump trick if he cashes the ace first, but does not lose a trump trick if he takes a first-round finesse.

Tomorrow: The Merrimac Coup.
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News in brief

New evidence cites more BP oil spill mistakes

A key federal report into what caused the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history was being readied for release as early as Wednesday amid revelations that BP made critical mistakes on the well and failed to tell its partners and the U.S. government when it realized it.

An investigation team of the U.S. Coast Guard and the agency that regulates offshore drilling held hearings over the course of a year following the April 20, 2010, Deepwater Horizon tragedy. The Coast Guard-Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement investigation has been among the most exhaustive.

Other investigations have faulted misreadings of key data, the failure of the blowout preventer to stop the flow of oil to the sea, and other shortcomings by executives, engineers and rig crew members.

Meanwhile, interviews and documents obtained by The Associated Press show a BP scientist identified a previously unreported deposit of flammable gas that could have played a role in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, but the oil giant failed to divulge the finding to government investigators for as long as a year.

U.S. ambassador says Pakistani-based Haqqani network responsible for coordinated Kabul attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan says the Pakistani-based Haqqani network is behind the coordinated attack against the American Embassy and NATO headquarters in the heart of Kabul.

Ambassador Ryan Crocker says the attack, which ended on Wednesday morning after a 20-hour gun-battle, will not affect the transfer of security responsibilities from the U.S.-led military coalition to the Afghan security forces.

The Haqqani network is affiliated with both the Taliban and al-Qaida.

Crocker says it's in the long-term interest of Pakistan, Afghanistan and the international community to bring the group under control, as well as other militants who retain safe havens across the border in Pakistan.

AP poll: Narrow majority supports legal recognition of gay marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barbara Von Aspern loves her daughter, "thinks the world" of the person her daughter intends to marry and believes the pair should have the same legal rights as anyone else. It pains her, but Von Aspern is going to skip their wedding. Her daughter, Von Aspern explains, is marrying another woman.

"We love them to death, and we love them with-

out being judgmental," the 62-year-old Chandler, Ariz., retiree said. "But the actual marriage I cannot agree with."

It's complicated, this question of legitimizing gay marriage. Americans are grappling with it from their homes to the halls of government in the shadow of a presidential election next year. The ambivalence is reflected in a new poll that shows the nation is passionate, conflicted and narrowly split on same-sex marriage.

Fifty-three percent of the 1,000 adults surveyed believe the government should give legal recognition to marriages between couples of the same sex, about the same as last year, according to the nationwide telephone poll by The Associated Press and the National Constitution Center. Forty-four percent were opposed.

People are similarly conflicted over what, if anything, the government should do about the issue.

Iranian judiciary clouds bail-for-freedom plan for 2 Americans

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A bail offer for two Americans convicted of spying is still under review, Iran's powerful judiciary said Wednesday in a potentially embarrassing rejection of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's prediction that their release could be in a matter of days.

The statement by the hard-line judiciary appears to be a message that only its officials can set the timetables and conditions on any possible release and not the president, who is locked in a bitter power struggle with Iran's ruling clerics who control the courts.

It also could be a swipe at Ahmadinejad's hopes of timing the release the Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal with his expected arrival in New York next week for the U.N. general assembly.

On Tuesday, defense lawyer Masoud Shafiee said that the court handling the case set bail of \$500,000 each for the Americans, who were detained in July 2009 while hiking along the Iran-Iraq border. A third American, Sarah Shourd, was released last year on the same bail — but only after similar mixed messages between Ahmadinejad and the judiciary over the timing.

In the end, Shourd left Iran on a private jet to the Gulf state of Oman just as Ahmadinejad was heading for New York.

After years of fighting germs, U.N. to focus on new global killers: heart, lung disease; cancer

What's killing us? For decades, global health leaders have focused on diseases that can spread — AIDS, tuberculosis, new flu bugs. They pushed for vaccines, better treatments and other ways to control germs that were only a plane ride away from

seeding outbreaks anywhere in the world.

Now they are turning to a new set of culprits causing what United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon calls "a public health emergency in slow motion." This time, germs aren't the target: We are, along with our bad habits like smoking, overeating and too little exercise.

Next week, the U.N. General Assembly will hold its first summit on chronic diseases — cancer, diabetes and heart and lung disease. Those account for nearly two-thirds of deaths worldwide, or about 36 million. In the United States, they kill nearly 9 out of 10 people. They have common risk factors, such as smoking and sedentary lifestyles, and many are preventable.

It's hard to fathom the suffering these maladies are causing in some parts of the world.

Motorcyclist's family says rescuers risked lives to lift burning car, pull him to safety

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — The students knew they had to act quickly when they disregarded the dangers of approaching a smoking car and rushed to help lift it so a man — trapped beneath with a motorcycle just feet away in flames — could be freed.

Abbass Sharif, 28, remembers only that something needed to be done as he, a fellow Utah State University doctoral candidate and more than half dozen others lined up on one side of the 4,000-pound car. They were able to lift it within moments, allowing one of the rescuers to pull Brandon Wright to safety.

"The chance of him dying if we don't do it is like 100 percent," Sharif said, recalling the sequence of events that played out Monday in Logan, a college town roughly 90 miles north of Salt Lake City. "If you weigh the chance of you being in danger, that's going to be low, like 20 percent, compared to 100 percent."

After the heroic act, Assistant Logan Police Chief Jeff Curtis said one could "only speculate what the outcome would have been" had none of the rescuers sprung to action.

Freed of economic shackles, Libyans anticipate post-war boom

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Airlines are readying their return to Libya, ports largely shuttered during the fighting are receiving cargos and foreign oil companies that had fled the country's civil war are making tentative steps back.

And waiting eagerly on the doorstep are businessmen looking to get in on what they believe could be a bonanza for investment — an oil-rich nation with large tourism and construction potential that went largely untapped under an eccentric and often closed 42-year-long regime. Slowly, Libya is reopening its doors after seven months of fighting, even as former rebels still hunt for ousted dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

"Definitely, Libya is an El Dorado," said Husni Bey, one of Libya's biggest entrepreneurs. "It has great resources that really allow it to turn around in no time."

The optimism is tempered by the challenges the country faces in overcoming decades of underdevelopment and corruption that helped fuel the uprising against Gadhafi.

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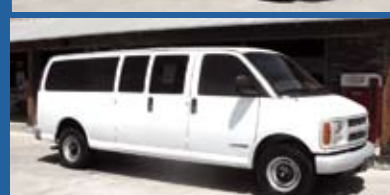
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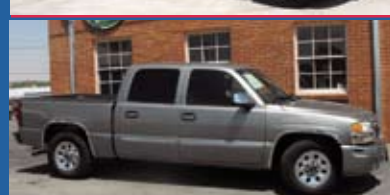
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Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Lady Steers booster meeting

The Lady Steers' Booster Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Parents of girls in volleyball, basketball, cross country, cheerleading, track and also coaches of those sports are invited. Junior high parents are also welcome. For more information, contact Cheri Reibe at 432-268-9587.

Scarborough's 215 lowest score at country club

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

In the Big Spring Country Club championship tournament, the first flight was dominated by Blake Broman.

His combined 218 score for three rounds was three strokes ahead of Justin Myers. Tawleigh McCullough finished in third place in the flight, shooting a 223.

In the second flight, Brian Heidelberg and R. C. Reed both finished the day with a 235. Reed came from behind to tie in the second round, shooting a 79 to

force the tie.

Heidelberg eventually won the flight, with Byron Harris coming in third place with a 237.

In the third flight, Steve Waggoner ran away with the lead, shooting 80, 78 and 78 for a final score of 236. Danny Whitehead came in second place with a 244, with Delvin Guinn right behind him with a 245.

Also notable in this flight was the first round score of Heath Bailey. His 66 was the lowest round recorded in the tournament.

Rocky McCullough finished the fourth flight with

a 10-stroke lead, never going over 80 in any given round. Scores of 77, 77 and 79 gave him a total of 233.

Johnny Earp took second place in the flight, shooting a 243. Drew Mouton finished the day in third place with a 247.

In the fifth flight, Mike Scarborough recorded the lowest three-round score of the tournament. Scarborough's 215 (69, 74 and 72) gave him a comfortable margin for the win.

In second place, was Jerry Dudley with a 223, followed by Kyle Ditto with his score of 225.

City council slices into pockets of local golfers

Green fees to go up 20 percent

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The city-run golf course at Comanche Trail Park came under fire during Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as local golf enthusiasts spoke out against proposed increases in the facility's fees.

Members of the city council approved first reading of an amendment that will substantially raise fees charged at the course on a 6-1 vote, with District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. casting the single vote against the measure.

The increase would

have weekday green fees go from \$15 to \$18 per person; weekend and holiday green fees from \$20 to \$22 per person; and cart fee for 18 holes of golf from \$20 to \$25.

The amendment would also do away with the private cart rider fee and offer annual green fees for individual unlimited play for \$625; individual limited play for seniors 65 or older for \$475; individual limited play for juniors 17 years or younger for \$150; family unlimited play for \$850; and family limited play for seniors 65 and older for \$600.

The city course would

also offer an annual fee for unlimited use of the driving range — including an unlimited supply of driving range balls — for \$250.

At least one local golfer believes the hike in fees is unjustified, however.

"Before the renovations out at the golf course a few years ago, we had a course that was probably a six on a scale of one to 10," John Leonardi, a local golf enthusiast. "However, since the renovations we have what I'd consider a one (on that scale)."

Leonardi went on to deliver a laundry list of problems with

the existing course, including problems with cart paths, soggy areas caused by leaking water traps and muddy sand traps.

Mayor Tommy Duncan explained the increase in fees is part of an effort to have the golf course — and several other city attractions — either break even from a fiscal standpoint or finish the year in the black.

"The golf course has been falling short of that by approximately 25 percent," Duncan said. "That money either has to come from the

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Texas Girls Coaches Association State Volleyball Poll

Class 3A

1. Lucas Lovejoy
2. Argyle
3. Decatur
4. Wimberley
5. Tarkington
6. Gatesville
7. Celina
8. LaVernia
9. LaGrange
10. Pampa
11. Big Spring Lady Steers
12. Paris North Lamar
13. Commerce
14. Abilene Wylie
15. Zapata
16. Monahans
17. Bonham

NFL standings and schedule

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Eng	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	41	7
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami	0	1	0	.000	24	38

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	34	7
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	16	14
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	14	16
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	7	34

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	35	7
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	35

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	7	41
Denver	0	1	0	.000	20	23

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	28	14
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	31	13
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	24	27
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	14	28

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	34	42
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	21	28
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	30

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	30	12

Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	42	34
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	17	24

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Fran	1	0	0	1.000	33	17
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	13	31
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	17	33

Sunday, Sep. 18 (all times Eastern)
Chicago at New Orleans, 1 p.m.

Baltimore at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Oakland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.

Seattle at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Cleveland at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Dallas at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at Denver, 4:15 p.m.

Houston at Miami, 4:15 p.m.

San Diego at New England, 4:15 p.m.

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 19
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.

Lockout did not hurt NFL rookies

DENVER (AP) — So, maybe that long lockout didn't hurt the NFL rookies after all — aside from the big hits they took to their wallets.

With the league's new salary structure redistributing the mega-millions to vested veterans instead of first-year players, and encouraging the 2011 draft class to prove its worth, a slew of rookies distinguished themselves on the NFL's opening weekend.

The stellar debuts included those by Green Bay receiver/returner Randall Cobb, Seattle wide receiver Doug Baldwin, Washington linebacker Ryan Kerrigan and cornerback/punt returner Patrick Peterson of the Arizona Cardinals.

None was more impressive — or seemed more improbable — than the performance of Carolina's Cam Newton, who broke the NFL record for most yards passing by a rookie in his pro debut.

The Heisman Trophy winner from Auburn was the first overall draft pick, but questions about his accuracy carried through the preseason, when he completed barely 40 percent of his passes and looked as lost as any rookie who missed more than four months of workouts due to the league's labor dispute.

Now, the questions have turned from whether he'll be a good NFL quarterback to just how good he'll be af-

ter breaking the mark of 346 yards set by Hall of Famer Otto Graham in 1950.

Newton ignited a Carolina offense that finished last in the NFL in total offense, yards passing, and scoring last season by throwing for 422 yards, the fifth-highest opening day total in NFL history (it was the fourth-highest for 24 hours before being surpassed Monday night by Tom Brady).

"He did everything everybody didn't expect him to do," said receiver Steve Smith, who caught TD throws of 77 and 26 yards from Newton. "He was on point. He made some great runs, some great reads and some fantastic throws."

Newton may have made a believer out of some of his critics, but his teammates have always been in his corner.

"He's had the world on his shoulders for a year now and I think he's sort of getting used to it," Pro Bowl left tackle Jordan Gross said. "It was a tough game. He got hit a lot and there was a lot of crowd noise. He had incredible composure against all odds. He was as advertised."

Of course, the rookie in that game who came out a winner wasn't Newton but Peterson, who returned a punt 89 yards for the go-ahead touchdown and added five tackles in Arizona's 28-21 win.

Newton, whose bid for a game-tying drive in the final minute fell a yard short, makes his home debut Sunday against the defending champion Packers, who were sparked by their own remarkable rookie in Week 1.

Randall Cobb, a second-round draft pick out of Kentucky, caught a touchdown pass and tied an NFL record for longest kickoff return with a 108-yarder in the Packers' 42-34 win over the New Orleans Saints on Thursday night.

The opening weekend came to a close Monday night in Denver, where former Texas A&M pass-rusher Von Miller, who was selected one spot behind Newton in the draft, forced a fumble on his first snap as a pro. Scooping it up was safety and fellow rookie Rahim Moore, a second-round selection from UCLA.

They were two of the Broncos' record four rookies to start on opening day, a 23-20 loss to Oakland.

Other rookies made immediate impacts that didn't show up in fantasy football stats, at least not directly.

New England's first-round draft pick, left tackle Nate Solder, started for an injured Sebastian Vollmer, and Brady didn't miss a beat, shaking off a rare turnover to throw for a team record 517 yards and four touchdowns, including a 99-yarder to Wes Welker

in the Patriots' 38-24 win at Miami.

Solder helped the Patriots prove the exception to the notion that the offensive line and secondary would be the groups most affected by the lack of OTAs because they need the most synergy.

"We all worked together, and I think that's good for him," Solder said of Brady, who recorded the 11th 500-yard passing performance in NFL history.

Marcel Dareus, the third overall pick out of Alabama, was a beast for the Buffalo Bills in their 41-7 whooping of the Chiefs in Kansas City.

The Bills had the worst run defense in the league last year but with Dareus anchoring the middle with his 6-foot-3, 340-pound frame, they held Jamaal Charles to 56 yards rushing.

Although he was only credited with two tackles, Dareus was so good at jamming up the line of scrimmage with his brute force and agility that Buffalo's linebackers had a field day.

By contrast, the Chiefs got nothing from their rookies. Jonathan Baldwin, who hurt a thumb in a training camp fight with Thomas Jones, was one of many first-round picks across the league that weren't even active on opening weekend.

The Philadelphia Eagles didn't dress their top three

picks but started rookies at two important spots, sixth-rounder Jason Kelce at center and fourth-rounder Casey Matthews at middle linebacker.

Nine of the 32 first-rounders didn't play Sunday with five of them inactive.

And the low draft pick who got the highest marks was Chris Neild, a nose tackle from West Virginia whom the Redskins chose with the next-to-last overall pick in the draft.

He had two sacks and forced a fumble despite playing just a handful of snaps in Washington's 28-14 win over the Giants.

"In college last year I had three sacks the whole season, the year before that I had none," Neild said. "So I didn't expect that at all, I just went out there and tried to do my job."

Kerrigan, the Redskins' first-rounder, swung the momentum early in the third quarter when he batted Eli Manning's pass into the air, caught it and returned it 9 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

"I just remember not really being able to see anything," said Kerrigan, the No. 16 overall pick from Purdue, "as I was getting mauled by my teammates."

It was a familiar scene for first-timers across the NFL in Week 1.

Murphy homers twice in Rangers' 10-4 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — David Murphy is finding his September swing for the AL West-leading Texas Rangers. And it could keep him in the lineup even with slugger Nelson Cruz coming off the disabled list.

Murphy had a pair of solo home runs among his four hits before Josh Hamilton and Adrian Beltre went deep to power the Rangers to a 10-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

"Early in the season, I try so hard and want to play so well so badly I just get outside myself as a player," Murphy said. "Right now my approach is solid because I'm not trying to do too much. I'm trying to hit

line drives up the middle and if they make a mistake and leave a ball up, it might go in the gap or occasionally hit a home run. ... Bottom line, I didn't feel like it was going to happen this year. Things always work themselves out."

Back in the lineup on a regular basis after Cruz got hurt, Murphy has hit .424 with six homers and 20 RBIs over his last 16 games going back into last week of August — after only three RBIs his previous 22 games. Murphy scored four times against the Indians and has raised his overall average to .274, his highest since May 2.

With two weeks left in the regular season, the Rangers activated

Cruz from the disabled list earlier Tuesday, but want to ease him back on the field after his second DL stint because of leg problems. He had been out since Aug. 29 with a left hamstring strain.

Murphy's play will certainly help manager Ron Washington stick to that plan.

Then when Cruz is back, the manager plans to keep a spot in the lineup for Murphy, who last September hit .355 when the Rangers clinched the AL West title on way to their first World Series.

The Rangers stayed three games ahead of Los Angeles, which won later Tuesday night in Oakland.

"When Nelson comes back, it's not going to affect the way David is playing. ... He's going to continue to play if he continues to swing the bat the way he's swinging. How am I going to pull him out of the lineup," Washington said. "It's aggressive, he continued to work, didn't drop his head because things weren't going well."

Switch-hitting catcher Carlos Santana homered twice for Cleveland, becoming the first Indians batter since Victor Martinez on June 1, 2007, to go deep from both sides of the plate. He added a double between his homers, completing that at-bat after fouling a pitch hard off his left shin and needing a couple of minutes to gather himself.

Murphy already had both of his homers, his 10th and 11th of the season, before Elvis Andrus drew a one-out walk in the fifth off Justin Masterson (11-10) and Hamilton followed with his 20th homer, a scorching liner into the right-center field seats by the Texas bullpen for a 4-2 lead.

"He gave the rest of his teammates a chance to get in the flow," Washington said of Murphy. "And when they got in the flow, we pulled away."

The Rangers got four times in the sixth off Masterson and two relievers. Craig Gentry had a pinch-hit, two-run single and Andrus a two-run double.

Adrian Beltre extended his hitting streak to 17 games, matching a career high, when he led off the seventh with a 411-foot blast.

Beltre's 24th homer of the season came as the first major league batter faced by right-hander Zach Putnam, who then gave up a double to Murphy and a run-scoring single to Mike Napoli before finally recording an out.

"This is one of the best lineups in the league, right up there with the one in New York and the one in Boston. Nellie Cruz wasn't even in the lineup," Indians manager Manny Acta said. "They're so deep one through nine. Some other lineups, four guys in the middle are good. With these guys, one through nine, and they have a couple guys they can platoon."

Matt Harrison (12-9) gave up three runs on seven hits while pitching into the sixth inning in his first start for Texas in nine days. The left-hander struck out four and walked one.

Murphy pulled homers to right field in each

of his first two at-bats.

He led off the second, then two innings later hit a ball that ricocheted off the first row in the second deck of seats. It was his third career multihomer game, his first at Rangers Ballpark.

The last batter Masterson faced was Murphy, who led off the sixth with a slow roller up the first-base line.

Masterson fielded the ball and weakly flipped it toward the bag as Murphy reached on an infield single to start the sixth-inning outburst.

Masterson gave up six runs and eight hits with two strikeouts and three walks.

Notes: Texas is 7-1 against Cleveland this season.

Ian Kinsler extended his Rangers record with his 24th consecutive stolen base without getting caught.

He was promptly picked off at second base, though that doesn't affect his still-active streak.

Rangers DH Michael Young had an extra hit even before the game began.

Notice of Public Auction

Howard County Sheriff's Department will hold a Public Vehicle Auction at Action Wrecker Service Inc., on Wednesday, September 14, 2011.

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revenues of the course or from some other

department's budget. There are people in Big Spring who have never set foot on the golf course, and it's not right for them to have to pay for the operation of it.

"We've begun moving in the direction of having these attractions pay for their own operations. The city aquatic center is paying for its own operation, and we would like to see others be able to do the same thing."

Local resident Paul Jenkins challenged Duncan's plan, however.

"Are the baseball fields paying for themselves?" Jenkins asked the council. "Are the

city parks paying for themselves?"

City Manager Gary Fuqua disagreed with Leonard's assessment of the golf course.

"I don't agree. I don't agree with Mr. Leonard that the current golf course ranks a one," Fuqua said. "When it comes down to it we have to answer one question: How much money do we want to spend? We can hire guys to go out and sweep the cart paths, but that's more employees we have to pay for. That's the real question, how much are we willing to spend?"

Ramirez said he fears local golfers will simply stop frequenting

the course if efforts aren't made to improve the overall state of the park.

"I spoke to someone about the fee increases and they told me they didn't want to pay for a Cadillac and drive a Pinto," Ramirez said. "I'm afraid we're going to lose golfers because of this."

The council is expected to consider final reading of the increases in fees during its Sept. 27 meeting.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

This is a lucky day. The moon is in refreshing Aries. Mercury and Jupiter are in an auspicious arrangement that suggests the fulfillment of ambitious desires. Getting what you want may be as simple as asking nicely for it. Furthermore, Venus enters Libra, beginning a favorable new cycle for partnerships of all kinds.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You appreciate your position a lot better after spending time with someone who is not nearly as fortunate as you. It's sometimes difficult to see what you have until you look through another person's eyes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a clear idea of what your future will look like. You will take pleasure and pride in the fact that things seem to be shaping up right before your eyes.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). Your rational side will overpower your emotional side for now. In the end, though, emotions always win. If you temporarily bottle them up, just be sure to circle back and let them out when it's appropriate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You feel things deeply — sometimes too deeply for your own good. You can quietly breathe through strong feelings, though, and soon the emotions become manageable. Ultimately, they will fuel you instead of drain you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can't help but bring your special "you-ness" to everything you do. Just being around you is healing for someone. Your laughter chases the blues away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's always reassuring when you feel that people like you for who you are. But you are also wise to realize that "who you are" includes what you are able to do for the people in question.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not your job to prop up everyone around you, and yet it comes naturally to you. You're accustomed to having

others lean on you. Caution: Whatever you do now will set a precedent for the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A new activity will renew your vigor. Because you're not sure what to expect from this experience, your senses will be on high alert, ready to receive and react to the slightest input.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have made appointments you'd like to keep. Being on time requires that you resist the impulse to do "just one more thing" before the imaginary buzzer goes off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Getting stressful work out of the way will be key. You'll either do it now or decide to do it "never" — both ways will eliminate the problem. Tonight, you'll be a happy, peaceful version of yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll get closure on an emotional burden. This might be achieved by pouring your heart into a letter. You don't even have to send it to get the full benefit of the exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Conserve energy.

Your brain is doing subconscious and creative work, and a slower pace allows it to happen unimpeded. Also, get to bed at a decent hour to set yourself up for big success tomorrow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 14). You'll conjure magic dreams from the very core of your being. These aims are mostly selfless and have little to do with superficial matters. A friend's recommendation will open new resources. You'll enjoy an ambitious project in November. A study pays off in February. Wedding bells ring in May. Aquarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 4, 33, 29 and 20.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My boyfriend has wandering eyes, and I can't trust him. He insists that he would never cheat on me, but I have caught him ogling women many times, and to tell you the truth, it's getting old. How do you get a Sagittarius guy to have eyes for only one girl?"

Adventurous, passionate, enthusiastic Sagittarius is the sign of

exploring. A roaming spirit is better for a pioneer than an eyeball. In a calm, cool and collected way, bring the issue up to your boyfriend. Tell him how his ogling affects you and makes you feel, and ask him to please stop. Make it clear how important this really is to you — tell him it's non-negotiable. If he continues, then my advice is to toe a hard line and break up with him. It may seem harsh but this habit is probably so ingrained that he may never change. And if it is possible for him to change, he would need a very good reason — like the fact that you just broke up with him — to serve as the catalyst for that change.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Annie: A while back, I signed up for Facebook in order to stay in touch with friends and renew old acquaintances.

Several weeks ago, my husband's 35-year-old daughter, "Sheila," sent me a friend request. She has not been in touch with us since she turned 18, when my husband no longer had to pay child support. Obviously, they were never close. The only time we heard from her was when she wanted money.

I told my husband about the request, and he said to ignore it. But Sheila is now married with a child, and I'd like to think she has since matured and wants to reconnect with her father. Of course, his impression is that she wants something from us. Out of respect for my husband's wishes, I did not respond to Sheila's request.

Even though I have no desire to be Facebook friends with my husband's daughter, I feel stuck in the middle. I

think he should get to know her again and meet his grandchild. I do not want to go behind his back to establish contact. What should I do? — *Stuck in the Middle in Kansas*

Dear Stuck: We hope your husband realizes that an 18-year-old girl is apt to behave much differently than a 35-year-old married mother. As the adult during the divorce, it was your husband's responsibility to maintain a relationship with his child and not allow her adolescent anger to get in the way. We think Sheila deserves another chance, and so does your husband. Encourage him to make contact. He has a grandchild to think of. And if she's only after money, he'll find out soon enough. (And he can always say "no.")

Dear Annie: I am a single mom in my 40s. I've been divorced for two years and am dating again for the first time in more than 20. I recently met a great guy. I was

very upfront and let him know early on that I was looking for a long-term relationship. I am very traditional when it comes to dating and marriage.

In turn, he made it clear that he was not sure what he wanted. We go out to dinner and dancing, and I've met several of his friends. This seems like a relationship to me, but I don't want to make assumptions.

It's only been six weeks, but I need to know: Should I just be patient and let it play

out? Or do I talk to him again and tell him how I feel at this point? My heart and my head are telling me two different things. — *Hopeless Romantic*

Dear Hopeless: You are in too big of a hurry to make this permanent. Yes, it's a "relationship," but that means nothing when it comes to the long haul. This guy has told you that he isn't ready to commit. You haven't been dating all that long, and if you demand to know his future intentions now, you will push him away. You can enjoy what you have and hope there is more down the road. But if you are in a rush to get married, look elsewhere.

Dear Annie: I sympathize with "Tired of Wet Beds," whose 14-year-old stepson has enuresis. I went through the same thing with my daughter, who wet the bed until she was 11.

I discovered that an allergy to the lactose in milk can cause bedwetting. After my

daughter was off whole milk for three days, she stopped wetting the bed completely. If the stepson has any sensitivity to dairy products or if he was allergic to milk as a baby, this could be the root cause. There are milk products available with pre-digested lactose already in them that might help. Taking him off dairy for a few days will not hurt him and may prove an easy and inexpensive solution to the problem. — *Been There, Done That*

Dear Been There: Dozens of readers suggested that lactose intolerance could be a factor in bedwetting. We hope "Tired" will check it out.

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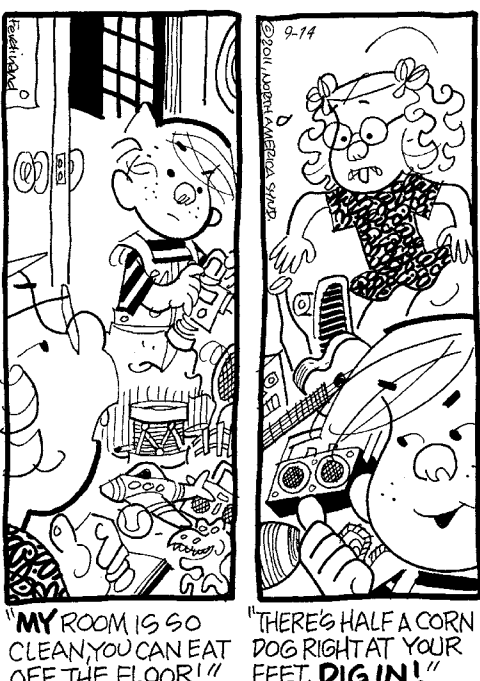
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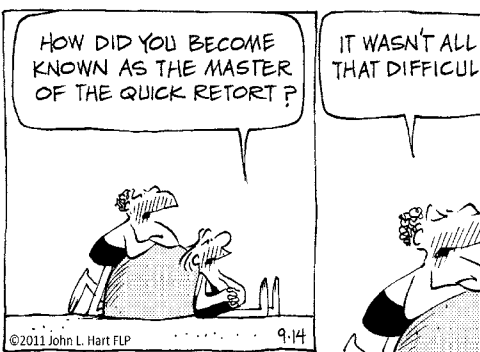
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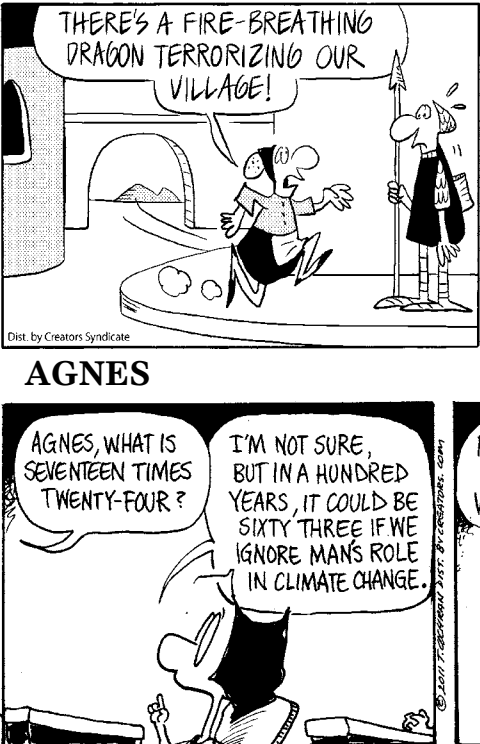
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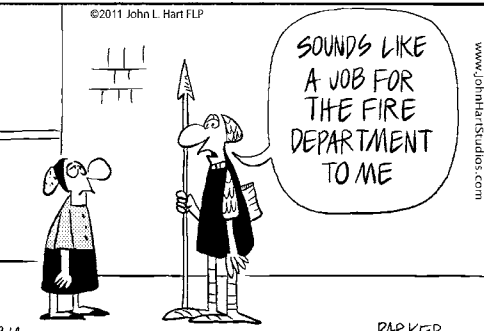
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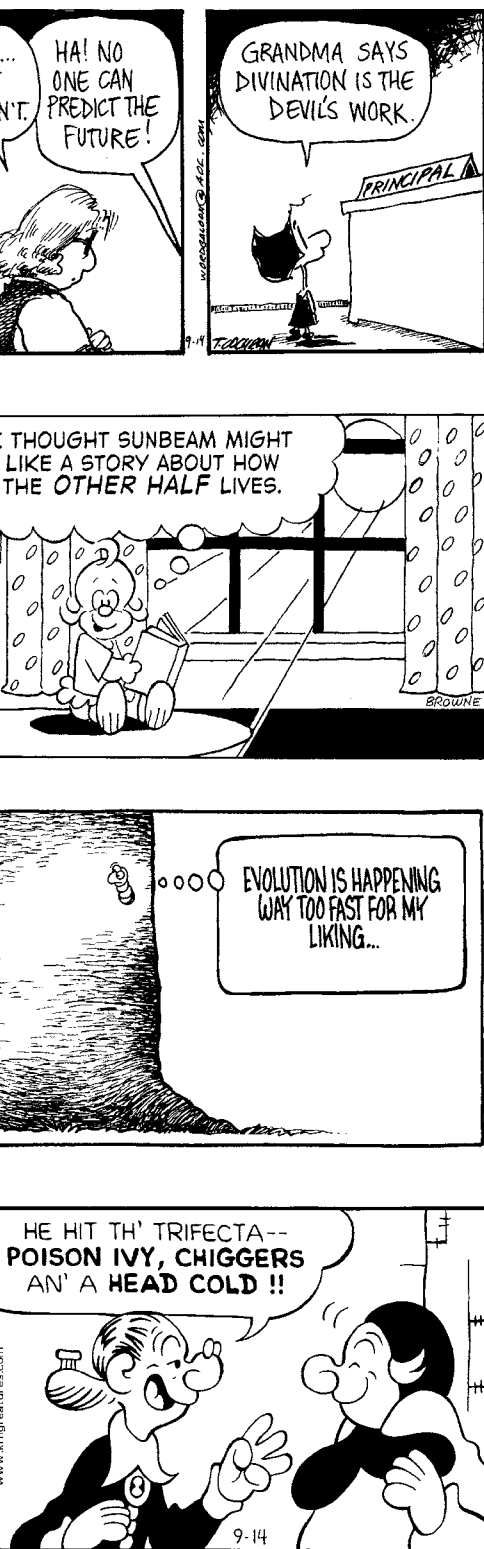
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UM...NOW WHY DID I COME IN HERE? I JUST HAD A...UH... WHADDYA CALL IT? A "SENIOR MOMENT" YEAH, I GUESS I HAD ONE OF THOSE A DOUBLE DOSE!

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 2011. There are 108 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write a poem after witnessing how the American flag continued to fly over Maryland's Fort McHenry after a night of British bombardment during the War of 1812; that poem, "Defence of Fort McHenry," later became the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner." On this date: In 1321, Italian poet Dante Alighieri (DAHN'-tay ahl-ee-GYEHR'-ee) died in Ravenna; he was believed to have been 56. In 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner Judah off Pensacola, Fla. In 1901, President William McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him. In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice (nees), France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car she was riding in. In 1941, Vermont passed a resolution enabling its servicemen to receive wartime bonuses by declaring the U.S. to be in a state of armed conflict, giving rise to headlines that Vermont had "declared war on Germany." In 1964, Pope Paul VI opened the third session of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, also known as "Vatican II." (The session closed two months later.) In 1981, the syndicated TV program "Entertainment Tonight" made its debut. In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before; Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel (bah-SHEER' jeh-MAY'-el), was killed by a bomb. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy,

Answer to previous puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Frolics, 6 'I've ___ up to here!', 11 Away from work, 14 WWII sub, 15 Geologic time unit, 16 Hunters' org., 17 'Hmmm... ', 19 ___-Mex cuisine, 20 Sort of bicycle, 21 Western resort lake, 23 Stove-top vessel, 24 Pour drinks, 26 Grumble, 30 Critic's work, 31 Wedding aide, 32 Chocolate substitute, 33 'Crunched' muscles, 36 Call for, 37 Expert, 38 'Right now! ', 39 Dander, 40 Impressionist painter, 41 Formal rulings, 42 Concertmaster's instrument, 44 Choice word, 45 Shrinks in fear, 47 Sluggers stats., 48 Broom-___ (comics witch), 49 Juarez hooray, 55 Kid prankster's taunt, 58 Marina del ___, CA, 59 Pickling liquid, 60 Sling ammo, 61 Colorant, 62 Decides to drop, 63 Lugged around, 13 Sent via phone, 18 Get misty-eyed, 22 Gulped down, 24 Artist's topper, 25 Stratford's river, 26 Local bond, familiarly, 27 Manual reader, 28 Devilish stare, 29 Turner who founded CNN, 30 Poe bird, 32 ___ Major (constellation), 34 Hold back, as breath, 35 Have the lead, 37 Garden pest, 38 Do nothing, 40 Gable film set in Africa, 41 Really turn off

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