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Standout students

Seven BSHS classmates score in elite level on national AP exams

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

For most educators, AP stands for Advanced Placement, college prep courses offered through many Texas high schools.

To Mike Ritchey, however, the letters stand for "Absolutely Perfect."

Ritchey, the principal at Big Spring High School, was using those words to describe the test results of six BSHS students in the latest round of national AP exams conducted earlier this year.

Those students — Andrew Fillingim, Blake Brorman, Lucas Ontiveros, Jackson Watkins, Connor Furqueron, Shermila Kher and Lacy McMurtrey — all scored in the elite level on the national tests, which were administered during the 2010-2011 school year. The results were only recently announced.

Fillingim (Calculus BC), McMurtrey and Watkins (Calculus AB) and Furqueron (History) all posted perfect scores of 5 on the tests, while the other three students scored 4 on the exams. To put those scores in context, a score of 3 is considered a passing grade by the National College Board, which administered the tests.

"A score of 4 places a student in an elite group of students nationwide," Ritchey said. "Even rarer than 3s and 4s are perfect scores of 5s."

In addition, Kher recently was named a semifinalist in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program, one of 16,000



Brorman



Fillingim



Furqueron



Kher



McMurtrey



Ontiveros



Watkins

students nationwide to attain that honor. She will compete with her fellow semifinalists for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million which will be offered next spring.

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Baldamor Cortez and Terry Kessler work on Lady Liberty's nose as part of the repair process. At this point, her arm has been straightened, her base fixed and the tablet also repaired.

Lady Liberty gets a nose job

(Along with a lot of other repairs)

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

It may be tedious work, but someone has to do it. And someone is.

Terry Kessler — owner of Hester's Mechanical Contractors Inc. — undertook the task of repairing Lady Liberty about a month ago as a way to bring his company together.

"The main goal was to get these guys working together," Kessler said. "As you can tell, by the way they are working on her ... it worked."

Lady Liberty was damaged

by a West Texas wind storm last spring and was removed from her post in front of the Municipal Auditorium and warehoused until repairs could be made.

"I never knew just how important she was until we started working on her," Kessler said. "The longer we work on her, the more important I realize she is and the more important she becomes to us."

At this point, Kessler and his employees have repaired her arm where it was bent

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Coahoma ISD receives an 'A' on its financial system

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Coahoma Independent School District's financial status received an "A" from the state of Texas, trustees learned during their Tuesday meeting.

The school board held a

public hearing on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report and learned the district had received a Superior Achievement rating from the Texas Education Agency.

Each year, TEA reviews the financial integrity of each

school district in the state, and the results are published in the FIRST report. Each district's financial system receives one of four ratings, ranging from the highest — Superior Achievement —

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High Plains agriculture featured in book

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

"Agriculture on the High Plains of Texas" is no longer just a way of life, but the title of Samantha Yates Borgstedt's new book. She will be holding a book signing at the Heritage Museum from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Borgstedt, along with Darren Hudson, have spent their time traveling and researching the different ways of life for agricultural farmers and



Borgstedt

ranchers in the High Plains area. The book is aimed at shedding light on the family aspect of American agriculture.

"This book contains many people, farms and ranches in the surrounding area. Big Spring is also an agriculturally tied area and I knew its residents would appreciate the pictures and stories the book contains," Borgstedt said.

"It promotes agriculture, an industry that supports the economy of Big Spring and its local communities."

The duo's research captures the diversity of production systems, business strategies and roles of support industries, revealing to the reader a broader world of farming, ranching and agribusiness, according to a press release. The book is comprised of personal stories and

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Obituaries

Lena Ellen Click Heard



Lena Ellen Click Heard, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chris Heard of Moorpark, Calif., and Robert Thompson of Big Spring officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lena was born Sept. 4, 1919, in Grayson County, Texas, to Rollie and Louella Click. She married Hubbard Heard on March 31, 1939, in Durant, Okla. Hubbard and Lena moved to Big Spring in 1950 and were members of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Lena took a business course at Howard College and worked for the Borden Milk Company as their bookkeeper. Then, for several years, she worked for Safeway. Later, she ran a day care in her home until her retirement in 1984.

Lena is survived by her daughter, Mildred Wooten and husband Henry of Corsicana, Texas; her son, Robert Heard and wife Linda of Abilene, Texas; her son, Joe Heard and wife Wilda of Roaring Gap, N.C.; daughter-in-law, Navauda Heard of Porter, Texas; one sister, Mary Lou Cooper and husband Don of Missouri City, Texas; sister-in-law, Cheryl Click of Big Spring, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Lena is preceded in death by her husband, Hubbard Heard in 1999; her son, Jimmy Heard in 2004; and brothers Gene Click, John Click and Glenn Click.

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

Paid obituary

Benito 'Benny' Rodriguez



Benito "Benny" Rodriguez, 44, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family received friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 12, 1967, in Big Spring, Texas, to Betty and Patricio Rodriguez. He was a self-employed contractor, plumber and carpenter. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Light House Restoration Center.

He is survived by one son, Jesse Rodriguez of Big Spring; three daughters, Vicki Viera, Josie Rodriguez and Sabrina Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; father, Patricio Rodriguez of Big Spring; one brother, Pat Richard Rodriguez of Big Spring; four sisters, Frances Morales of Springfield, Mo., Patricia Robles, Norma Shipp and Melissa Ruiz, all of Big Spring; one grandchild, Malachi Rodriguez of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Rodriguez; and one grandson, Adam Viera.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Rodriguez, Matt Robles, Pete Galan, John Galan, Caleb Chavez and Raymond Rodriguez. Honorary pallbearers will be Ruben Gutierrez Jr. and Patrick Ruiz.

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Paid obituary

Joe A. Lopez

Joe A. Lopez, 75, of Midland died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Eugenia Smithwick Ochoa (Kena)



Mrs. Eugenia Smithwick Ochoa (Kena) died Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a long illness. Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Martin Ortega officiating. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Wendol Lunsford officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial

Park.

She was born to John and Francisca Smithwick on July 31, 1922, in George West, Texas. She married Jose (Joe) Ochoa in 1940 in San Diego, Texas. She lived in Alice, Texas, until 1958, then moved to Big Spring. She often cared for her grandchildren and loved every one of them and her great-grandchildren. She also loved to garden and quilt.

She is survived by six sons, Fernando Ochoa and wife Soila of Midland, Texas, Robert Ochoa and wife Margrete of Pasadena, Texas, Joe Ochoa and wife Mary of Temple, Texas, Luis Ochoa and wife Guadalupe, Albert Ochoa and wife Tammy and Johnny Ochoa and wife Mary; four daughters, Odilia Granados and husband Mariano, Olga Fair and husband James, Norma Ochoa and Josephine Ochoa, all of Big Spring, Texas; 44 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; twin daughters; one son, Johnny Ochoa; a daughter, Oralia Ochoa; one grandson, Dave Ramirez; four brothers, Albert, Juan, Emilio and Ismael Smithwick; and one sister, Maria Garcia.

Pallbearers will be Freddie Ochoa Jr., Jessie Talamantez Jr., Jonnathan Ochoa, Jason Cerda, Marc Salazar and Chris Ochoa.

She will be deeply missed by friends and family.

Josephine Ochoa would like to thank all who cared for my mother, including Dr. Carrasco, Home Hospice, In-home Care, the staff at SMMC and Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL OSCAR YANEZ, 38, of 1105 Ridgeroad, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- MARTHA FINA LOPEZ, 39, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
- ALBERTO RIVAS, 52, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GEORGIO ALEXANDER TAYLOR, 21, address unknown, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 3600 block of Parkway. In the 1500 block of Wood.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 4000 block of Vicky.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3300 block of Auburn.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- GEORGIO ALEXANDER TAYLOR, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- MONA ALICIA SALDANA, 26, was transferred

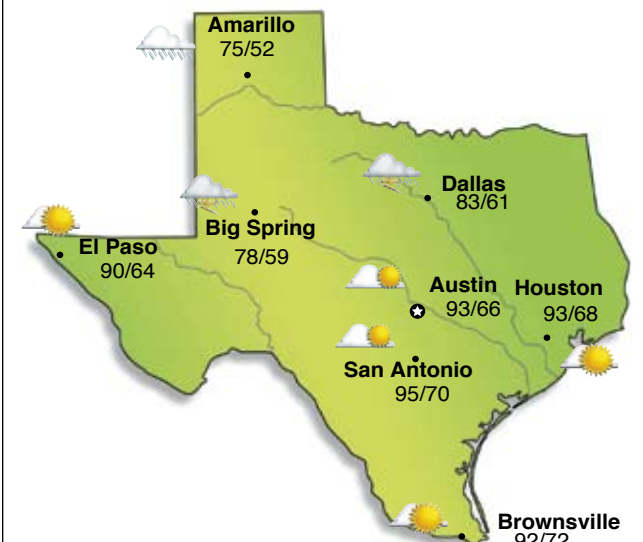
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	77	57	t-storm	Kingsville	95	69	mst sunny
Amarillo	75	52	rain	Livingston	93	63	t-storm
Austin	93	66	pt sunny	Longview	87	62	t-storm
Beaumont	91	67	mst sunny	Lubbock	70	53	t-storm
Brownsville	92	72	mst sunny	Lufkin	93	63	t-storm
Brownwood	86	61	t-storm	Midland	80	60	t-storm
Corpus Christi	94	71	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	71	mst sunny
Corsicana	85	62	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	68	mst sunny
Dallas	83	61	t-storm	San Antonio	95	70	pt sunny
Del Rio	94	70	mst sunny	San Marcos	94	66	pt sunny
El Paso	90	64	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	59	t-storm
Fort Stockton	89	62	pt sunny	Sweetwater	74	58	t-storm
Gainesville	77	52	rain	Tyler	86	62	t-storm
Greenville	81	57	t-storm	Weatherford	80	56	t-storm
Houston	93	68	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	72	52	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	64	t-storm	Minneapolis	56	46	rain
Boston	74	65	rain	New York	76	69	rain
Chicago	61	44	pt sunny	Phoenix	100	73	sunny
Dallas	83	61	t-storm	San Francisco	79	60	pt sunny
Denver	75	49	mst sunny	Seattle	71	63	rain
Houston	93	68	mst sunny	St. Louis	66	53	rain
Los Angeles	81	62	sunny	Washington, DC	80	71	t-storm
Miami	88	78	t-storm				

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to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, driving while license invalid and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), violation of a promise to appear (six counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts), driving while license invalid (two counts) and expired motor vehicle inspection (three counts).

• CATARINA FRANCO, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and failure to identify.

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- 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.

- 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 auto-

matically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

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

- A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure.

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in the fall, as well as the tablet that was also smashed. Repairs have also been made to the base.

"This is what we do for a living, but I can't take all the credit for all this," Kessler said. "I went out and found experts in their field in the areas we needed, such as fixing her arm, and asked them for their help."

He said it has been through the help of George Leatham at G and M Garage and John Bryans, owner of Big Spring Collision Center that Lady Liberty looks the way she does. Clinton Kessler and Baldamor Cortez, Hester's Mechanical employees, have also contributed their time to repairing Lady Liberty.

"The people that have come by and looked at her would think she's done, but she's not. There are still areas in

her arm and a few other areas that need to be worked out, but it's little details," Kessler said.

Cortez has also started re-creating three of her crown spikes and repairs have started on the others. The new molds have taken Cortez a little over five hours at this point.

Another aspect, which wasn't planned on being repaired, is her nose.

"We weren't going to give her a nose job, but with all the people that have brought it to our

attention, we decided we might as well go ahead and give her a nose job," Kessler said.

Lady Liberty first made her appearance in 1950 when she was placed on the front lawn of the auditorium as a gift to the Boy Scouts from Mr. and Mrs. Tom Good. According to West Texas Scouting History the monument was given in memorium of the Good's son, Jake, who had passed away in 1928. The statue was dedicated to the Nation-

al Boy Scouts of America theme "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty."

Lady Liberty stands at 13 feet, 4 inches tall, with her base, making her one-ninth of the 151-foot original statue that stands in New York. Her five-foot base is made of Austin stone and stands in the center of a huge star made of concrete and brick.

The work is not yet completely done, but progress is being made according to Kessler. Before long, Lady Lib-

erty will find her way back to her pedestal in front of the Municipal Auditorium.

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to the lowest — Substandard Achievement.

Interim Superintendent Gary Harrell said Coahoma ISD scored 76 out of a possible 80 points on the report to achieve the highest ranking.

Also Tuesday, the board approved the purchase of a new school bus from Blue Star Bus Sales of Lubbock through the state Buy Board.

The buy board is a purchasing service provided for school districts and other municipalities by the state comptroller's office which extends state contract prices to the school district. Before the state implemented the Buy Board, school districts were required to advertise and take separate bids on all capital expenditures, such as buses; however, now the state lets bids on numerous capital expenditure items through the comptroller's office.

Through this process,

the state can get better prices on major items and pass the savings along to school districts, Harrell said. Delivery of the new bus is expected by late November or early December.

HB 2038 (82nd Legislative Session) mandated that the University Interscholastic League (UIL) require all public school districts to approve a concussion and return to play policy and protocol and train designated school employees in concussion recognition and management in high school

sports. School officials presented a proposed plan to the Board that was developed by the UIL for school districts, which meets the mandates of this new law. The proposed concussion and return to play policy and protocol was approved by the Board, and designated school district employees are currently being trained in this area.

In other business Tuesday, trustees:

- Heard an update on the search for a new superintendent. Ronnie Kincaid, executive

director of Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene, told the board that applications for the position will be accepted through Oct. 7.

Harrell said it is possible a new superintendent could be hired by November or December.

- Learned that student enrollment stands at 819, up seven from August.

- Approved a policy covering the monitoring of students who suffer concussions during athletic events.

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photos of families, businesses and communities which are aimed at creating a broader understanding to what is involved in feeding and clothing the world.

"Our goal is to inform and educate people about agriculture and the families that work hard to bring them food and fiber," she said. "As well as show them its beauty through pictures and detail some of the technological advances the industry has undergone in a small time frame."

During the book signing, Borgstedt will answer questions attend-

ees might have as well as share stories behind the photos and their meaning to her along with experiences that aren't featured in the book.

"I am most looking forward to speaking with the readers and telling them about the stories and the pictures," she said. "I had a great time meeting with the farm-

ers, ranchers and agribusinesses involved. They all took time out of their busy schedules to tell me about and show me around their operations — not to mention my dad, who put up with me constantly photographing him, his cotton, cows and pretty much anything of his I thought would make a pretty picture."

"Agriculture on the

High Plains of Texas, will be available at Heritage Museum or orders can be placed online at www.agricultureonthehighplainsoftexas.com.

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OUR VIEWS

Howard County Fair is coming

A little bit of the old stuff and a little bit of the new stuff.

That is what this year's Howard County Fair will be made of.

After taking a year off, the Howard County Fair board has come back with some new ideas and activities for this year's event.

The fair will start Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. and conclude Oct. 1 at 10 p.m. The carnival will return and provide entertainment for all ages.

This year, Freddy Fusion will be making an appearance and entertaining kids with his science wonders. The show times are yet to be announced, but multiple shows will occur throughout the fair according to fair board members.

The Fair Queen contest will take place at 6 p.m., a domino tournament will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the activity barn and the entertainment tent will focus around gospel night.

Friday there will be an ice cream social at 1 p.m. Crystal River will take the stage at 6 p.m. in the entertainment tent and a cooking demo will take place in the kitchen activity barn. The ranch rodeo will be in the rodeo bowl at 7 p.m. and Heather Vassar will perform at 8 p.m.

Saturday -the final day of the fair - will include Kountry Kids contest, tractor pull, kid's tractor pull, another food demo and a pet contest. The carnival will open at 4 p.m. and Amber Diby will perform in the entertainment tent at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The ranch rodeo will continue their second night at 7.

The drawing for this year's quilt will also take place at 9:45 p.m. Saturday and all exhibits will close at 10 p.m.

Ticket prices are going to be \$6 for adults, \$4 for children (age 5-12) and those under 5 years of age will be free. Each ticket sold will help benefit Relay for Life, with \$1 from each ticket being donated in honor of Skipper Driver family.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, can turn the errors of our ways into the right way when we come to You.
Amen

What is classified as a 'Fair Share' of an anemic economy

"None of the changes I'm proposing are easy or politically convenient,"

President Obama noted from the Rose Garden on Monday. I've never seen a president less in a hurry to get things done — or as quick to display his deep reservoir of self-pity.

Consider: Obama's jobs proposal promises payroll tax cuts for most workers and tax increases on millionaires only. That's about as easy and convenient as politics gets. Yet, somehow, the president speaks as if his proposal is courageous. He even tells voters that he's making them share the deficit-reduction burden.

When George W. Bush was president, liberals frequently complained about the impropriety of cutting taxes while America was fighting two wars. With Libya, America is now fighting three wars, and liberals clearly didn't mean what they said about the need for national sacrifice. They supported Obama's provision for a one-year, 2 percent "holiday" in workers' contributions to Social Security payroll taxes. Now, Obama wants to shave off another 1.1

The mob takes a seat and takes the look of an audience

I love the smell of bloodlust in the evening.

Not every evening. Just the evenings that have Republican presidential debates.

There have been five such debates so far, but only the last two of them have been considered major because they have featured Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is leading in the polls.

Except the debates haven't really featured him. They have featured the audience.

If you have ever asked yourself how crowds could have gathered to cheer public burnings, beheadings and guillotins in times past, tune in to one of these debates, and you will stop asking.

At a Politico/NBC debate last week in Simi Valley, Calif., Brian Williams began asking Perry about one unique aspect of his record as governor: the number of people Texas has put to death.

Williams: "Gov. Perry, a question about Texas. Your state has executed 234 death row inmates, more than any other governor in modern times. Have you ..."

At this point, at least part of the audience burst into loud applause and whistles and stopped only because Williams continued with his question.

Williams: "... have you struggled to sleep at night with the idea that any one of those might have been innocent?"

Perry: "No, sir. I've never struggled with that at all. ... You kill one of our children, you kill a police officer, you're involved with another crime and you kill one of our citizens, you will face the ultimate justice in the state of Texas, and that is, you will be executed."

Here the audience erupted into very loud, prolonged applause with a couple of "whoops" thrown in. It was certainly the biggest audience reaction of the evening, so much so that Williams asked a good follow-up question on the fly.

Williams: "What do you make of that dynamic that just hap-

pened here, the mention of the execution of 234 people drew applause?"

Perry: "I think Americans understand justice." Or at least they understand cheering.

Flash forward five days to Monday, when there was another Republican debate, this time in Tampa and sponsored by CNN and the Tea Party Express. The crowd was even more demonstrative in Tampa than in Simi Valley. It was filled with tea partiers, who don't believe in hiding their feelings.

The moderator was Wolf Blitzer, who was trying to pin down Ron Paul, a libertarian and a physician, on the question of health care and what you do about people who refuse to buy it and then get deathly ill.

Libertarians believe in no government at most — OK, OK, a slight exaggeration — and Ron Paul was not about to endorse forcing people to buy health insurance.

Blitzer hammered away with question after question about what would happen if a healthy young person refused to buy insurance.

Paul: "What he should do is whatever he wants to do, and assume responsibility for himself. My advice to him would (be to) have a major medical policy, but not be forced ..."

Blitzer: "But he doesn't have that. He doesn't have it, and he needs intensive care for six months. Who pays?"

Paul: "That's what freedom is all about, taking your own risks ..."

Here loud, raucous applause and whistling broke out from the audience, almost covering up the rest of Paul's answer.

Paul: "This whole idea that you have to prepare and take care of everybody ..."

Blitzer: "But congressman, are you saying that society should just let him die?"

"Yeah!" a man screamed loudly from the audience, setting off more applause.

Paul: "No."

And then Paul explained how when he practiced medicine before Medicaid, "the churches took care" of those without insurance and "we never turned

To a president with an agenda, these senators would be considered allies. They understand that the best way to create American jobs is to lower corporate tax rates — the second highest among industrialized nations — and pay for the rate reduction by eliminating special-interest tax loopholes.

Now Obama likes to castigate corporations for not paying their share of taxes and to badmouth tax loopholes. But his allies like the status quo. Observe that Obama named GE chief executive Jeffrey Immelt to chair his Council on Jobs and Competitiveness. GE failed to pay taxes in a year its profits exceeded \$14 billion. Under Immelt, GE laid off American workers while creating jobs in China.

"All I'm saying is that those who have done well, including me, should pay their fair share in taxes," Obama orated. Just don't read the fine print. A "fair share" may be a winning talking point, but a "fair share" of an anemic economy is thin gruel.

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anybody away from the hospitals."

But it was the audience that made the news, not Paul. Some people wondered how you cheer for letting a sick person die.

Easy. You just open up your mouth and spew. And it became one of the debate moments that people remembered.

The next morning, Rick Perry, probably after being briefed by his handlers, told reporters: "I was a bit taken aback by that myself. We're the party of life. We ought to be coming up with ways to save lives." (Though not the 234 lives Texas took by lethal injection in the cause of justice during his term, of course.)

Jacob Weisberg of Slate called the audience reaction "medieval," Tommy Christopher of Mediaite called it "ugly" and "ghoulish" and many news organizations carried the story that Ron Paul's former campaign manager, a libertarian, died at age 49 in 2008 from viral pneumonia, was uninsured and left \$400,000 in medical bills for his mother and friends to pay.

There have been a number of loud and ugly moments in America's recent political history, ranging from U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., shouting, "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's address to a joint session of Congress in September 2009 to the cheering for a sick person's death in Tampa this week.

But at least Wilson was forced by the leaders of his party to apologize for his boorishness. In Tampa, those who want to be the future leader of the Republican Party stood on stage in utter silence, not one using the moment to rebuke the crowd for its behavior.

It is said there is wisdom in crowds. But sometimes a crowd is just a mob that happens to be sitting down.

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Why not check this out?

The Friends of the Library Book Sale is continuing, both upstairs and in the basement. Prices are listed and you can pay at the circulation desk. The sale will continue through Saturday, Oct. 1.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

I have a whole boat load of books on CD to talk/write about. If some sound familiar, it is because I have written about the print version of the book. Jeff Abbott wrote "Collision" (AUCD F ABB J), the story of two different men, living two very different lives. The first is a corporate man, mourning the murder of his new bride; the second is Pilgrim, a hit man who doesn't even trust his own boss. The two are thrown together in an elaborate ruse and must trust each other, as they cannot trust anyone else. A pretty devious story is told.

From David Rosenfelt, comes an unusual thriller: A German Shepherd police dog witnesses a murder and if his owner — an Iraq war vet and former cop-turned-thief — is convicted of the crime, the dog could be put down. Attorney Andy Carpenter loves dogs and he is determined that this dog should go free. As Andy struggles with this case, he finds the owner and dog are involved in a bigger case than what they are charged with. Check out "Dog Tags" (AUCD F ROS D) and see if the dog lives (oh yes, and if his owner is innocent.)

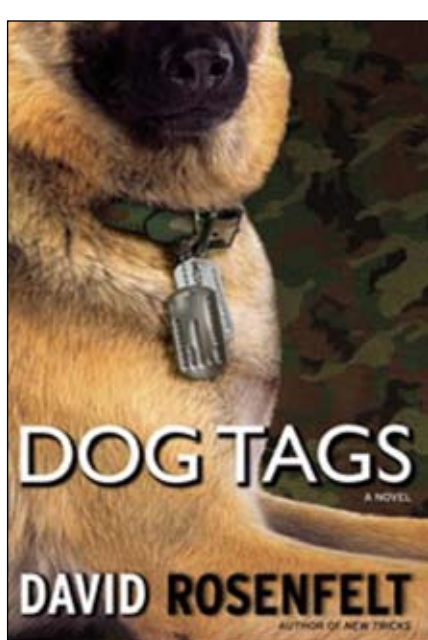
Matthew and Liz Logelin were childhood sweethearts, settled in Los Angeles. He worked at Yahoo! as project manager, had a gorgeous home, perfect marriage, baby on the way and life

was good. Madeline came into the world March 24, 2008, the most perfect baby in the world. Maddy's mom died 27 hours later of a pulmonary embolism. This is the story of Matt's grief, life as a single father and coping with life without the love of his life. Check out "Two Kiss for Maddy: A Memoir of Loss and Love" (AUCD B LOG M) by Matthew Logelin.

Zane Grey was born in 1872 in Ohio, was a practicing dentist in New York when he and his wife published his first novel themselves. He made his first trip out west when he was 35. In the early 1900s, Grey took this manuscript to his publishers; they rejected it, fearing the theme of Mormonism and polygamy would offend readers. When it was finally published by Harper & Bros., they made changes in the tone, diction and style as well as content. In fact, it was censored. Blackstone Audio now presents the original, uncensored version of "The Riders of the Purple Sage" (BOCD F GRE Z). In 1871, when gunman Lassiter rides into Utah, he vows to help a lady whom a powerful Mormon elder is trying to force into marriage. When her ranch is attacked, Lassiter know they're up against something more brutal than the land itself.

Bruce Catton is best known as a Civil War historian. For someone looking for a single volume to serve as a guide through the maze of battles and issues of the War, this is the one book you need. "The America Heritage History of the Civil War" (AUCD 973.7 CAT B) was written by the former editor of the American Heritage magazine.

I have read Michelle Moran's "Madame Tussaud," a novel of the French Revolution and found it fascinating. Marie Tussaud's greatest dream is to attract the attention of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI; their approval of her work would catapult her wax museum to heights of fame. Her dreams come true and her life changes drastically as she becomes the royal tutor in wax sculpting at Versailles. The gap between the rich and



poor grows greater and revolution is in the air; will Marie's job change from sculpting to making death masks? Listen to "Madame Tussaud" (BOCD F MOR M).

Tempe Brennan regains consciousness in a very small, very cold, enclosed space. Where is she? How did she get there? Tempe begins to reconstruct her route. Seamlessly weaving between where she is currently and her memory, Tempe works out the puzzle and solves the puzzle. Will Ryan be able to figure it out, too? Check out "206 Bones" (BPCD F REI K) by Kathy Reichs. It can be found in the Audio Book section.

For the past eight days, Saigon's airport has been the busiest airport in the world as cargo plane after cargo plane ferried Vietnamese refugees, American civilians and soldiers of both countries to safety. It is late on the afternoon of April 29, 1975, with Saigon surrounded; the airport is bombed out, the last twenty-fours is the final chapter in a heroic endeavor in the Vietnam war. Bob Drury and Rom Clavin focus on the story of 11 young Marines who were the last to leave, rescued from the roof of the American Embassy just moments before it is captured. The story is told by those who lived it. It is 10 and a half hours of pure adrenaline: "Last Man Out" (AUCD 959.704 DRU B).

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Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

Jawbone: Use it, preserve it, or lose it

Did you know when a permanent tooth is lost, the bone it was in goes away? Within the first three years of ten 60 percent of the bone is lost, both height and width. This bone loss then usually continues at a slower pace for the rest of your life. This can have some significant implications as we will see.



DR. DAVID WARD

Why preserve your jawbone? There are four main reasons: 1) to maintain the foundation for your teeth so they are not lost due to gum disease in the first place; 2) to have enough ridge to allow a good cosmetic result and stability when replacing teeth with a bridge or partial; 3) to have enough bone to replace a tooth or teeth the best way with implants; 4) to have enough bone to have decent function from a denture if all the teeth have been lost.

Periodontal disease (periodontitis), best described as gum and bone disease, causes more people to end up in dentures than the other main reason, decay. Periodontitis sneaks up on people. By the time any pain occurs, it is often too late to save the teeth. It can be treated in its early stages effectively non-surgically with what is called a deep cleaning (or deep scaling or scaling and root planning). Once it is in the moderate or severe stage, surgical treatment is best. This can be done with the FDA approved laser procedure LANAP, or conventionally with a scalpel. If you suspect gum problems, don't wait till it hurts or it may be too late.

When a tooth is lost due to periodontitis, it has already lost most, if not all, of the bone that was around it. If all of the bone that was around or fracture this is not the case. The bone will start going away almost immediately because it is not stimulated. The phrase "use it or lose it" applies. Bone is "used" when it is stimulated by chewing on a tooth. When the tooth is no longer there, the body starts resorbing that bone.

So how do we keep that bone from going away? There are two ways. The ideal way in a reasonably healthy patient is to place a dental implant where the tooth was. This can sometimes be done at the time the tooth comes out, but more often it is several months later. An implant stimulates the bone just like a natural tooth root and functions just like a natural tooth when put into function.

The other way to preserve most of the bone from going away is called socket grafting. When the tooth is removed, the hole in the bone where it came from is called a socket. A type of biocompatible grafting material (there are several) is placed in the socket and the area is closed usually with a covering and dissolvable stitches.

The grafting material provides a matrix for new bone to form in and around to fill in the socket much faster. There is less bleeding and far less chance of a "dry socket," which is a painful delayed healing of the area. The graft also prevents that 60 percent or so of bone loss that happens in the first few years.

As discussed in paragraph two, there are several advantages to grafting. If an implant is planned, it lets us do it several months sooner than if not grafted, sometimes even when the tooth is removed. When the socket has been grafted, there is usually enough bone to place an implant in even many years after the tooth came out. Many times when evaluating patients for implants I have to say "I'm sorry, there's just not enough bone left." Bone volume can sometimes be regained through more extensive and expensive grafting procedures to rebuild the ridge, but it's far better not to lose it in the first place.

If no implant is planned, grafting still preserves the bone. This is important to prevent big spaces from forming underneath a bridge or partial over the years. If it was a front tooth that was lost, it will prevent the "caved in" look underneath the false tooth that often occurs.

If the person has dentures in their future, it is still extremely beneficial. Over the years, many denture patients will lose so much bone that there is literally no ridge to set a denture on. This makes function extremely poor. In some cases, so much bone is lost the whole jaw bone can become as thin as a pencil which can result easily in a jaw fracture with any trauma.

In summary, when it comes to jawbone ... use it, preserve it, or lose it.

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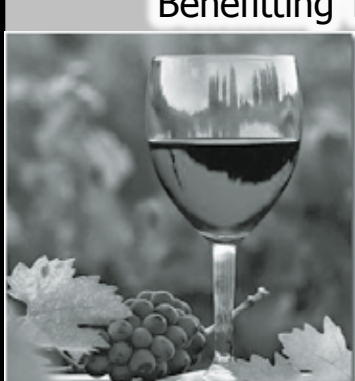
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News in brief

Court halts execution of ex-Army recruiter

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A former Army recruiter who for the third time this year was hours away from his scheduled execution for the rape-slaying of a woman in Fort Worth nearly 10 years ago was granted yet another reprieve by the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Cleve Foster, 47, was set to die Tuesday evening in Huntsville.

The high court twice earlier this year stopped Foster's scheduled lethal injection. The latest court ruling came about 2½ hours before Foster could have been taken to the Texas death chamber.

Foster was meeting with one of his lawyers in a small holding cell a few feet from the death chamber when a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman delivered the news.

"He thanked God and pointed to his attorney, saying this woman helped save his life," prison spokesman Jason Clark said.

He also said Foster repeated his insistence that he was innocent.

"I did not do this crime," Foster told him. "I know there are those out there who have hard feelings against me, but I did not do this."

Unlike his previous trips to the death house in Huntsville, the reprieve came before he was served his requested final meal, which included two fried chickens and a five-gallon bucket of peaches.

Instead, he immediately was returned to death row, at a prison about 45 miles to the east.

Foster was one of two men convicted and sent to death row for fatally shooting a 30-year-old woman whose body was found in a ditch by pipeline workers in Fort Worth in February 2002. His partner died last year of cancer.

State: Power line sparks likely caused Texas blaze

AUSTIN (AP) — Sparks from electric power lines likely started the blaze that became the most destructive wildfire in Texas history, fire officials said Tuesday.

The Sept. 4 blaze started near Bastrop about 25 miles east of Austin, destroying more than 1,500 homes and killing two people.

The Texas Forest Service would not elaborate on the cause Tuesday to The Associated Press. However, a copy of the report obtained by the Austin American-Statesman stated that the massive blaze started as two fires ignited about five miles apart around the same time.

One fire began when winds toppled a dead pine tree onto power lines, showering the dry vegetation below with sparks. The other fire ignited when fallen tree branches became tangled with power lines, showering dry grass and branches with sparks.

Northerly winds gusted at up to 31 mph Sept. 4 at the National Weather Service office in Austin, according to the report. The relative humidity was 22 percent, and temperatures reached 99 degrees.

The findings echo those of the Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, the electricity provider for the area, Bluebonnet chief executive Mark Rose said.

"We, like everyone else, have had investigators in the field attempting to determine the origin and cause of the fires," he told the American-Statesman. "Our investigation also shows that trees blew over and fell into the power lines."

Power was expected to be fully restored in Bastrop County by Sunday, he said.

Gunmen dump 35 bodies on busy avenue in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Masked gunmen blocked traffic on a busy avenue in a Gulf of Mexico coastal city Tuesday and dumped the bodies of 35 slaying victims as horrified motorists watched, authorities said.

Veracruz state Attorney General Reynaldo Escobar Perez said the bodies were left piled in two trucks and on the ground of an underpass near a shopping mall in the city of Boca del Rio.

Police had identified seven of the victims so far and all had criminal records for murder, drug dealing, kidnapping and extortion and were linked to organized crime, Escobar said. He didn't say to what group the victims belonged to.

The Zetas drug cartel has been locked in a bloody war with drug gangs for control of Veracruz, a state along an important route for drugs and Central

American migrants heading north.

Motorists first began tweeting Tuesday afternoon that masked gunmen in military uniforms were blocking Manuel Avila Camacho Boulevard in Boca del Rio's downtown and pointing their guns at civilians.

More than \$1 million in cocaine found at house

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The Cameron County sheriff says authorities found more than 50 bundles of cocaine valued at more than \$1 million in a suspected stash house.

Sheriff Omar Lucio said Tuesday that two people were arrested, each charged with possession of a controlled substance.

He says that while conducting surveillance at the house, officers on Sunday saw a man enter the home with a duffel bag. Officers then asked permission to search the home in the Cameron Park area near Brownsville.

The Brownsville Herald reports that Lucio said vehicles coming in and out of the home, but only staying a short time, led investigators to suspect it was a stash house.

Fire destroys Gatesville church

GATESVILLE (AP) — A fire has destroyed the oldest standing church in the Central Texas town of Gatesville.

City Fire Chief Billy Vaden told the Killeen Daily Herald that the First Christian Church caught fire early Tuesday morning. He calls it a "total loss." He says they haven't yet determined the cause.

The church was deeded to the Coryell County Museum in 1990.

Michael Barr, a Coryell County Museum board member, says the church's congregation stopped using the facility in 1972. But the building was still rented for weddings remained the site of a men's Sunday school class.

Barr says the simple wood church, built around 1892, was "a great place to get married."

Woman accused of setting 5 East Texas fires

TRINITY (AP) — A woman has been accused of setting five fires in an East Texas area in what her son calls a bid for attention.

Tommie Ragsdale is in the Houston County Jail in Crockett charged with five counts of arson. Bond is set at \$450,000.

Trinity County Constable Woody Wallace arrested the 46-year-old Trinity woman Monday on suspicion that she was involved in five Sunday fires.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Similar Is Not the Same

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♥ K Q 6 4
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 2

WEST
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 8 2
♣ J 10 9 7 3

EAST
♠ 10 8 5
♥ A J 10 8
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ Q 6 4

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

Opening lead — jack of clubs.
Bridge players tend to become creatures of habit. The bid or play that has worked best in a given situation eventually is applied to all situations where the circumstances appear to be the same.

This, of course, is a dangerous approach. The mark of a fine player is that he does not react automatically to common situations but treats each deal as a brand-new experience.

Take this case where West leads the jack of clubs against three notrump. Declarer plays low from dummy, and East wins with the king and returns a club to dummy's ace.

South leads a diamond to the ace

Tomorrow: The worrying kind.
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and another to the jack. East wins and returns his last club to declarer's queen. South, in need of a ninth trick, now leads a heart to the king. Fortunately, East has the ace, so South is home with nine tricks — three spades, three diamonds, two clubs and a heart.

However, this is not the full story, since declarer should not make the contract! If East plays the eight of clubs rather than the king at trick one, South goes down one. As soon as East gains the lead, he returns the club king to dummy's ace, and West later scores three club tricks.

How should East know to duck the opening club lead? First, given South's opening bid, dummy's 15 points and East's 10, West is known to be virtually bereft of high cards, so the only real hope is that he has a long club suit.

Next, East should reason that if West has the J-10-9-x of clubs, ducking will yield two club tricks instead of just the king. And if West started with the J-10-9-x-x, it is surely better to duck because the defense can then score three club tricks.

The lone fly in the ointment is that West might have six clubs and South only two, in which case the king play wins. However, this is highly unlikely: Since South could not raise hearts or bid spades, he doesn't figure to have only two clubs. Therefore, ducking at trick one is the right play.



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Tim Allen

A closer look at the personal side of the actor known for his family-friendly roles in *Home Improvement*, *Toy Story* and the new ABC-TV sitcom *Last Man Standing*.

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News in brief

Obama to meet with Israeli, Palestinian leaders in last-ditch effort to stop diplomatic clash

NEW YORK (AP) — Scrambling to head off a diplomatic clash, President Barack Obama will publicly push for the Palestinians to drop a statehood bid when he addresses the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday.

Obama will follow up his speech with separate meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders as he seeks to coax both parties back to direct peace talks.

At the same time, U.S. officials are conceding that they probably cannot prevent Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas from moving forward with a request to the U.N. Security Council for full Palestinian membership.

Recognizing that Abbas seems intent to proceed, Obama is expected to privately ask the Palestinian leader to essentially drop the move for statehood recognition after Abbas delivers a formal letter of intent to the U.N. on Friday.

Lawyer for 2 Americans jailed as spies in Iran says they will be released within hours

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Two Americans jailed as spies in Iran will be released on Wednesday, their lawyer said, after a \$1 million bail-for-freedom deal was approved by the courts clearing the way for the release of the men after more than two years in custody.

The Iranian attorney for the two, Masoud Shafiei, said he planned to go to Tehran's Evin prison to begin the procedure for the release of Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal.

They were arrested along the Iran-Iraq border in July 2009 and sentenced last month to eight years each in prison. A third American in the group, Sarah Shourd, was freed last year on bail.

Shafiei said he would meet the two Americans at 3:00 p.m. at Tehran's notorious Evin prison.

They will then be handed over to the Swiss diplomats who represent American interests in Iran because the U.S. has no diplomatic relations with Iran.

Fed is expected to announce new action to try to lower long-term rates and boost economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is running out of options to try to boost a slumping economy and

lower unemployment. So policymakers are expected to reach 50 years back into their playbook for their next move.

Most economists expect the Fed to announce a plan Wednesday to shift money in its \$1.7 trillion portfolio out of short-term securities and into longer-term holdings.

The plan could lower Treasury yields further. Ultimately, it could reduce rates on mortgages and other consumer and business loans, too.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke is expected to advocate the move despite criticism from within the Fed and from Republican lawmakers and presidential candidates.

On Monday, the four highest-ranking Republicans in Congress sent Bernanke a letter cautioning the Fed against taking further steps to lower interest rates. Their letter suggested that lower rates could escalate the risk of high inflation.

Bomber who killed former Afghan president, peace council leader waited for days to meet him

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The suicide bomber who assassinated former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani insisted on meeting face-to-face with the ex-president and waited in Kabul for days to talk with him about brokering peace with the Taliban, an associate of Rabbani's said Wednesday.

Mohammad Ismail Qasemyar, the international relations adviser for the peace council, said the bomber, identified as Esmatullah, had approached several council officials, telling them that he was an important figure in the Taliban insurgency and would only speak directly with Rabbani.

"He wanted to talk about peace with Professor Rabbani," Qasemyar said.

Qasemyar said the bomber stayed at a house used for guests of the peace council while waiting for Rabbani to return from a trip to Iran.

On Tuesday, the two met and the attacker went to shake hands with Rabbani at his home, bowing his head near the former president's chest and detonating a bomb hidden in his turban, Qasemyar said.

Condemned Georgia inmate wants polygraph test before scheduled execution

ATLANTA (AP) — Convicted cop killer Troy Davis is scheduled to be executed Wednesday for a crime he says he did not commit.

Vigils outside Georgia's death cham-

ber were set. Protests were planned. Davis' attorneys said he was willing to take a polygraph test if the pardons board would consider its results. And they didn't rule out filing one last legal appeal, though they know it's a long shot.

In Europe, where the planned execution has drawn widespread criticism, legislators and activists were making a last-minute appeal to the state of Georgia to refrain from executing Davis. Amnesty International and other groups planned a protest outside the U.S. Embassy in Paris later Wednesday.

Gunmen halt traffic, dump 35 bodies on busy downtown avenue in Gulf coast city in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Suspected drug traffickers drove two trucks

to a main avenue in a Mexican Gulf coast city and dumped 35 slaying victims during rush hour while gunmen stood guard and pointed their weapons at frightened motorists.

The gruesome scene Tuesday in the downtown of Boca del Rio was the latest escalation in drug violence in Veracruz state, which sits on an important route for drugs and Central American migrants heading north.

The Zetas drug cartel has been locked in a bloody war with drug gangs for control of the state.

Veracruz state Attorney General Reynaldo Escobar Perez said the bodies were left piled in two trucks and on the ground at an underpass near the city's biggest shopping mall and its statue of the Voladores de Papantla — ritual dancers from Veracruz state.

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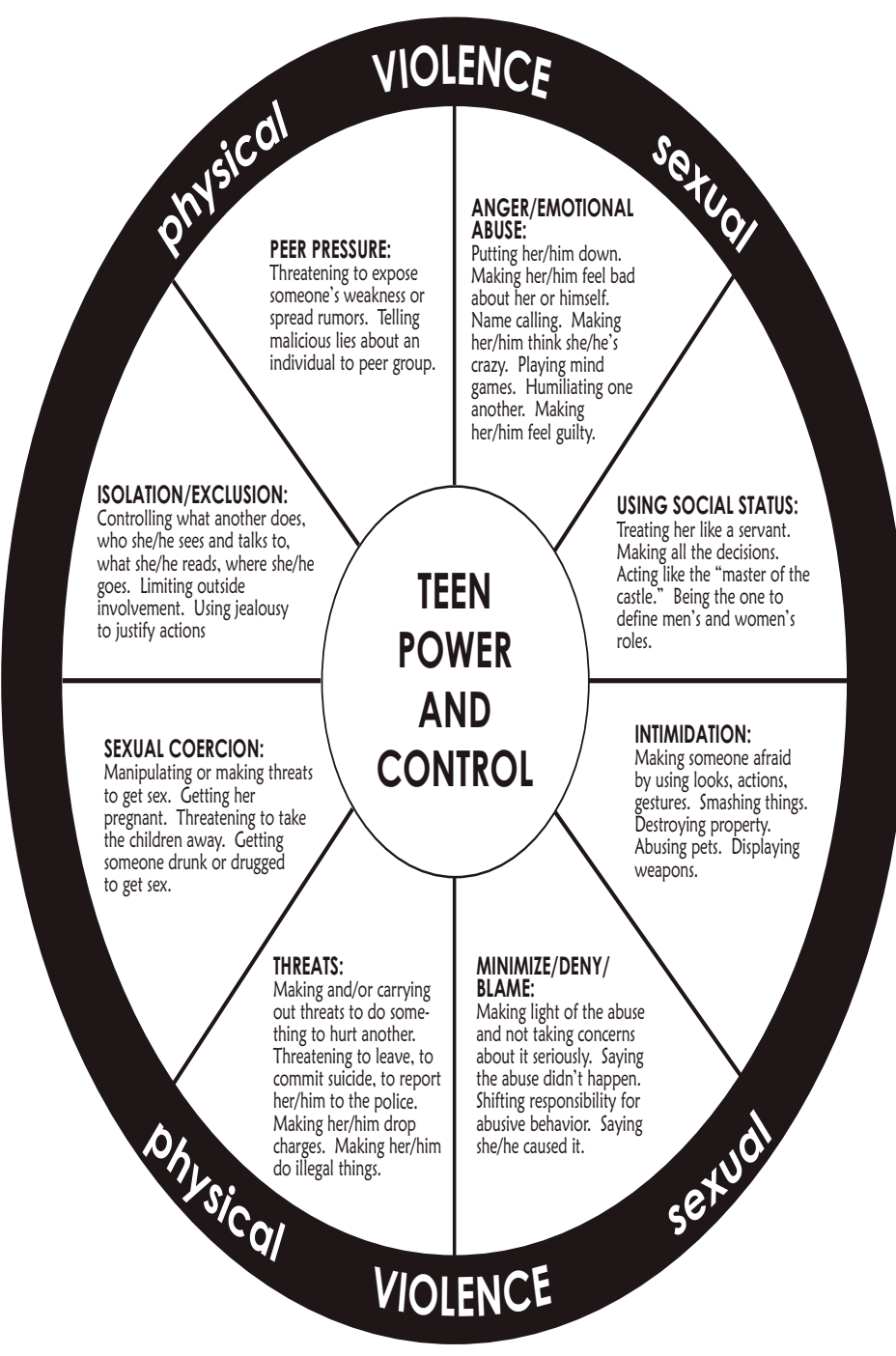
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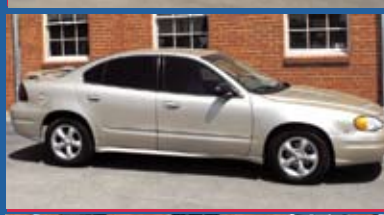
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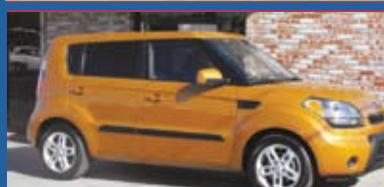
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Lady Steers level the Loboettes

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By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers continued their winning ways Tuesday night, making a strong statement to Levelland and anyone else who might be listening.

After breaking into the top 10 in the latest poll from the Texas Girls Coaches Association with a number nine ranking, the Lady Steers defeated Levelland 25-13, 25-8 and 25-16 in front of a pumped-up home crowd.

Three players recorded 10 kills in the game for the 24-9 Lady Steers. Cerbi Ritchey, Morgan Seaton and Taylor Seaton all three hit the double digit mark to lead the team.

Ritchey also put up a team-leading 17 assists, along with nine digs, two blocks and an ace, while Morgan Seaton added 16 assists and two blocks in the winning effort.

Along with her 10 kills, Taylor Seaton was responsible for six digs,

six blocks, an ace and a dig.

Diamond Mayes and Clara Benavides each had four kills, two blocks and an ace in the game for Big Spring. Mayes also added one dig, while Benavides claimed eight.

On defense, Carson Reibe shined again for the Lady Steers, grabbing a game-high 27 digs. Logan Yarbar added five digs of her own, while each of the two girls added an ace.

The Lady Steers will carry their impressive record into the district portion of the 2011 schedule starting Friday night, when they host Sweetwater.

The freshman and varsity teams are scheduled to kick off their games at 5 p.m., with the JV playing immediately afterward.

The Big Spring JV squad defeated Levelland's JV team 25-6 and 25-18 Tuesday night, while the freshman team won 25-12 and 25-15.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Carson Reibe easily handles a Levelland serve Tuesday night. Reibe led the Lady Steers with 27 digs in the non-district finale at Steer Gym.

District opener
Lady Steers
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Texas downs Oakland 7-2

OAKLAND (AP) — Adrian Beltre and Michael Young have one number in mind, and it has nothing to do with their own impressive hit or home run totals.

The Texas Rangers dropped their magic number to clinch the AL West to four.

"That's the most important number of the day," Young said.

Beltre hit a three-run homer in the first that held up for 15-game winner Derek Holland, and the division-leading Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 7-2 on Tuesday night.

Texas maintained its five-game division lead over Los Angeles after the Angels won 10-6 at Toronto.

"That's what we're working for. We're trying to win every day and give the Angels no chance to do something crazy," Beltre said.

Young hit an RBI single in the third that gave him 200 hits in a season for the sixth time and drove in another run in the eighth for his career-best 104th RBI. Mike Napoli also singled in a run and Texas won for the seventh time in eight games and eighth in 10.

This Texas bunch is committed to making another deep October postseason run after losing the World Series to San Francisco in five games last fall.

Rookie Michael Taylor hit his first major league home run in the fifth — his 18th career at-bat — for Oakland's lone run against Holland (15-5), who won his fourth straight decision.

Elvis Andrus singled in the eighth to extend his hitting streak to 13 games for Texas, which moved to 24 games over .500 for its best mark since sitting 31 over in

1999. Reigning AL champion Texas is 12-5 in September.

Young topped his 2006 RBI total of 103. The 200 hits are always special, too.

"I want to find ways to be a run producer," Young said. "It feels good. I know I've been healthy and I know I've been consistent. I've gotten to a point now where I know what it takes to get there. ... I'm happy it's over with now and I can focus on the last eight games of the regular season."

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Texas Girls Coaches Association Top 10 State Volleyball Poll

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2. Argyle
3. Wimberley
4. Prosper
5. Gatesville
6. LaGrange
7. Lorena
8. LaVernia
9. Big Spring
10. Abilene Wylie

Lady Steers district volleyball schedule

District games:

Sept. 23 vs. Sweetwater — 9-V-JV 5/5/6:30

Sept. 27 vs. Snyder — 9-JV-V 5/5/6:30

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Oct. 4 @ Abilene Wylie — 9-JV-V 5/5/6:30

Oct. 7 vs. Brownwood — 9-V-JV 5/5/6:30

Oct. 11 @ Snyder — 9-JV-V 5/5/6:30

Oct. 14 @ Sweetwater — 9-V-JV 5/5/6:30

Oct. 21 vs. Abilene Wylie — 9-V-JV 5/5/6:30

Oct. 25 @ Brownwood — 9-JV-V 5/5/6:30

Remaining non-district games:

Sept. 30 vs. Colorado City — Varsity plays at 4 p.m.

Oct. 18 vs. Greenwood — Varsity plays at 6:30 p.m.

Sooners, Longhorns in Big 12 ... for now

NEW YORK (AP) — The seismic shift in college athletics has once again been diverted.

Unless there is a major surprise looming, the latest round of conference realignment will only produce a handful of changes. The 16-team superconference is again on hold.

The Pac-12 presidents and chancellors decided late Tuesday night not to expand, leaving Texas and Oklahoma to figure out a way to get along in the Big 12.

"After careful review we have determined that it is in the best interests of our member institutions, student-athletes and fans to remain a 12-team conference," Commissioner Larry Scott said in a statement. "While we have great

respect for all of the institutions that have contacted us, and certain expansion proposals were financially attractive, we have a strong conference structure and culture of equality that we are committed to preserve."

Texas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech were considering a move from the Big 12 to the Pac-12 — a move that could have killed the Big 12. After expanding from the Pac-10 with new members Utah and Colorado last year, members of the new Pac-12 decided not to stretch the league farther east.

"We were not surprised by the Pac 12's decision to not expand at this time," Oklahoma President David Boren

said. "Even though we had decided not to apply for membership this year, we have developed a positive relationship with the leadership of the conference and we have kept them informed of the progress we've been making to gain agreement from the Big 12 for changes which will make the conference more stable in the future."

"Conference stability has been our first goal and we look forward to achieving that goal through continued membership in the Big 12 Conference."

Meanwhile, across the country in New York, Big East Commissioner John Marinatto emerged

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Texas is 90-65 for its second-best record in franchise history through 154 games. The '99 team was 91-63 at this stage.

"The fact that they got on us early and got us in a little bit of a defensive mode, it can get you on your heels a little bit," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "I think we're all tired of getting beat by Texas."

And the Rangers won this one by beating a familiar face.

Rich Harden (4-4) lost consecutive starts for the first time this year, done after a season-low three innings in which he was tagged for six runs — five earned — on seven hits, struck out three and walked one.

Harden, who pitched for Texas last season, is winless in five straight outings since beating the Blue Jays on Aug. 19.

Beltre drove a 1-1 pitch over the center-field wall with two outs in the first as Texas immediately jumped ahead on an uncharacteristically warm night in the Bay Area. First-pitch temperature was 74 degrees.

The slugger had batted just 2 for 16 against Hard-

en before connecting for his 28th home run of 2011. It was Beltre's 20th career homer against Oakland and seventh in as many games. The last eight have come off seven different pitchers.

"Their approach up there, they don't swing at a lot of bad pitches and they work the count a lot, too," Harden said.

A wild pitch in the second allowed Nelson Cruz to score after he doubled leading off the inning.

Texas scored twice more in the third to make it 6-0 and chase Harden, whose start was his shortest since the Rangers knocked him out after only 2 1-3 innings on Aug. 7, 2010.

Holland allowed one run and two hits over seven innings. He struck out seven and walked three while earning his second win in three starts against Oakland this season.

Coco Crisp homered in the ninth for the A's against Michael Kirkman.

Texas came out swinging a night after Rangers manager Ron Washington attended the "Moneyball" premiere and reminisced about his special days as Oakland's third base coach.

Washington is eager for

his team to wrap up the division.

"You talk about determination, we've been determined since February," Washington said. "Each and every day we've got to go out and play until they say we've got a spot in the playoffs. ... When we got defeated by San Francisco, we were determined to come back and try again."

Cruz remained in the designated hitter role while he nurses a strained left hamstring.

Washington said Cruz would likely DH again Wednesday night and then the manager would decide whether to use him in the outfield as soon as Thursday's series finale with the A's or wait until back home in Texas.

Notes: A's LF Josh Willingham was named the 2011 Jim "Catfish" Hunter Award winner. The award, voted on by players, coaches and staff, honors the Oakland player whose play on the field and conduct in the clubhouse best exemplifies the courageous, competitive and inspirational spirit demonstrated by the late Hall of Fame pitcher. ... Harden is 5-4 lifetime against Texas.

Texas is 12-5 vs. the A's this year.

Astros seeing Red after loss to Bailey

CINCINNATI (AP) — Homer Bailey lived up to his name by beating his hometown team for the fourth time. Bailey shut Houston down again and came up with a career-high three hits and Devin Mesoraco homered to help the Cincinnati Reds snap a four-game losing streak with a 6-4 win over the Astros on Tuesday night.

Brandon Phillips also homered while Jay Bruce had three hits and Dave Sappelt and Juan Francisco each added two hits each as the Reds broke out of a slump. Their nine hits through five innings were one more than their total from the previous three games.

Bailey (9-7), who went into the game 3-0 with a 0.86 ERA in three starts against the Astros this season, set a career-high in wins while allowing six hits and two runs with two walks and five strikeouts in seven innings.

"He did everything tonight," Dusty Baker said. "He fielded and got three hits. We needed him to go deep in the game with our bullpen situation."

Bailey is from LaGrange, Texas a little over 100 miles from Houston. "I like to pitch in Houston more," Bailey said.

The 25-year set career high even though he missed the first five weeks of the season with an impingement in his right shoulder.

"My number one goal for next year is to stay healthy," Bailey said. "I had some injuries that were no one's fault but if you look at my wins per start, I'd be at 15 wins over a full season."

Houston manager Brad Mills has seen enough of Bailey for the year.

"How about that not only pitching against us but offensively too. He's had some good outings against us," Mills said.

Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his 34th save. Houston starter Bud Norris (6-11) left the game two outs into the third inning with discomfort in his right shoulder.

Norris allowed seven hits and three runs with two walks and three strikeouts while setting a career high in losses.

Juan Francisco led off Cincinnati's second against Norris with a single to center. After Drew Stubbs, extending his single-season franchise strikeout record to 199, Mesoraco hit a 369-foot line drive into the left field seats for his second career homer.

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from a three-hour meeting with officials from the league's football schools to say his members "pledged to each other that they are committed to move forward together."

The Big East also has been staring at an uncertain future after Pittsburgh and Syracuse announced last week-end they are moving to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

But now it appears the Big East, like the Big 12, stands a good chance to survive, too — for now.

Marinatto said all the league's members — including Notre Dame and the seven other non-football members — are committed to aggressively recruiting replacements for Syracuse

and Pittsburgh, though he would not indicate which schools are candidates.

He said the league will enforce the 27-month notice agreement in its by-laws and not allow Syracuse and Pitt to leave until the 2014-15 academic year.

He also said he expects TCU to join the league in 2012 as previously agreed upon.

As for the Big 12, the board of regents at Texas and Oklahoma voted Monday to give their presidents the right to choose a new conference.

Oklahoma State was going to follow Oklahoma's lead and Texas Tech planned to do the same with Texas.

Texas and Oklahoma were not acting together. Texas officials had stated several times it wanted to keep the Big 12 alive.

Oklahoma officials said they were looking for stability and equal revenue sharing, which does not occur in the Big 12. Texas has its own cable television network and gets the biggest cut of the Big 12's revenue.

The Pac-12 has equal revenue distribution and would not change that for Texas. Without Texas in the deal, the Pac-12's leaders didn't have quite the appetite for expansion.

The Sooners and Longhorns, bitter rivals on the field, now need to work out some differences off it.

A person familiar with the schools' discussions said Texas and Oklahoma officials are expected to meet in the next few days to negotiate an agreement to keep the universities in the league for at least the next five years. The person requested anonymity because the meeting had not been announced.

Whether other schools would be invited to join that meeting was unclear Tuesday night.

Scott tried to bring Oklahoma and Texas into his conference last summer, but his bid to create a superconference called the Pac-16 fell short when Texas decided to stay in the Big 12, in part to start its own network.

Nebraska and Colorado did leave the Big 12, but Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe managed to keep the conference together.

When the Longhorn Network became a reality, Texas A&M had had enough.

A&M, which flirted with the Southeastern Conference last year, reached out to the SEC and ended up being invited to join that league earlier this month. That deal has not yet been finalized because some Big 12 members, such as Baylor and Iowa State, have not waived the right to possibly sue Texas A&M and the SEC.

But if the Big 12 and its new 13-year, \$1 billion television deal reached with Fox Sports in April survives, the exit should be clear for Texas A&M. And the rest of the Big 12 can go back to looking for a replacement.

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After the Pac-10 grew by two, adding Colorado and Utah from the Mountain West, the league negotiated a landmark 12-year television contract with Fox and ESPN worth about \$3 billion, allowing the conference to quadruple its media rights fees and start its own network.

"We have a very good situation and a bright future," Stanford athletic director Bob Bowsby said.

It's hard to say for sure if this will put an end to conference realignment for a while. Many thought after last summer's maneuvering, things would settle down — and that barely lasted a year.

ACC Commissioner John Swofford has said his league is comfortable with 14 members, which it will have when Pitt and Syracuse join, but is not "philosophically" opposed to expanding to 16.

Despite their latest pledge to work together, the Big East still seems susceptible to another raid by the ACC or maybe the SEC.

Adding UConn and possibly Rutgers, located in New Jersey, would allow the ACC to further extend its reach into the Northeast and the New York City television market.

The SEC will be up to 13 schools when Texas A&M's move becomes official and even though it has said it can stay at the number, it seems logical to go to 14.

West Virginia and Missouri have both been speculated to be candidates and there were reports earlier Tuesday that the SEC and Missouri had a tentative agreement.

The SEC shot that down.

"The Southeastern Conference has not agreed formally or informally to accept any institution other than Texas A&M, and there have not been conference discussions regarding changes in divisional alignments," SEC associate commissioner Charles Bloom said.

With Texas and Oklahoma still around, there might not be a reason for Missouri to relocate.



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Rules: Find this week's games in the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choices. The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50 and a \$20 Gift Certificate to Hog Heaven. You must be 18 to enter. *No Photo Copies Accepted.* In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. For the tie breaker, Guess the winner and the combined scores for the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees of *The Big Spring Herald* are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. Winners will be announced in the *Big Spring Herald* the Wednesday following the games.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCKGRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Forsan is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative, and planning services in conjunction with the Community Development Block Grant Fund, Community Development Supplemental Fund and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Fund from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for program years of 2011/2012. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified management firm to administer the contract. Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Mayor Roger Hudgins
City of Forsan
Box 714
Forsan, Texas 79733
Proposals must be received by the City no later than Monday, October 3, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The City of Forsan is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer.
#7115 September 21, 2011

Legals

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Coahoma will hold a meeting at City Hall on September 22nd, at 7:00 P.M. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2011. The proposed tax rate is .495234 per \$100. of value. (*Include this statement if the proposed tax rate exceeds the unit's effective tax rate calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04) The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Coahoma by 8%.
#7092 September 21 & 22, 2011

Who are you when no one is around? Hopefully, you feel comfortable enough to be that person at home. If there is some reason that's not happening, now is the time to address the issue. The moon is in Cancer, the sign she rules, and she feels right at home there. So should you. A peaceful domestic



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Forsan is requesting proposals for engineering services in conjunction with Community Development Block Grant Fund, Community Development Supplemental Fund and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Fund from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for program 2011/2012. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections for the application's project that is awarded a contract by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA). Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DOROTHY STRIPLING, Deceased, were issued on September 7, 2011, in Cause No. P-14005, pending in the County Court of HOWARD County, Texas, to: HAYES STRIPLING, JR. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: HAYES STRIPLING, JR.
613 Edwards
Big Spring, Texas 79720
DATED the 9th day of September, 2011.
HAYES STRIPLING, JR.
#7118 September 21, 2011

Tomorrow's Horoscope

life is the cornerstone of success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everything counts. One small shift will make you a different person. It's too soon to tell where this will lead, but because of a slight directional change, you're going somewhere different.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're into people. You want to hear their stories, connect with their goals, witness their dreams. You also want to just hang out with them in a low-key way. It feels good to connect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be representing others, whether or not you consciously realize that's what you're doing. You'll be associated with others from your family, company, race or creed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be drawn to excellent storytellers, although you'll be careful not to believe everything you're told. Truth may be stranger than fiction, but fiction is often more flattering than truth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'd like to be a leader, but not a supreme overlord. Having greater stature will not translate into having more power. Your best position is to be "one of the people." From there, you'll understand the real issues, perks and problems.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Planning ahead for an event might be your saving grace. This requires more thought than simply how you'll get there and what you'll wear. Consider who will be there and what you'd like to talk about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be no need to apologize, so refrain. While you're at it, this will be a great time to break yourself of the habit of saying "sorry" for minor actions that are not technically offensive at all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a right to design your life in the way that seems most pleasing to you. Be

careful not to put another person's schedule and objectives ahead of your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The way you show that you care is original. You're not trying to be different, but you can't help it. When you do what you really want to do, the results are so perfectly you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be plenty of strutting and posturing as people try to prove they belong to a certain social or political strata. You don't feel compelled to prove a thing, which immediately sets you apart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a solid sense about what concerns you and what does not. The best part is that you don't have to delve too deeply into things to figure it out. Give your attention strictly to what pertains directly to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even if you're the only one who determines

what is and is not appropriate for your life and schedule, it's important that you stick to your own rules. When you're not doing what you're supposed to be doing, things go wrong.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 21). This year you'll take risks and eventually enjoy victory. You have a strategy for winning at work, and it will be most effective in October. In November, you'll be honored with sweet words and a solid commitment. You'll hustle and bustle through December to meet financial goals. In February, your talents are rewarded. Scorpio and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 24, 39 and 19.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Dear Annie: I think my brother-in-law's wife is attracted to my husband, "James." James believes this to be true, as well, but he rather enjoys the attention.

Whenever we are at his brother's house, the wife is always flirting with James, touching him and finding reasons to be near him.

When it's time for us to go, she practically begs him to stay. She also often makes subtle suggestive comments, and this really gets on my nerves.

As an added twist, my husband and I are not sexually active. We've not been intimate in nearly two years.

This was a mutual decision. James is always tired when he gets home from long-distance driving. I'm on two separate antidepressants that just about kill off any shred of sexual interest.

A few times, I've told James that if he is interested in sex, I'd be quite amenable, but he repeatedly tells me he's too tired.

I asked him why he lets her flirt with him, and he says it's fun, but insists he's not interested in having an affair with her or anyone else.

We have been married for 12 years and have no children, so he has all of my attention and plenty of affection.

This flirtation was going on even before she married into the family. I had hoped that after five years and two kids it would end, but it hasn't subsided in the least. I admit I am slightly jealous, but am

I completely off base thinking there is something wrong with this? — Green-Eyed

Dear Green-Eyed: There are a lot of things wrong with this. We don't care how tired your husband is, surely he could work up some interest in sex in two years. The fact that he hasn't is worrisome and, combined with the attention he receives from another woman, puts your relationship at risk. We don't know why James' brother turns a blind eye to his wife's flirtations, but that is his problem. Yours is to find a way to reconnect intimately with your husband. Talk to a counselor, get some books from the library, watch some videos or take a long vacation, but please do something before it's too late.

Dear Annie: Our grandchild is 4 years old. He pushes and slaps his father while laughing and yelling. His dad retaliates, often rolling on the floor with him, all in fun.

This "fun" is getting more violent, and we worry that the child will grow up shoving and hitting and having a problematic life. His father laughs at our concerns. What do you think? — Worried in West Hills

Dear Worried: A certain amount of roughhousing is OK if neither the child nor the parent is getting hurt, feels anxious or becomes over-stimulated. The father should be aware, however,

that the boy is not capable of controlling his enthusiasm and things can get out of hand. We recommend that Mom discuss it with her pediatrician.

Dear Annie: "Happy Senior" said she avoids the person who is "so hard of hearing that conversation is tiresome."

My mother was socially active and popular in her small circle. She joined the Scrabble club and started tap dancing classes, pursuits that she had enjoyed in the past. But before new friendships could take root, she began to experience hearing problems that became so severe that she was unable to readily interact with people in group situations and withdrew from her outside activities. Despite the latest hearing aid technology, she is still functionally hard of hearing.

Certain considerations can lead to less tiresome encounters: Face the person squarely and engage in one-on-one conversation. A quiet place is likely to be more conducive to conversation. Anyone making the effort to engage my mother in such conversation will find an intelligent, caring and fun-loving human being. — C.

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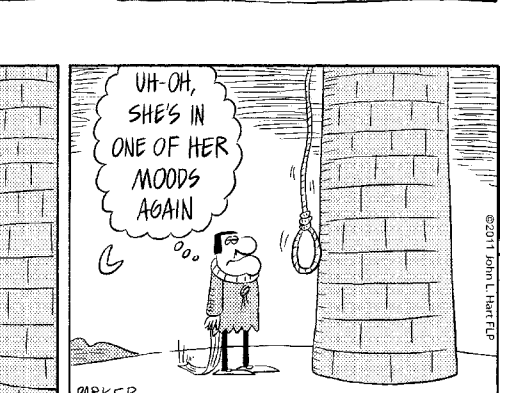
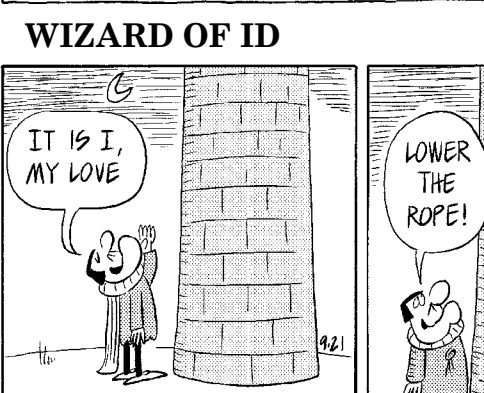
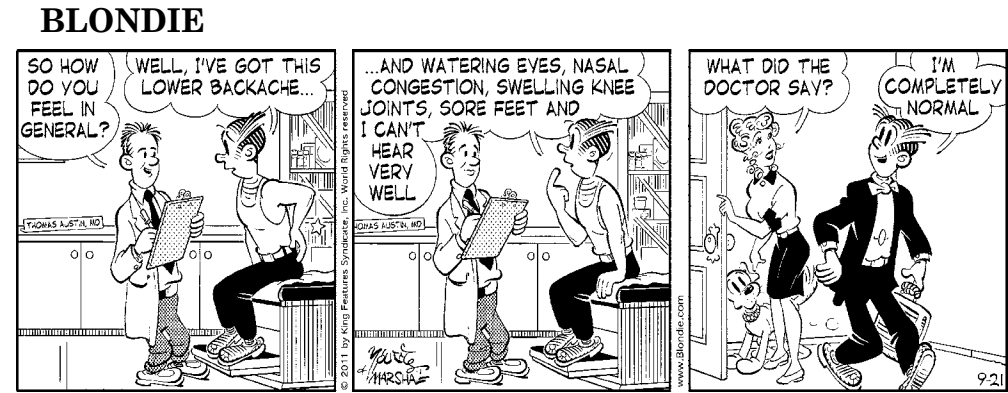
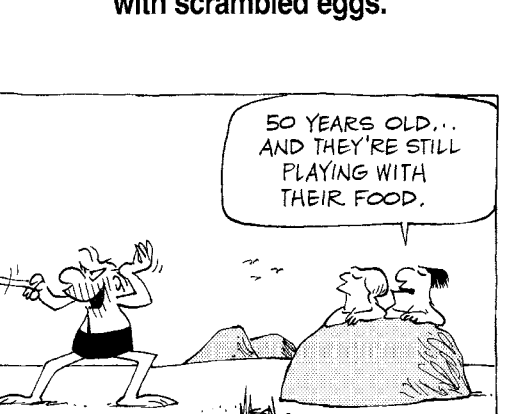
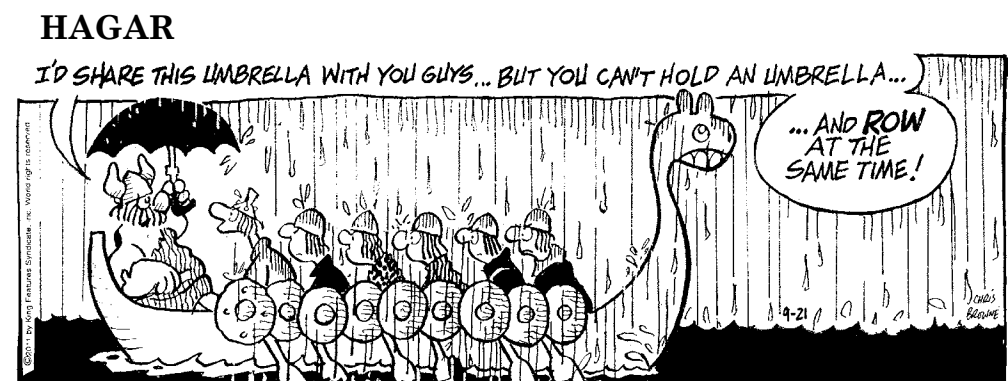
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5:PM	News ABC	Alma Notic.	Big Bang	News	Noticias	News	King	Swallow	News	Til Death	Cash Cab	Joe Pesci	UFC Un-leashed	Bones	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Shake it Good	NFL 32	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Quando Me Wheel	Two Men	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	Seinfeld	Dr. Diana Yohanan	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Sons of Guns		UFC Un-leashed	Bones		Good	NFL Live	MLB Base-ball: Teams TBA.
7:PM	The Middle	Teresa (SS)	The X Factor	Survivor-Pacific	Mi Corazón Insiste	All Night	Browns	Upd	Live From Lincoln Center	H&R	Sons of Guns	Movie: The Italian Job, Edward Norton	UFC Un-leashed	The Mental-ist	Movie: A Low Down Dirty Shame	Wizards	CrossFit	
8:PM	Modern Family	Fuerza-Des-tino		Criminal Minds	Flor Salvaje (SS)	Harry's Law	Payne	Light of the Southwest		Top Model	Sons of Guns		The Ultimate Fighter	The Mental-ist		Wizards	CrossFit	
9:PM	Revenge	Rosa de Guadalupe	Simpsons	CSI: Crime Scene	La Casa de al Lado	Law & Order: SVU	Payne		Not-Our Town	Cops	Brothers			Movie: The Mental-ist	Movie: Bar-bershop	Good	SportsNation	MLB Base-ball: Teams TBA.
10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	Noticias	Noticias	News	Conan	Bill Cloud	Charlie Rose	King	Sons of Guns	Movie: The Italian Job, Edward Norton	Blue		Movie: 300, David Wenham	Wizards	SportsCenter	
11:PM	Nightline	Noticiero	Raymond	Letterman	El Cartel II (SS)	Jay Leno		Chumney		South Pk	Brothers		Blue			Wizards	SportsCenter	
12:AM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Para Volver a Amar	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night	Conan	Cortes	World	South Pk	Brothers		The Ultimate Fighter	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Wizards	Baseball Tonight	
1:AM	Extra	Destilando Amor	Raymond	Insider	Pagado	News		Light.		Roseanne	Sons of Guns	Breaking Bad		CSI: NY	Movie: A Low Down Dirty Shame	Hannah	NFL Live	SportsCenter
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2011. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 21, 1897, the New York Sun ran its famous editorial, written anonymously by Francis P. Church, that responded to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon asking whether Santa Claus really existed. Church wrote, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

On this date:

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1893, one of America's first horseless carriages was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Mass., by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother,

Charles.

In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1948, Milton Berle made his debut as permanent host of "The Texaco Star Theater" on NBC-TV.

In 1961, the first Boeing CH-47 Chinook military helicopter made its first hovering flight.

In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC-TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

In 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court. Belize attained full independence from Britain.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, S.C. Twenty-one students in Alton, Texas, died when their school bus, involved in a collision with a soft-drink delivery truck, careened into a water-filled pit.

In 1991, an 18-hour hostage

drama ended in Sandy, Utah, as Richard L. Worthington, who'd killed a nurse and seized control of a hospital maternity ward, finally freed nine captives, including a baby who was born during the siege. (Worthington committed suicide in prison in 1993.) Armenians voted overwhelmingly to declare their independence from the Soviet Union.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Karl Slover ("The Wizard of Oz") is 93. Actor Larry Hagman is 80. Poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen is 77. Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 70. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 68. Musician Don Felder is 64. Author Stephen King is 64. Basketball Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore is 62.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tanning lotion letters
 - 4 Little Mermaid mermaid
 - 9 Bus sta. posting
 - 14 The whole enchilada
 - 15 Chop finely
 - 16 Ancient Greek philosopher
 - 17 Do poorly under pressure
 - 20 Brontë title character
 - 21 Wet tar, for example
 - 22 Science class segment
 - 23 Instrument of India
 - 25 Trendy bar, e.g.
 - 29 Region of Austria
 - 31 Physique, so to speak
 - 32 Buckeye's home
 - 33 Western flick
 - 35 Designer Simpson
 - 36 Guess randomly
 - 40 Shoreline
 - 41 Great buy
 - 42 Breathe hard
 - 43 Astronomer's view
 - 44 One meaning of "shalom"
 - 48 Brings into accord
 - 50 Clean thoroughly
 - 52 Morning moisture
 - 53 Reporter's question
 - 56 Light as a feather
 - 57 Couldn't escape
 - 62 Bakery supply
 - 63 Hunter's weapon

- DOWN**
- 1 Places for valuables
 - 2 Request to Sam in Casablanca
 - 3 Acting teasingly amorous
 - 4 " _ to understand that . . ."
 - 5 Wrestler's workplace
 - 6 Obsessed with
 - 7 Yodeler's effect
 - 8 Director Spike or Ang
 - 9 Pie-in-the-face sound
 - 10 Bar mixer
 - 11 Derby, e.g.
 - 12 And more: Abbr.
 - 13 Homer Simpson outburst
 - 18 Shakespearean monarch
 - 19 Oafish one
 - 24 Fowl's perch
 - 25 Derby entrant
 - 26 "That was close!"
 - 27 De-squeaks
 - 28 Shoe tip
 - 30 440 yards, often
 - 31 First Lady Ford
 - 34 Things to do
 - 35 French city
 - 36 Beast that has kids
 - 37 Go ballistic
 - 38 Valedictorian, presumably
 - 39 Brewpub fixture
 - 40 Form filler, for short
 - 43 Stitched
 - 45 Antioxidant berry
 - 46 "Jeepers!"
 - 47 Moon of Jupiter
 - 49 Sound of a 25 Down
 - 51 How some documents are sent
 - 53 Expert, slangily
 - 54 Great weight
 - 55 Make eyes at
 - 57 Sense of humor
 - 58 "Green" prefix
 - 59 Sugar Loaf Mountain site
 - 60 Song syllable
 - 61 Camcorder button

