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## Gun on campus nets arrest

*HC officials say no one threatened*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Howard College student was arrested Wednesday afternoon after allegedly carrying a firearm onto the campus, prompting officials to temporarily increase security at the school. Mobey Cordell Lewis, of 506 Young, was arrested following an altercation at the college on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon in a prohibited place and possession of marijuana (two ounces or less) in a drug-free zone. Cindy Smith, director of information at the college, said the altercation began shortly before 1:30 p.m. Wednesday outside the Horace Garrett Building and allegedly involved Lewis, two other students and a fourth individual. During the altercation, a firearm was allegedly dis-



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**Police were dispatched to the Howard College campus Wednesday afternoon following an altercation, involving three students and a fourth individual, in which a handgun was allegedly displayed. HC student Molby Cordell Lewis, 19, was arrested on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon in a prohibited place and possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone.**

played. Smith said the weapon was never discharged and no injuries were reported. "Once the incident was reported, administrators took immediate action to notify the proper authorities, See **GUN**, Page 3A

## Skull study sought

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker announced Wednesday the human skull found at a salvage yard in mid-December is being prepared for DNA analysis in hopes of identifying who it came from. According to Parker, the skull was sent to the Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office shortly after its discovery in an effort to determine the cause of death and identify where — and who — it may have come from. "The Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office has determined the skull is human, and is believed to have been a male subject See **SKULL**, Page 6A



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## Taste of Texas to assist CFF

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

A Taste of Texas — wine tasting — will take place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday at Hog Heaven Party Barn. During the event, attendees will be able to sample a variety of wines from Llano Estacado and Homemade Wines. For those who find a wine

they truly enjoy, glasses will be sold for \$5 apiece and bottles will be available for \$15. "All the money goes to the foundation and is used for work on finding a cure, creating new medications and drug trials," said Amanda Wood, A Taste of Texas organizer and cystic fibrosis patient. Wine tasting with some hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be accompanied by a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 a person or \$25 per couple. Statistics show there are 33,000 Americans dealing with cystic fibrosis — a genetic disease caused by defective genes which causes the body to produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus. The mu-

cus leads to chronic and life-threatening lung infections and impairs digestion. All research is done through private donations and fundraising monies. No government funding is provided. At this time, no cure has been found. "All the profits will go to the foundation and will help benefit anyone in our area dealing with cystic fibrosis," Wood said. Anyone wanting to donate to the foundation or help with any of the upcoming fundraisers can contact Wood at 719-568-2341. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

## Pets are theme for museum exhibit

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Pets are a part of the family, too, and an upcoming exhibit, opening Friday at the Heritage Museum, will be showing just how important with pet portraits from Kay Smith, Linda Rupard, Carole

Berry, Sue Bagwell, Leada Wood and Estelle Howard. "This will be a great way for the community to see a wide variety of animals showcased in watermedia art," Smith said. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday there will be a meet-the-artists reception held to mark the opening of the exhibit, which will be available for public viewing through Nov. 2, during museum business hours. The Caboose Watercolor Society has been present in Big Spring for 15 years and was created as an art group which required no dues, no regular meetings and no conflicts. Local artists Smith and Rupard — who maintained studios at a boxcar and caboose, now part of Bean's World — with the help of Berry, created the

society. The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Contact Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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## EDC at odds with council over budget

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

The topic was money during the recent Big Spring Economic Development Corporation monthly meeting Sept. 20

as the board discussed the 2011-2012 revised annual budget. The budget was submitted to the city council during the last meeting and was rejected, based on the revenue and miscellaneous numbers. During Tuesday night's meeting, BSEDC, board members expressed their concerns about

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# Obituaries

## Lena Ellen Click Heard



Lena Ellen Click Heard, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011. The family received 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.; and daughter-in-law, Navauda Heard of Joshua, Texas; one brother, George Click and wife Martha 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.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Joe A. Lopez



Joe A. Lopez, 75, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in a Midland hospital. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 2, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas. Joe was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked at the VA Hospital as a cook and also volunteered at the VA for many years. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church-Sacred Heart Parish.

Survivors include five sisters, Margarita Dutchover and Rosa Lopez, both of Big Spring, Lucy Lopez of Roswell, N.M., Catalina Padron of Coahoma and Manuela Arista of Fort Worth; two brothers, Enrique Lopez of Fort Worth and Thomas Lopez of Midland; and 19 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesus and Alejandra Lopez; and two brothers, Felipe Lopez and Rafael Lopez.

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

# Support Groups

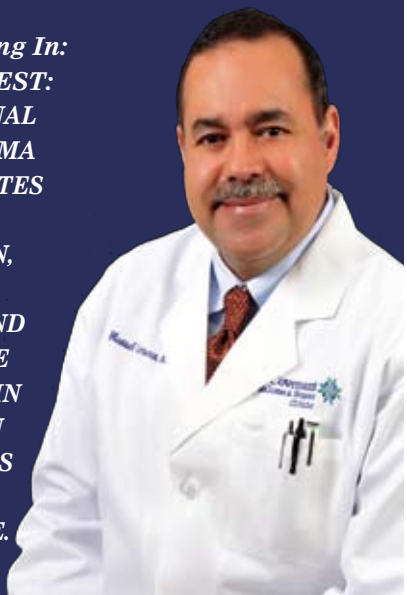
**FRIDAY**  
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

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

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# Police blotter

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

- MONA ALICIA SALDANA, 26, of 1400 Virginia, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for driving while license invalid (five counts), failure to appear (eight counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (three counts).
- CATARINA FRANCO, 20, of 1407 Scurry, was arrested Wednesday on charges of failure to identify and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III, 21, of 1205 Harding, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces and less than five pounds and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- ANTHONY ELIZANDRO SOLIS, 20, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 61, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for criminal mischief.
- JO ANN AFRICH, 45, of 3213 Auburn, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- LANCE WAYNE LAND, 22, of 5203 Sterling, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for assault by contact.
- MOBEY CORDELL LEWIS, 19, of 506 Young, was arrested Wednesday on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon in a prohibited place and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less.
- JOSE ARENIVAZ, 44, of 100 Carey, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- SHANE EDDIE ANDERSON, 39, of 1200 Lloyd, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and three warrants from other agencies.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the area of Ninth Street and Goliad. In the 1000 block of Nolan.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.
- GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces and less than five pounds, and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- JO ANN AFRICH, 46, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.
- ANTHONY SOLIS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check and criminal mischief.
- MOBEY CORDELL LEWIS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon in a prohibited place and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less.
- LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a capias warrant for assault – physical contact.
- SHANE ANDERSON, 39, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to display driver's license, speeding, violation of a promise to appear and possession of a controlled substance.
- JOSE ALFREDO ARENIVEZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MICHAEL EVERET BARNETT, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of assault causing bodily injury – family violence and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

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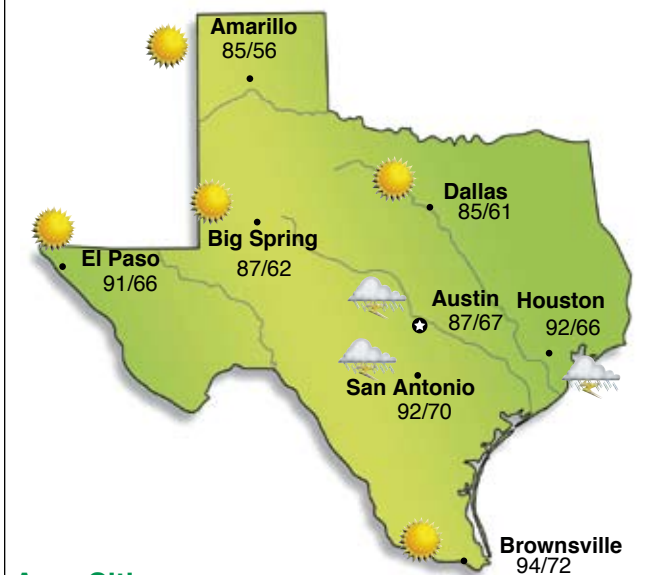
# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/23	Sat 9/24	Sun 9/25	Mon 9/26	Tue 9/27
<b>87/62</b> A mainly sunny sky. High 87F. Winds light and variable.	<b>96/66</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>97/68</b> Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>97/67</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>94/68</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 7:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 7:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 7:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 7:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 7:36 PM

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### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	62	sunny	Kingsville	97	70	mst sunny
Amarillo	85	56	sunny	Livingston	88	60	t-storm
Austin	87	67	t-storm	Longview	84	60	mst sunny
Beaumont	88	64	t-storm	Lubbock	85	57	sunny
Brownsville	94	72	sunny	Lufkin	88	62	t-storm
Brownwood	87	61	sunny	Midland	86	64	sunny
Corpus Christi	95	71	t-storm	Raymondville	96	71	sunny
Corsicana	85	60	mst sunny	Rosenberg	93	66	t-storm
Dallas	85	61	sunny	San Antonio	92	70	t-storm
Del Rio	91	72	sunny	San Marcos	88	66	t-storm
El Paso	91	66	sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	58	sunny
Fort Stockton	86	63	sunny	Sweetwater	85	62	sunny
Gainesville	82	57	sunny	Tyler	83	59	mst sunny
Greenville	83	58	sunny	Weatherford	84	57	sunny
Houston	92	66	t-storm	Wichita Falls	84	58	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	57	t-storm	Minneapolis	66	46	sunny
Boston	71	65	rain	New York	71	67	rain
Chicago	61	45	rain	Phoenix	103	74	sunny
Dallas	85	61	sunny	San Francisco	77	59	sunny
Denver	80	52	mst sunny	Seattle	79	60	pt sunny
Houston	92	66	t-storm	St. Louis	72	51	pt sunny
Los Angeles	82	62	sunny	Washington, DC	74	65	rain
Miami	89	77	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 9/23	Sat 9/24	Sun 9/25	Mon 9/26	Tue 9/27
9	9	9	8	8
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# District 6 set for large-item pickup

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring will look to wrap up its annual large item pickup program Friday, as municipal crews focus on helping residents clean up District 6.

According to program coordinator and City Code Enforcement Director Chad Averette, the effort hasn't netted as many pounds as in previous years, but it has still managed to have a positive impact on the Big Spring area.

"Last year we collected 140

tons through all six districts, and this year we're currently at 85 tons. We didn't push as hard this year as far as advertising goes, so I'm not really surprised we haven't collected as much as last year," Averette said. "There was a lot going on, both for the city and the residents, especially with the water shortage. However, we still collected a lot of large items, and that will help the city and the residents in a lot of different ways."

Averette said city crews will be targeting District 6 — represented by City Councilman

Terry Hansen — Friday, part of the annual six-month project designed to help residents get rid of items too large to be transported by usual means to the landfill.

"This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise," Averette said. "This is also a great opportunity for residents in the district who might in violation of city ordinances because of large items to get it taken care of before

they receive a citation." While there are a number of items the city service isn't allowed to pick up, Averette said the most common large items are on their "can-do" list.

They include appliances, couches and mattresses. Items that cannot be picked up include lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires, tree branches or shrubs.

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up.

"To be placed on the pick

up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up," he said. "If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items."

For more information on Friday's program and maps of the city districts, visit the city of Big Spring website at mybigspring.com, or call 264-2504.

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

## GUN

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secure students on campus and locate the students in question," Smith said. "At no time was the campus on lockdown or closed to the public. The student in possession of the firearm was not making threats toward any

other individuals and did not show the firearm in a threatening manner."

Big Spring police were dispatched to the campus at 1:25 p.m. and subsequently discovered Lewis in a classroom, where he was arrested on the two charges, BSPD Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett said.

Both offenses are misdemeanors.

A criminal trespass warning was issued against Lewis and he has been suspended from classes pending further disciplinary action, Smith said.

Two other males involved in the altercation, one of whom is a Howard student, left the campus before police ar-

rived and have not been located as of this morning, Smith said.

"Authorities will be notified if they attempt to enter the campus," Smith said. "As a precaution, security will be heightened on campus until the individuals are located."

The fourth individual, a female student, was not suspended from

campus, Smith added.

College officials are considering further disciplinary action against the students.

"(The students) will be given due process," Smith said. "When we get all the facts ... they will go through the disciplinary process, and they may or may not be terminated from classes."

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## EDC

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setting the revenue numbers at the proposed \$1.6 million.

When presented to the city council, the projected revenue for the 2011-2012 budget was set at \$1.5 million, but did not meet the approval of council members. Executive Director Terry Wegman said the proposed number from the city was \$1.66 million, but after compromising he set it at \$1.6 million to present to the board.

"The budget is a tool we should use to plan for next year. I would like to see \$1.8 million, but it's just not possible at this point. I would rather be conservative with the budget than inflate the budget," BSEDC board member Larry McLellan said.

After looking at previous years' budget numbers, the board discussed an appropriate number and decided on \$1.55 million projected revenue for the upcoming budget.

"I really don't know where the increase is going to come from to get to the \$1.6 million. I still feel \$1.55 million is a little high, but I feel more comfortable with that than the \$1.6," BSEDC Vice President Dr. Keith Ledford said.

After hearing the board's discussion and recommendations,

Wegman noted the presented changes and will present the new budget to the city council members during their next meeting.

"Our budget is an integral part of the city budget. If they don't agree on this budget then I don't know what we will do," Wegman said.

Secretary/treasurer Glenn Fillingim informed Wegman and board members the data from previous years indicates that \$1.55 million is a better projected revenue number than \$1.6 million. On average, out of the past five years the revenue has been \$1.54 according to records.

"I really don't see how we will be able to push the envelope any further than we have in 2011. Speaking from the business side of the community, we are all pretty much maxed out," BSEDC President Rodney Bomar said.

Another issue the board discussed was the miscellaneous line item. The 2011-2012 budget is the first time the line item appears, but according to Wegman it was established to budget money for pending or future projects, which haven't been made official.

"The goal of creating this particular line item was to be transparent and not have to come back later on and say we have a million dol-

lar project and we need to amend the budget," Wegman said. "Right now we have eminent projects that could affect our budget which is why we put this line item in."

Wegman reported there is \$2.1 million in possible projects for the upcoming budget year which are close enough to fruition, but unable to be released to the public just yet. However, city council members recommended the line item should be dropped from the proposed \$2 million to \$1 million. The board compromised and changed it to \$1.5 million and the miscellaneous line item title was changed to Pending/Future Projects.

"Our budget is meant to guide us through the year. It's where we expect to travel," McLellan said. "It is something we should be comfortable with."

The board also received the August financials and investment reports delivered by Fillingim. He reported the sales tax numbers were more than \$126,000

for August, which is an 18 percent increase for the month from the same time last year and an 11.3 percent increase year to date.

"The past four months have been really impressive," Wegman said.

Concluding action items was consideration and approval of an incentive agreement with CeRam-Kote Inc., a local business located at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

Wegman said the agreement is aimed at providing assistance with their expansion, which will double their capacity to a 21,000 square foot building and bring in an additional 13 jobs. The agreement was approved for a \$350,000 forgivable loan which will be able to absorb their existing \$92,000 loan. He reported the out of pocket expense would be about \$250,000 for the board.

"It has already been

reported that they are generating enough payroll to be able to pay back the loans and the expansion isn't even complete yet," Wegman reported to the board.

The board signed off on the incentive agreement, which will be presented to the city for final approval. The city council approval will allow Wegman and the acting president of BSEDC to provide the funds to CeRam-Kote Inc. when needed.

The next meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for Oct. 18 at 5:15 p.m. in the chamber board room.

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By Eddy Pitchford

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## OUR VIEWS

# Movie on the mountain and a hayride, too

What better setting to watch a movie than on top of Scenic Mountain?

The Big Spring Film Society will take advantage of that setting when they bring their final screening of that setting, "The Dark Crystal," to Crossroad residents at dark Saturday.

As always, the screenings are free, but donations are accepted. There will be concessions set up on top of the mountain for those wanting to take advantage of some snacks for the movie.

The film, which was released in 1983 and is Rated-PG, takes place in a different time and planet, where, 1,000 years ago, the mysterious Dark Crystal was damaged by one of the Urskeks and an age of chaos has begun.

The evil race of grotesque, birdlike lizards — the Skeksis — are gnomish dragons who rule their fantastic planet with an iron claw. Meanwhile, the orphan Jen, raised in solitude by a race of the peace-loving wizards called the Mystics, embarks on a quest to find the missing shard of the Dark Crystal which gives the Skeksis their power and restore the balance of the universe.

Of course, before night falls don't forget to take advantage of the hayrides which take place on top of the mountain Saturday, as well.

According to State Park Manager Ron Alton, there will be two hayrides; the first ride will be at 3 p.m. followed by another hayride at 4:30 p.m.

The hayride is a great way to get outdoors, learn about the mountain and all it has to offer. It's something the whole family can enjoy.

For the hayride, the seating will be provided, but for those watching the movie don't forget to bring your chairs or blankets, whichever you will need to sit down for the movie.

The temperatures are getting a little cooler and what better way to spend an evening than with a hayride and a movie.

Get out, enjoy the great outdoors — which too many of us have long forgotten due to high temperatures and technological advancements — and share some time with the family on top of Scenic Mountain.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we trust in You and listen to You,  
Lord, for our future.

Amen

# Our heroes of the Republic

Stephen Colbert, every liberal's favorite mock conservative, has taken to calling his viewers "heroes" as he exhorts them to contribute to his Super PAC.

What's a Super PAC you ask? Good question.

It's a money-laundering device that allows individuals, corporations, and unions to give unlimited amounts of money to a political group, which can in turn use the booty to promote a political candidate. It differs from a regular Political Action Committee in that it doesn't give directly to candidates, thus freeing it from the \$5,000 limit on contributions that regular PACs operate under.

What, you might ask again, is the big difference between giving money to a candidate and buying ads supporting him? Don't ask me; ask the Supreme Court. They're the ones who came up with the cockamamie idea that money is a form of speech.

I've said this before and I'm saying it again: If money is speech then why is bribery illegal? All you're doing is trying to convince somebody of the worth of your cause by using a form of speech often more persuasive than mere words.

Colbert's motto for his PAC is "Making a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow."

As anyone who's ever seen him on TV knows, Colbert is curve-

ball artist. He ridicules conservative positions by adopting them, taking them apart, and reassembling them in larger, more vivid, and absurd forms.

When I first saw him I said, "That's funny but he's a one-trick pony; he can't keep doing that and stay funny." To make a long story short, he's kept doing it, and he's stayed funny. Very funny.

I think his Super PAC will be used to throw more sand in the gears of our corrupt political system and underline just how zany it has become. For example, candidates now spend huge sums to buy a win in the Iowa Straw Poll. Gimme a break!

Moreover, I think that calling his viewers "heroes" is a stroke of genius. How better to pander to your audience than by making members feel they deserve a medal, just for liking you.

I've decided to do it myself. From now on, all readers who send me complimentary cards, letters, e-mails, and smoke signals will earn the official designation of "Hero of the Republic." They won't get a medal. They might not even get a reply, but they'll know who they are.

Here is a typical example, from a Mike R.:

"I am so glad to read your columns again. I love your wit and straightforwardness."

That's it. Simple, dignified, intelligent. Mike is a real hero.

I've decided to go Colbert one better, however. Taking a page from Rick Perry's book, I've decided to designate readers who don't agree with me as "Traitors

to the Republic." What better way to vilify opponents than to question their loyalty to their country, hey Rick? Take this letter I got the other day, for example:

"You come across as being one of the most liberal, Communist, socialist, Marxist, secularist, anti-Christ, anti-American reporters for the biased, prejudiced, slanted, liberal media. Here in Mississippi we put you in a class with our Commie President Hussein Obama, Bill Ayers, George Soros, Mike Moore, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Jane Fonda and all other anti-Christ and anti-Americans... Liberalism is a mental disorder. That's you."

The letter was signed "God and Country Christians"

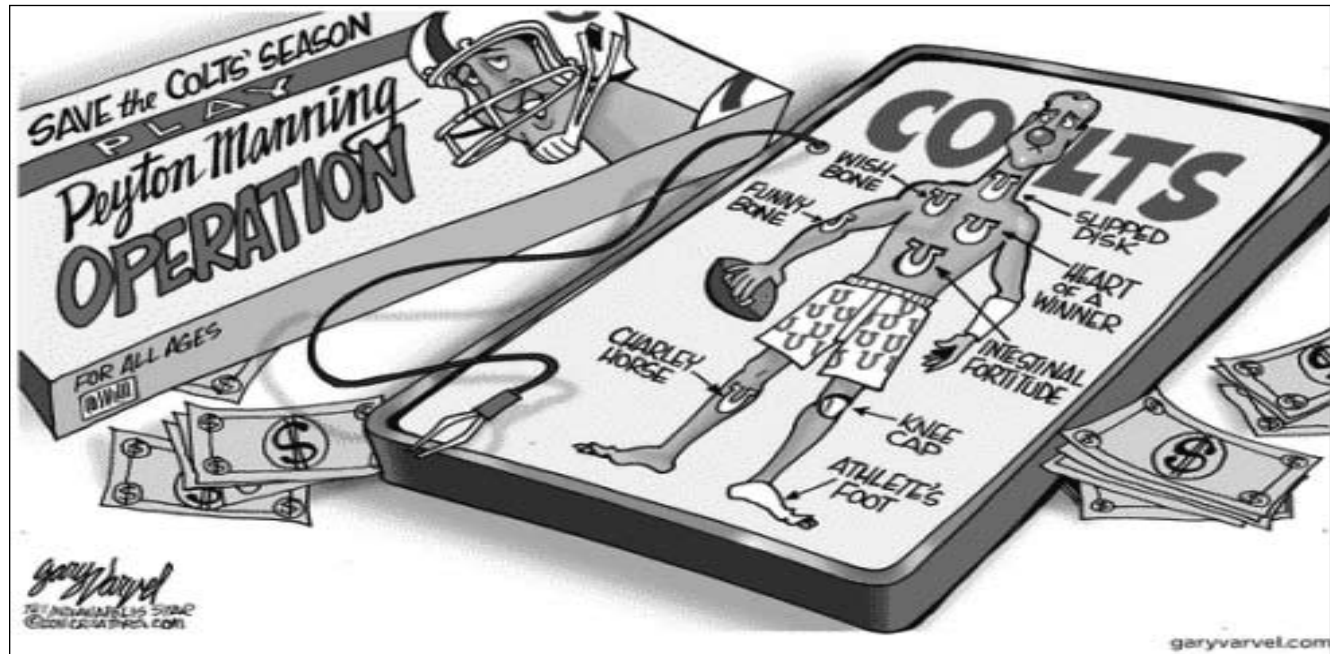
If that's not treason, Tokyo Rose never lived and Benedict Arnold never lived on Mt. Rushmore.

I say unto you, Mr. and Mrs. Christians, your remarks are an insult to the very idea of Americanism and a dishonor to us all, including the brave men and women fighting for our freedom, curiously enough, in places we can't find on a map. You are traitors. I am sending your letter to the FBI.

So if two guys in dark suits, narrow ties, and snap-brim hats come to your door soon, don't be surprised.

In the meantime, people, keep those cards and letters coming in, and keep writing letters to the editor praising my columns. A society can't have too many heroes.

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## Let's talk about ... football?

I've done the sad column, the mushy-gushy column, a couple funny columns (even though there are those who don't believe I know how to write a funny column) and even a few rants, but I think it's time for something a little different.

It's usually when I am at a loss for an idea that the weird topics come to mind or even topics I probably have no business addressing, but oh well — here it goes.

It's all about football, football, football!

The only problem is ... I don't understand it.

Of course, me not understanding it doesn't mean I am not going to at least try to grasp what is going on.

Afterall, what could be so difficult about making sense of two different groups of men running around on a field trying to get to the other side without being stopped? Simple .... well ... maybe not so much.

I never imagined I would be one to care about football or what is going on, but that all changed when my college professor told our class if we are going to succeed in the media world we are going to have to get in touch with two things, one of those being football.

Baseball may be described as the American sport, but football is something that seems to bring everyone together.

The SuperBowl is the most

watched event, even if some are simply tuning in just for the commercials.

Being able to participate in a conversation about football is somehow important to succeeding in this industry (even though I don't agree with that reasoning) and well, I want to succeed.

It took me a while to fully grasp what she was saying, but now I realize it ... football really is the common denominator in our society.

This football season I still don't understand what is going on, but I notice when it's game day — which I am beginning to notice is almost every single day — Facebook is consumed with posts about this team or that team and this player playing poorly or that player doing wonderful.

I still don't understand it, but apparently this season one of the Mannings is out for the entire season and that is a bad thing.

I was almost certain football was a team sport, but according to what I have been hearing and from what I have been seeing, maybe it has turned into a one-man show.

So far this is what I've grasped (just this season mind you).

Both teams are trying their hardest, even though there are those teams who need to exert more effort than others, to get to the other end of the field within four downs. Of course, I still don't understand how the downs are decided.

Secondly, the only lines truly on the field and not computer generated are the yard lines.

All those other lines and arrows don't really exist and are placed there only for viewers in television land.

Third, even though it is a contact sport it has turned into a "girly" type sport in my opinion.

Apparently, there are all these rules now about where you can hit, certain ways you can't hit and fines can be given if you hit someone in the wrong way.

I'm sorry, just because I don't fully grasp it I may be wrong in saying this, but football is a contact sport and if you don't want to get hit then give up the big money (which is way too much money in my opinion), get off the field and go back to playing flag football.

It's football, be a man, take the hit or go home. My five-year-old son has started playing flag football and even he seems to be less afraid than some of the guys in the NFL.

Well, now that I have almost certainly humiliated myself by showing how little I truly know about football I am going to wrap up this column.

Hopefully, I am not the only one out there who doesn't grasp the concept of football, but either way don't give up on me just yet. I am going to watch a little more football this year and see if maybe I can understand it a little better.

Either way, if nothing else comes from this column, at least someone might get a good laugh.

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## News in brief

### Ex-manager took kickbacks on Texas school projects

MIDLAND (AP) — An ex-construction manager on some school projects in West Texas has pleaded guilty to accepting more than \$200,000 in kickbacks.

Carl James Woodruff appeared Wednesday before a federal judge in Midland. The 46-year-old Woodruff pleaded guilty to two counts of mail fraud and one count of money laundering related to inflated invoices. He faces up to 20 years in each count.

Prosecutors say Woodruff, who's free on bond pending sentencing, used the kickbacks from subcontractors to buy a new home.

Investigators say Woodruff, from the spring of 2009 until February 2010, was the onsite construction manager for a new gymnasium for the Grady Independent School District and during renovation of buildings for the Reagan County Independent School District.

Woodruff formerly worked for Midland-based Grimes and Associates.

### Dentist gets prison over health care fraud

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A West Texas dentist has been sentenced to nearly six years in prison over a \$1.6 million Medicaid fraud scam.

A federal judge in San Angelo on Wednesday sentenced 67-year-old Dr. James Crow of Brownwood and ordered him to surrender by Oct. 26.

Prosecutors say Crow must repay Texas Medicaid and forfeit cash, a truck, several motorcycles, a boat, a residence and additional real estate in Brown County.

A jury in May convicted Crow of two counts of making false statements involving a health care matter and 15 counts of health care fraud since 2004. U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings also determined that Crow committed perjury at his trial.

Investigators say the case involved Medicaid claims for services not performed or submission of documents for procedures not covered.

### \$9.2M to teen asked to leave school over affair

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas jury has awarded \$9.2 million to a teen who was asked to leave a religious school after her sexual affair with a male teacher became public.

Jurors on Wednesday decided the Episcopal School of Dallas was grossly negligent.

School board president John Eagle says the civil verdict will be appealed.

Family attorney Charla Aldous says the community won't tolerate a school treating a sexual abuse victim the way the girl was treated.

The girl was 16 and the teacher was 34 when po-

lice found the pair in a car in 2009. Her parents sued, saying the school didn't do enough to protect the student.

The teacher, who resigned, faces charges of sexual assault of a child and improper relationship with a student.

The teen graduated from another school.

### Vandals again target historic San Antonio mission

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The latest damage has gone deeper for historic Mission San Juan in San Antonio.

Police are trying to determine who carved graffiti into an 18-century stone wall.

Gregory Smith with the National Parks Service says he'd relate this damage "to if someone carved their names in the Alamo."

The San Antonio Express-News reported Thursday that park rangers on Sept. 16 discovered seven carvings, with names, the word "lov" and a reference to 2011.

Smith estimates repairs will cost the federal agency thousands of dollars.

Damage discovered in early January involved black spray paint on the mission, which was founded in 1716 in East Texas, but was transferred to the San Antonio site in 1731.

### Oct. 17 concert to help Texas wildfire victims

AUSTIN (AP) — An Oct. 17 concert featuring Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett and the group Asleep at the Wheel will benefit Central Texas wildfire victims.

Tickets go on sale Friday for the event at the Erwin Center in Austin.

Wildfires this month in Bastrop County, about 25 miles east of Austin, have left two people dead and destroyed nearly 1,600 homes. The Texas Forest Service says more than 34,000 acres were blackened.

Kyle Chandler, who on Sunday won an Emmy for best actor in a drama in the final season of the TV show "Friday Night Lights," will help host the benefit. Chandler recently did public service announcements in support of volunteer firefighters across Texas.

### Houston woman gets prison term for Katrina fraud

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Houston woman who pleaded guilty to fraudulently obtaining housing money after Hurricane Katrina has been sentenced to 10 months in prison.

U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt in New Orleans also on Wednesday ordered 32-year-old Karen Jones to pay more than \$33,000 in restitution.

Jones pleaded guilty in June to wire fraud and mail fraud charges.

Federal prosecutors say Jones received federal funds for a New Orleans residence that she wasn't living in when the August 2005 storm struck.

### Penalty trial starts for 'Twilight Rapist'

EDNA (AP) — Testimony begins in a Texas Gulf Coast courtroom for the punishment of a suspected serial rapist convicted of sexually assaulting a disabled woman.

The Jackson County jury begins hearing testimony Thursday, a day after rejecting claims by Billy Joe Harris that he suffers from multiple personality disorder. Jurors found him guilty Wednesday on a sexual assault count related to the January rape of a 59-year-old disabled woman in Edna, about 100 miles southwest of Houston.

The former Texas prison employee had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. He claimed he was having an affair with the disabled woman.

Investigators allege Harris is "The Twilight Rapist," so dubbed because most of the attacks happened just before dawn. He could receive a sentence ranging from five years to life in prison.

### Houston police seek missing Renoir painting

HOUSTON (AP) — A \$25,000 reward has been offered and Houston police have made a public appeal for help in finding a painting by Pierre-Auguste Renoir (rehn-WAH') reported taken from a west Houston home.

Renoir's "Madelaine Leaning On Her Elbow With Flowers In Her Hair" is part of a private collection at the Vaughn Christopher Art Gallery in Houston.

According to a police statement Wednesday, officers were called to a west Houston home Sept. 8, where a person reported that an armed white man wearing a ski mask and gloves entered and demanded money and jewelry.

Police say the complainant pointed out the painting on the wall and its value, so the gunman took the painting and its frame and left. The complainant wasn't injured.

### White supremacist executed for Byrd slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — White supremacist gang member Lawrence Russell Brewer was executed Wednesday evening for the infamous dragging death slaying of James Byrd Jr., a black man from East Texas.

Byrd, 49, was chained to the back of a pickup truck and pulled whip-like to his death along a bumpy asphalt road in one of the most grisly hate crime murders in recent Texas history.

Brewer, 44, was asked if he had any final words, to which he replied: "No. I have no final statement."

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## News in brief

### Ga. executes Davis, who drew legions of supporters but found no court to throw out conviction

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — Strapped to a gurney in Georgia's death chamber, Troy Davis lifted his head and declared one last time that he did not kill police officer Mark MacPhail. Just a few feet away behind a glass window, MacPhail's son and brother watched in silence.

Outside the prison, a crowd of more than 500 demonstrators cried, hugged, prayed and held candles. They represented hundreds of thousands of supporters worldwide who took up the anti-death penalty cause as Davis' final days ticked away.

"I am innocent," Davis said moments before he was executed Wednesday night. "All I can ask ... is that you look deeper into this case so that you really can finally see the truth. I ask my family and friends to continue to fight this fight."

Prosecutors and MacPhail's family said justice had finally been served.

"I'm kind of numb. I can't believe that it's really happened," MacPhail's mother, Anneliese MacPhail, said in a telephone interview from her home in Columbus, Ga. "All the feelings of relief and peace I've been waiting for all these years, they will come later. I certainly do want some peace."

### Obama heads to Boehner and McConnell backyards to press for jobs bill passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is marketing his massive jobs proposal from an out-dated bridge that links the home states of his two chief congressional Republican rivals, a symbolic and cheeky maneuver designed to apply pressure on the GOP and convey resolve in the face of a sputtering economy.

Obama will make his pitch Thursday for \$447 billion in tax cuts, jobless aid and public works projects at the Brent Spence Bridge south of Cincinnati, an aging span that connects House Speaker John Boehner's state of Ohio with Kentucky, home of Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell. The politics are clear.

"The point here is that it's not an accident that we're headed to that area," said White House communications director Dan Pfeiffer.

Strategically, the visit serves Obama's legislative

and political goals. The president is making his jobs bill the focus of his fall agenda amid broad public disapproval over his handling of the economy. The trip also raises Obama's profile in Ohio, a state that he won in 2008 but that George W. Bush also won twice.

### NYPD had surveillance on U.S. citizens based on ethnicity, not any possible crimes

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Police Department put American citizens under surveillance and scrutinized where they ate, prayed and worked, not because of charges of wrongdoing but because of their ethnicity, according to interviews and documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The documents describe in extraordinary detail a secret program intended to catalog life inside Muslim neighborhoods as people immigrated, got jobs, became citizens and started businesses. The documents undercut the NYPD's claim that its officers only follow leads when investigating terrorism.

It started with one group, Moroccans, but the documents show police intended to build intelligence files on other ethnicities.

Undercover officers snapped photographs of restaurants frequented by Moroccans, including one that was noted for serving "religious Muslims." Police documented where Moroccans bought groceries, which hotels they visited and where they prayed. While visiting an apartment used by new Moroccan immigrants, an officer noted in his reports that he saw two Qurans and a calendar from a nearby mosque.

It was called the Moroccan Initiative.

### Pope begins 4-day state visit in Germany amid protests

BERLIN (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI arrived in Germany on Thursday on his first state visit to his homeland, where he is expected to be greeted by large protests and even larger crowds of Catholic faithful.

The Bavarian-born pontiff was met on a red carpet at Berlin's Tegel airport by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Christian Wulff at the start of his four-day visit.

Howitzers fired a ceremonial salute as the pope stepped off his plane, and Eurofighter jet escorts

flew overhead.

Merkel introduced the pope to members of her Cabinet. He then greeted members of the German Catholic Church and children who stood waiting for him with small yellow-and-white Vatican flags and presented him with a bouquet of flowers.

Benedict blessed the children before moving on.

### Recession's lost generation: Census finds new lows in mobility, jobs, wedlock for young adults

WASHINGTON (AP) — Call it the recession's lost generation.

In record-setting numbers, young adults struggling to find work are shunning long-distance moves to live with Mom and Dad, delaying marriage and buying fewer homes, often raising kids out of wedlock. They suffer from the highest unemployment since World War II and risk living in poverty more than others — nearly 1 in 5.

New 2010 census data released Thursday show the wrenching impact of a recession that officially ended in mid-2009. It highlights the missed opportunities and dim prospects for a generation of mostly 20-somethings and 30-somethings coming of age in a prolonged slump with high unemployment.

"We have a monster jobs problem, and young people are the biggest losers," said Andrew Sum, an economist and director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University. He noted that for recent college grads now getting by with waitressing, bartending and odd jobs, they will have to compete with new graduates for entry-level career positions when the job market eventually does improve."

### Asian carp for dinner?

CHICAGO (AP) — Minced Asian carp tacos? How about spaghetti with carp sauce?

Illinois officials hope serving the invasive species on a plate is the creative solution to two big problems: controlling the plankton-gobbling carp from entering the Great Lakes and record numbers of people facing hunger. But the idea has major obstacles, mainly overcoming people's nose-crinkling response to eating a fish that grows to 100 pounds and is able to sail out of the water — a trait spotlighted in YouTube videos.

"We are in uncharted water here," said Natural Resources spokesman Chris McCloud.

## SKULL

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possibly around 50 years of age at the time he died," Parker said. "The medical examiner was also able to determine the skull possibly suffered a peri- or post-mortem sharp force injury on the inferior surface of the right zygomatic process of maxil-

lia."

Parker said tests were unable to determine the ethnicity or ancestry of the skull, but hopes DNA testing may shed more light on the discovery.

"The skull is currently in the possession of the Howard County Sheriff's Office," Parker said. "It is being prepared to be sent to another lab for DNA analysis in hopes that identification may be

obtained. Unfortunately, we don't know what kind of time frame it will be before we hear back from the lab."

The skull was discovered Dec. 20, 2010, when law enforcement officials were called to the scene — a salvage yard in the northern part of Howard County — after what appeared to be a portion of a human skull was found in a vehicle.

A local resident, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed to the *Herald* the skull was discovered in the trunk of a brown 1985 Buick.

When asked if the discovery of the skull could be tied to a missing person report in or around the Crossroads area, Parker said it's too early in the investigation to speculate.

"I really can't comment on that at this point in the investigation," Parker said. "It's going to take some time to have it examined, and I would ask everyone to please remain patient in the meantime."

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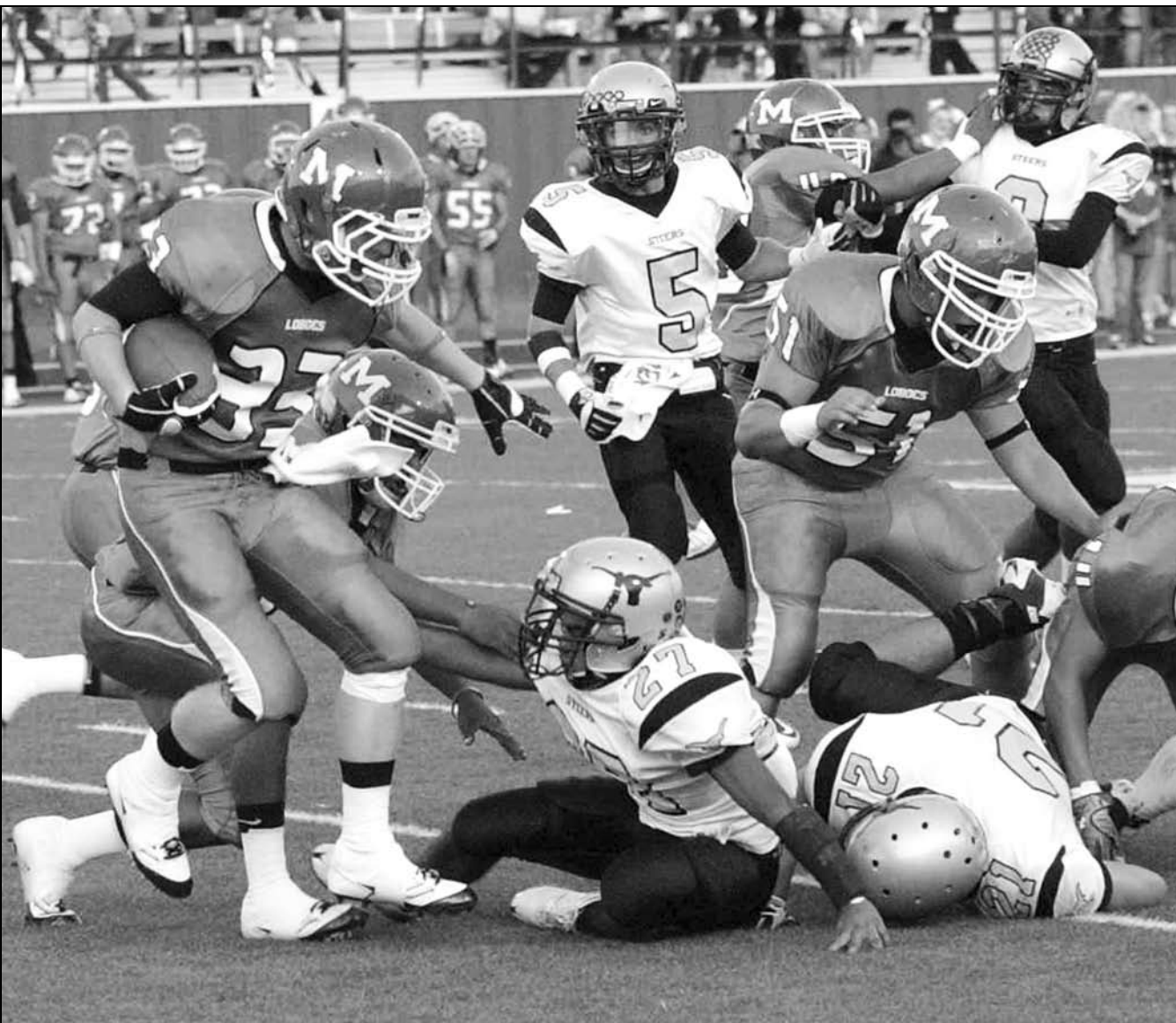
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# Steers down, but not out



## Big Spring looks to rebound in Midland Saturday

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers will travel to Midland for a special Saturday edition of Steers' football this weekend, where they will take on the 1-2 Midland Christian Mustangs at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Steers are coming off of a disappointing 39-3 loss at Monahans, while the Mustangs — after a bye week — are coming off of a 20-15 win in Monahans.

Standout receiver Toby Rodgers will sit out the game with what is being called concussion-like symptoms. Rodgers was injured on a long pass attempt late in the game in Monahans last week.

Looking at the outcomes of the two teams' last outing, both against Monahans, it would be easy to draw a simple conclusion, but football is not always that simple. Just because Team A beats Team B and Team C beats Team A, there is no certainty Team C will beat Team B. It all comes down to match-ups in football. And the key match-up in this game will be Midland's star running back against the Steers' defense.

"We have to try and contain him," Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey said, speaking about Midland's Christian Whigham (number 20). "He is very fast, very strong. If he gets to the outside, he

Though knocked to the ground and engaged with a blocker, Alex Gonzales (27) still manages to get in on the tackle against Monahans last week.

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## Forsan begins district play

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

History says buffaloes once roamed the plains, but last week Forsan fans found out Buffaloes stomp the ever-loving Cowboys out of Plains. The 49-7 trouncing has propelled the Buffs to a 3-1 record, heading into district play this week, and given hope to a possible post-season appearance.

Fans of Forsan will see their Buffaloes on home turf again this week when they face the Post Antelopes in their district opener.

The 1-3 Antelopes are coming off of a 42-34 loss to Floydada in a nail-biter which went down to the wire. Meanwhile, Forsan is still reeling from what has come to be known as the Ty Johnson Show at last week's homecoming game. Johnson touched the ball six times and scored four times from at least 65 yards away, including a 94 yard pick-six.

"This is when it really counts," Forsan coach Jason Phillips said. "We have been practicing for this time of year for the last four months. We're excited to

get this game started."

The days of fine-tuning a team are past as coaches like Coach Phillips start making changes on a week-to-week basis. But the Forsan coach says he likes where his team is right now.

"We are a lot further along in our playbook than we were this time last year," Coach Phillips said.

"We have a full playbook on available to us on both sides of the ball."

The district-opening clash will get started at 7: 30 p.m. Friday night in Forsan.

## Area 6-man football games

### Sands vs. Sterling City 7:30 p.m. Friday at Sterling City

The Sands Mustangs will put their 3-0 record on the line Friday night when they host the Sterling City Eagles. The 'Stangs are coming off of a 60-14 pounding of Loop, while Sterling City is coming off of a 64-34 loss to Water Valley.

Coming off of a devastating 70-22 loss to Rankin, the Grady Wildcats hope to improve on their 1-2 record when they face the Trinity Chargers Friday night. The 2-1 Chargers are coming off of a 46-0 trouncing of Balmorhea.

### Garden City vs. O'Donnell 7:30 p.m. Friday at O'Donnell

Coming off of a 58-8 win over Paducah, the Bearcats hope to improve on their 1-2 start this week when they face the undefeated O'Donnell Eagles.

## Coahoma, Stanton clash in Friday's district opener

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

Last season, the Stanton Buffaloes defeated the Coahoma Bulldogs 17-2 in the district opener, as the Bulldogs were unable to find any way of scoring until the defense grabbed a safety

in the fourth quarter. This season, Coahoma is sporting a 1-3 record, but they are averaging 35 points per game with a fast running attack with the likes of Tanner Ruiz, Sheigh Cravens and Justin Coker.

On the other side of the field will stand the Stanton Buffaloes with their 2-2 record.

The Buffaloes are averaging 175 yards of rushing a game, with Andres Chavez, Tim Anderson and Taylor Spinks leading the

charge. The three have combined for well over 600 rushing yards already this season. The game looks to offer District 2-2A action at its finest, with the two hard-running teams colliding in Coahoma Friday night.

## Briefs

### Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC at 6 p.m. 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 tonight at 6 p.m. in the high school library. Parents of girls in Big Spring sports and coaches of those sports are invited. Junior high parents are also welcome. For more information, contact Cheri Reibe at 432-268-9587.

### Changes to freshman and junior high football games

The eighth grade football B Team's game against Midland Christian has been cancelled for this evening. The times for the other junior high games have been changed as follows:

- 7A — 6:45 p.m.
- 7B — 5:40 p.m.
- 8A — 8 p.m.

All junior high games will be played in Midland.

The Big Spring freshman team's game has been cancelled. The JV team will still play Midland Christian in Big Spring tonight at 7 p.m.

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can go the distance on any play.”  
The junior running back has been going the distance this season, averaging over 160 yards of rushing per game. But this week, he comes up against a steadily improving Steers’ defense.  
Devin Roberson and Max Pappajohn are averaging over 10 tackles per game, with Noah Lozano and Lukas Falcon right behind them.  
Forcing Midland to run up the middle should cause a change in the tackle leaders this week. Nose guard Chris Nunez, already averaging almost seven tackles per game, will get plenty of opportunities Saturday, as will Isaac Garza and Diamond Bailey.  
“We definitely have our work cut out for us,” Coach Ritchey said. “It is a challenge we welcome.”  
The game will start at 7 p.m. in Midland.

# Rangers’ win moves magic number to 3

OAKLAND (AP) — Now that he has a spot in the American League record books, Texas slugger Ian Kinsler wants to get the Rangers there, too.  
With a few more wins, they’ll be on their way to making that happen.  
Kinsler hit a tying home run leading off the

eighth and Josh Hamilton followed with another homer two batters later, lifting Texas to a 3-2 win over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday night and reducing the Rangers magic number to three.  
In doing so, Kinsler became the first second

baseman in AL history to have 30 home runs, 30 doubles, 100 runs scored and 80 walks in the same season.  
That’s a nifty accomplishment but Kinsler is focused on something more important — getting the defending AL champs back into the postseason for another

shot at the capturing their first World Series title.  
“That’s something you think about when the season’s over and you’re sitting on your couch after a week of just hanging out,” Kinsler said of

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# Big 12 tries to mend relations between teams

AUSTIN (AP) — Turned away by the Pac-12, the Big 12’s most powerful members are trying to find ways to live together again after weeks of hurtling toward a break up.  
Texas President William Powers declared Wednesday that the Longhorns — who receive more media money than other members of the Big 12 — are open to a new revenue-sharing model and have already suggested that top-level television and cable money be shared equally.  
What’s not on the table is the money from Texas’ 20-year, \$300 million deal with ESPN to create the Longhorn Network,

which has been blamed in large part for Texas A&M’s pending departure from the Big 12.  
“That’s never been in play, that’s not in play,” Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said.  
So with that line drawn in the sand, the Big 12 leadership has scheduled a key meeting Thursday, Oklahoma President David Boren said.  
“The most important goal for the University of Oklahoma is conference stability,” he said. “We intend to support actions that will strengthen and stabilize the conference at the very important meeting of the conference board.”

The Pac-12 late Tuesday squashed any hope of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas Tech heading west in what surely would have been a death blow to the Big 12.  
But the conference realignment wheels are still turning, especially with the Aggies planning to join the Southeastern Conference as soon as legal threats are out of the way.  
“Certainly the position of Oklahoma State and I think most of the schools, if not all, is that we want to add a 10th team,” said Oklahoma State President Burns Hargis, a member of the league’s expansion committee. He listed TCU,

Houston, SMU, BYU, Utah and Air Force among the potential expansion targets before saying “we’ve talked about a lot of ideas.”  
The Big East, left with only six football members after Pitt and Syracuse announced plans to join the ACC, must also find a new way forward while the Mountain West and Conference USA are in discussions about a partnership.  
The talk of saving the Big 12 centers on sharing television revenue equally — a core principle of the Big Ten and Pac-12. The Big 12 splits the revenue from its \$1.2 billion Fox Sports contract evenly, but only half of the money

from its top-tier deal with ABC goes into equal shares. The rest is weighted toward the programs that play on the network more frequently, such as Texas and Oklahoma.  
Dodds said Big 12 athletic directors more than a month ago approved Texas’ suggestion to equally share to network revenue around the league. He said the plan has not been voted on by league presidents.  
Texas Tech President Guy Bailey said he doesn’t anticipate much opposition to that idea. “I would be surprised if there weren’t a change in that, in some way,” he said. Now, how exactly it plays out, I don’t

know.”  
Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe has not commented on the turmoil surrounding the league and there is speculation about his future. The Kansas City Star, citing two sources with knowledge of the decision, reported Wednesday night that Beebe was working on an agreement to leave his position and that an announcement of Beebe’s departure was expected Thursday.  
Beebe’s contract was extended in November through June 2015, a decision made after Nebraska and Colorado announced they were leaving the Big 12 and

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# NFL sends stern message players: Stop faking injuries

NEW YORK (AP) — To the fake handoff and fake field goals, add fake injuries.  
The NFL sent a memo Wednesday to all 32 teams warning of fines, suspensions and loss of draft picks if the league determines players faked injuries during a game. Yet several players admit its an accepted practice, and some coaches hinted they are not above condoning phony injuries if it provides a competitive edge.  
“I’ve been places where it has been (taught),” said Browns linebacker Scott Fujita, a member of the players’ union executive committee. “They have a name for it and

I’ve been places where it’s been pre-called. I’ve been places where it’s one player who has been designated. Maybe I’m getting everyone in trouble, but I’m just being honest.”  
In the memo obtained by The Associated Press, the NFL reminded teams of league policy that calls on coaches to discourage the practice. There is no specific rule on the topic.  
Nonetheless, two days after there was speculation the Giants’ Deon Grant faked an injury against the Rams during Monday night’s game, the NFL is warning of disciplinary action.  
“It’s always been in the game,” Ravens All-Pro safety Ed Reed said.

“It’s all tactical stuff you need to use. Whatever it takes. ... If you’re tired, you’re tired. You get a break however you can.”  
Added 49ers running back Frank Gore: “Hey, I feel if it helps, do it. I’m bound to do it. Whatever it takes to win ...”  
Rams coach Steve Spagnuolo said Tuesday the team notified the league office that it suspected the Giants were feigning injuries in St. Louis’ 28-16 loss. Rams quarterback Sam Bradford said it was obvious the Giants were just buying time with St. Louis running a no-huddle offense.  
“They couldn’t get subbed, they couldn’t line up,” Bradford said.

“Someone said, ‘Someone go down, someone go down,’ so someone just went down and grabbed a cramp.”  
Grant was adamant about not having faked anything.  
“I could see if I was walking and fell,” he said Wednesday, speaking passionately and barely taking a breath. “When you see after I made that tackle and bang my knee on that play, you see me bending my knee as I am walking. ... (Teammate Justin) Tuck is walking behind me and saying ‘D don’t run off the field. Just go down.’ As I am walking, they line up, and knowing that I can’t get back in my position because of the knee injury, I went down.”  
Had Grant attempted to get off the field, it could have left the Giants a defender short when

the ball was snapped. Of course, New York also could have called a timeout, a course of action teams might need to use in the future.  
Redskins coach Mike Shanahan was coy about the tactic when asked if he ever instructed a defense to do it.  
“I can’t say I have,” Shanahan said before pausing. “But I won’t say I haven’t, either.”  
Then he smiled.  
“It happens all the time, and warnings will come out,” he added, “and it’s happened again.”  
The memo from the league said:  
“Going forward, be advised that should the league office determine that there is reasonable cause, all those suspected of being involved in faking injuries will be summoned promptly to this office ... to discuss the matter. Those found to be violators will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action for conduct detrimental to the game.”  
The league’s competition committee often has discussed this issue but has been reluctant to propose a rule that could force game officials to make judgments on injuries.  
“We have been fortunate that teams and

players have consistently complied with the spirit of the rule over the years and this has not been an issue for the NFL,” the memo said.  
“We are determined to take all necessary steps to ensure that it does not become an issue.”  
For the most part, such delay tactics have been considered gamesmanship, similar to a hockey goalie suddenly needing equipment repairs when his team is getting besieged. Or untouched soccer players writhing on the ground in pain to get a stoppage — and to slow momentum built by the other side.  
“As an offensive player, you always think guys are faking in that situation,” Eagles guard Kyle DeVan said. “But you don’t know for sure. You don’t know when guys are going to cramp up, so you have to be careful. The most important thing is players’ health. You would hope guys don’t do it, but it’s going to happen.”  
It might be planned, too. While calling it “real bush league” — no pun intended — Dolphins running back Reggie Bush said a coach “just designates a guy who fakes an injury. It’s usually not a captain of the team.”

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		4:00 PM	Hot Dog & Jalapeno Eating Contests
		5:00 PM	Punt, Pass & Kick Competition
		6:00 PM	Kids Obstacle Course Relay
		7:00 PM	Awards Presentation
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# TEXAS

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his achievement. "But right now it's all team. It's about winning games, shrinking that magic number and getting to the postseason as quick as possible."

The Rangers, who lost to the San Francisco Giants in five games during the 2010 World Series, inched closer to doing just that.

Although second-place Los Angeles beat Toronto earlier in the day, Texas maintained its five-game lead over the Angels in the West with seven to go. The Rangers can clinch their second straight division title as early as Friday in Arlington when they host Seattle in the beginning of a three-game series.

"We went through some ups and downs this year but we were able to stay pretty consistent," Kinsler said. "Right now we're playing good baseball and we just want to make sure we continue that."

Michael Young, Adrian Beltre and Mike Napoli added two hits apiece for Texas, which won its 90th game to match its win total of 2010.

Texas squandered numerous scoring opportunities and trailed 2-1 going into the eighth before Kinsler and Hamilton powered the Rangers back.

"It was an example of the character on this ballclub," manager Ron Washington said. "They never feel like they're out of it and they keep battling. We were fortunate enough that I had

the horses to pull that type of stuff off."

Kinsler's 30th home run of the season came on a full-count pitch leading off the eighth against A's reliever Grant Balfour (4-2).

Balfour then retired Elvis Andrus on flyball before Hamilton connected for his 24th home run to right field. The ball landed halfway up the stairs at the Oakland Coliseum then bounced the rest of the way up.

"The one to Kinsler was a mistake, up and over the plate. The one to Hamilton I thought was a good pitch," Balfour said. "Just a good piece of hitting on his part. I guess it's the life of a reliever."

Koji Uehara (2-3) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win, his first with the Rangers since being acquired from the Baltimore Orioles on July 30. Mike Adams worked the eighth and closer Neftali Feliz handled the ninth for his 29th save in 35 chances.

Jemile Weeks had two hits for the A's, who announced the signing of manager Bob Melvin to a three-year contract before the game. Oakland has lost three straight to fall a season-low 17 games under .500 for the first time since Sept. 4, 2009.

One of Melvin's priorities next season will be trying to get the A's to shake out of their funk against the first-place Rangers.

Texas has won 12 of the last 13 games against Oakland and is 13-4 against the A's this season. The 13 wins matches the club's season record for most victories against

one team.

At least this time it was close.

The A's managed to get the tying run on base in the ninth when Feliz walked Josh Willingham, but he retired the next three batters to end it.

Young singled and scored on a double-play grounder in the second inning to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

Oakland, held hitless through the first three innings, tied it when Cliff Pennington doubled off starter C.J. Wilson in the fifth and scored on Brandon Allen's two-out RBI single. Allen's hit ended an 11-for-79 rut for the A's first baseman.

After Michael Taylor walked, Weeks hit a sharp grounder just under the glove of diving Rangers third baseman Beltre to drive in Allen and put Oakland in front 2-1.

The Rangers struggled to get much else going against A's starter Brandon McCarthy, stranding a runner at second in the fifth and at third in the sixth.

Texas also put the two runners on with one out in the seventh before breaking through against Balfour in the next inning.

Neither starter factored in the decision in this one.

Wilson allowed five hits over six innings and became the first Texas left-hander to have 200 or more strikeouts in a single season. He fanned eight, walked three and has given up two earned runs or fewer in nine of his last 10 starts.

"(Wilson) tried to go

down and away to Allen and when you're sitting on a one-run lead you can't make any mistakes," Washington said of his staff ace. "I'm not saying that was a mistake. He kept us in the ballgame and the bullpen came in and did the rest."

McCarthy, Oakland's best pitcher over the last month, scattered six hits over seven innings and left with a 2-1 lead.

He pitched out of jams with runners in scoring position three consecutive innings before Balfour relieved him and allowed two home runs to the first three batters he faced.

Andrus went hitless in four at-bats, ending his modest 13-game hitting streak.

NOTES: Oakland is 4-5 on its final homestand with Thursday's series-finale against Texas remaining. The A's fell to 18-25 in one-run games this season.

The last Rangers pitcher to reach 200 strikeouts in one season was Nolan Ryan, who had 203 in 1991.

Rangers INF Esteban German, who returned to the Dominican Republic following the passing of his mother, is expected to rejoin the Rangers this weekend.

A's RHP Trevor Cahill (11-14), who has the second-highest ERA in the majors since the All-Star break, pitches for Oakland on Thursday and will go for his fourth win against Texas this year.

RHP Colby Lewis (13-10), who spent 2007 with the A's, chases his third straight win for the Rangers.

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before the 13-year deal was reached with Fox Sports in April.

Dodds declined comment, and Bailey and Hargis called Beebe's status a private "personnel" matter.

Besides Thursday's meeting of the Big 12 conference board, a summit also is possible between Texas and Oklahoma officials. Big 12 athletic directors also have a previously scheduled meeting in Dallas next week.

ESPN distanced itself from the conference affiliation uproar, saying the "driving force on realignment lies with the conferences and universities."

Still, the Longhorn Network created uncertainty in the Big 12 and

Texas A&M said it was a big reason why the Aggies will leave the Big 12 by July — a decision that stands, the school said Wednesday.

Nebraska athletic director Tom Osborne earlier this month said the Big 12's revenue-sharing plan lends itself to instability. The Huskers is in its first season as a member of the Big Ten, where each school received \$22.6 million this year — about twice as much as Nebraska could have expected if it had stayed in the Big 12.

Texas' Powers said revenue sharing will be subject to discussion in coming days.

"A lot of these issues that you hear (about) whether it's revenue sharing or whatever, we've been working on long before," he said. "We will continue to work on those. I'm not

going to prejudge on how those will come out. There are not any preconditions for the conference coming back together.

"We want a stable, workable conference going forward," Powers said.

Once the Aggies leave, the Big 12 will have nine members unless a replacement — or replacements — are found. Only SMU has gone public with its interest in joining the Big 12.

"It's about quality, not quantity," Dodds said. "In my mind, 10 is the perfect conference. You have a clear path to the national championship game without stumbling in a (conference) championship game."

There was still activity around the Big 12 on Wednesday. Oklahoma

State's regents gave school President Hargis the power to depart the Big 12 if necessary while regents in Kansas reiterated their support for staying in the Big 12. Regents in Missouri are scheduled to meet Thursday.

Hargis said the decision to give him authority over a league change was important even after the Pac-12 was taken off the table as a potential destination because "there are a lot of moving parts here and we may have to make decisions fast." He said his first priority is stabilizing the Big 12.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback said he was optimistic that the Big 12 would remain intact, stabilize and add members.

Elsewhere, former

# Navy, Air Force possibly going to the Big East

NEW YORK (AP) — Navy and Air Force are the top choices for Big East expansion, but as football-only members, a person with knowledge of the discussions tells The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity on Wednesday because the conference does not want to publicly disclose its plans.

Navy is an independent and has played in a bowl eight straight seasons. Air Force plays in the Mountain West Conference and has been to a bowl each of the last four years. East Carolina of Conference USA announced on Wednesday it has applied for membership in the Big East.

The Big East is regrouping after Syracuse and Pittsburgh joined the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Leaders from the Big East football schools and TCU, which is to enter the league in 2012, met with Commissioner John Marinatto in Manhattan on Tuesday night. All the league's members, including the eight nonfootball-playing schools, committed to recruit new members.

But the league's status is still less than stable, especially with another piece of the realignment puzzle missing.

Once Texas A&M makes a clean break from the Big 12, the SEC will be at 13 teams, and likely looking for No. 14. Missouri seemed a candidate, but Big 12 officials are working to save that league.

There has been speculation the SEC could have West Virginia of the Big East as a target to be the 14th school.

"As I stated before, WVU is an excellent flagship, land-grant University, with national-caliber athletic and academic programs," West Virginia athletic director Oliver Luck said in a statement Wednesday. "We are, and will remain, a national player in college athletics."

There also has to be concern in the Big East that the ACC could come back for more of its members.

UConn and Rutgers would allow the ACC to expand even farther north and give Pitt, Syracuse and Boston College, which the league plucked from the Big East in 2003, two more local rivals.

Big Eight Commissioner Chuck Neinas, a high-profile consultant for sports leagues and coaches, said he has been working on a partnership with the Mountain West and Conference USA in which they would merge as football playing programs into east and west divisions, spanning four time zones.

East Carolina of Conference USA announced Wednesday that it has applied for membership in the Big East, where members are trying to rebuild after Syracuse

and Pittsburgh accepted invitations to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Navy and Air Force are the top choices as football-only members, according to a person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the conference does not want to publicly disclose its plans.

Big East Commissioner John Marinatto said Syracuse and Pittsburgh won't be allowed to leave until the 2014-15 academic year and he expects TCU to join in 2012 as agreed.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
The Worrying Kind

Fast dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ K 7 4  
♦ 8 5  
♠ A K Q 9 5 3

WEST EAST  
♥ K 9 7 2 ♠ Q J 6 4  
♦ 9 8 3 ♠ 6 2  
♠ A 10 7 4 2 ♠ Q J 9  
♠ 8 ♠ J 10 6 4

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

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East South West North  
Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣  
Pass 2NT Pass 3♥  
Opening 4♥

Passing lead — eight of clubs.

You can't be a good declarer unless you're also a worrier. You have to worry about finesses that might fail, about suits that might break badly, and just about anything else your mind can conjure up.

If you don't think along such lines, you're sure to run into trouble from time to time, as South did in this deal where he went down in four hearts.

West led a club. Declarer won with the queen, drew three rounds of trumps and played a club to

dummy's king, on which West showed out. South continued with the ace of clubs, discarding a spade, and then tried leading a diamond to the king. When this lost to the ace, declarer had to go down one, eventually losing three diamonds and a spade.

Had South been a worrier, he would have made his contract. He would have realized that the opening club lead was almost surely a singleton, and he would have started to think about how to overcome the likely 4-1 division.

After winning the club, he would have cashed the A-J of trumps and then led a club toward dummy. If both defenders followed suit, he could then play the king of hearts to nail down 12 tricks. But if, as in the actual case, it turned out that West had no more clubs, South would still be assured of 11 tricks whether or not West ruffed.

If West did ruff, South would finish with five hearts, five clubs and a spade. And if West did not ruff, South would still wind up with 11 tricks by winning the club in dummy, ruffing a low club high and leading a trump to dummy's king.

It's easy to see that even with the 4-1 club division and the diamond ace offside, declarer should have made the contract. But, unfortunately, South was not the worrying kind.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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Legals

Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well

Permit Pitts Energy Co. 3313 Caldera Blvd, Midland, Texas, 79707 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Daytona 66 Lease, Well Number 1H. The proposed disposal well is located 22 miles NW of Stanton, TX, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Martin County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4128 to 5378 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #7120 September 22, 2011

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

CrownQuest Operating, LLC, c/o P.O. Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the Grayburg/San Andres (formation), Free 32 SWD (lease), Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 4.5 miles in a SW direction From Knott, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Howard County. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3300 to 4150 feet. Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone # (512)463-6815). #7122 September 22, 2011

The moon in Cancer suggests that what we do at home will lay the groundwork for the rest of our experience. Make it easy for yourself. This is the last day of the Virgo sun, and it will feel natural, even automatic, to make cleanliness and order a priority. Give a thought to what you will wish for on tomorrow's autumnal equinox.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It will feel as though you are getting reacquainted with the real you after being out of touch for a while. You never really abandoned yourself completely. It's just that it's getting much easier to reflect who you are on the inside.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You will let loose and enjoy yourself. Your playfulness is so attractive to people of all ages. You'll revel in the attention you receive

from people of several different generations.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You may stray outside your realm of expertise, but you'll be amazed at what you can do with very little practice. It's because you gravitate toward what matches your natural talents and abilities.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be inspired to make subtle changes in your physiology. You'll use your body to great effect. With a stronger posture and a greater physical presence, you'll command the kind of respect you deserve.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll learn quickly and apply what you discover right away. The problem is, if you don't use this knowledge over and over, you'll forget the steps. That's why it will be important to take notes.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll try something new that seems suspiciously like something you've tried a dozen times before. Alas, snake oil sold in different packaging is still snake oil.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People put on their best clothes when they plan to see you — at least figuratively. But you can bet that when they primp in the mirror, they are thinking about what you'll see.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you want to become good at, you will become good at. You have to apply yourself, though. That is normally not a problem for you, but today comes with extra-fascinating temptations.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your philosophy will lead you to other people who think along similar lines. It will be as though you are sending out a radio signal that only certain other receivers can hear.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be a choice. Should you be strong, or should you be weak? It will be important for you to take a dominant position regardless of whether you are actually feeling that way.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes you wonder if the exciting days are all behind you. Well, this couldn't be further from the truth. Your interesting past will lead to an even more interesting future.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You simply cannot make the sacrifices and compromises you were once willing to make. It would be unwise, inconvenient and possibly physically impossible. So make a new and improved plan.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 22). You claim your space and expand your territory this year. A partner will help you, working and negotiating on your behalf. Your bold move in October yields results. January brings the start of an exciting project that will shape your year. Loving words and fun getaways will be featured in the spring. Taurus and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 34, 20, 1 and 32.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Andrea Bocelli worked for a year as a lawyer before he decided to dedicate himself to music. In addition to breaking sales records for classical and pop music alike, the Virgo opera star also plays numerous instruments, including piano, flute and saxophone. Bocelli's sun, Mercury, Venus and Pluto all in Virgo suggests he loves work and is tireless in his efforts toward artistic perfection.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I have been seeing "Captain" for three years. His 13-year-old daughter, "Rosie," is horse crazy after riding at summer camp and is now taking lessons locally.

As a former horse trainer, I am thrilled at her interest. However, she expresses resentment with the sparse guidance I have given. So now when I take her to lessons, I stay out of the way. I understand this is not unusual.

My problem is, Captain wants to provide a facility with horses at his home. Due to my experience, he expects me to be the person who manages the barn, provides guidance to Rosie and acts as her riding partner.

I am reluctant to assume this position. Rosie and I have a peaceful relationship, mostly because I am consistently pleasant and supportive. I sense this is a fragile time for Rosie, who is a little spoiled, but who I know will someday become a thoughtful

young woman. I don't want to risk the little compatibility we have.

Captain will likely follow my stance on whether or not to proceed with a barn at his home. What do you say? — *Montana Gal*

**Dear Montana:** You have a good grasp of the boundaries a girlfriend should respect when dealing with her partner's teenage daughter. Although it is possible the barn will bring the two of you closer, it's equally likely that Rosie will chafe if you are in a position of authority over her.

Ask yourself whether you can maintain the necessary boundaries if you accept this responsibility, and explain your concerns to Captain.

It is OK to say no. But if you decide to do it, we recommend bringing Rosie into the conversation. After all, her father is doing this for her benefit, and she should have some say in the matter.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Annie:** I've been with my girlfriend for seven months. She is incredible, and I can easily see myself spending the rest of my life with her. The only problem is that she is still listed as "single" on Facebook.

This makes me feel ignored and hidden away. My girlfriend says she likes her status to be private and doesn't pay that much attention to her Facebook page anyway.

I explained that it hurts me to feel nonexistent,

but she won't change it. What should I do? — *Tom*

**Dear Tom:** Find a new girlfriend. Listing her status as "single" is no more private than listing it any other way, and she can keep it hidden if she chooses.

The fact that she won't change it after you have told her it is hurtful indicates that she doesn't much care how you feel. We'd say she does not consider your relationship as promising as you do. Sorry.

**Dear Annie:** "Cold in Michigan" said his family always makes him sleep on the sofa when the other relatives use the bedrooms. I understand his dilemma. Being a single 40-year-old woman, my family thinks the couch is OK for me. What they forget is I need privacy like any other normal adult.

Why should my teenage nieces or my younger brother and his girlfriend have more privacy than I do?

I would like to lay out

my clothes, toiletries, contact case, etc. and wake up on my tent, not necessarily when the 4-year-old wants to watch "Thomas the Train" at 6 a.m.

Also, since I am in the living room, I am hostess from morning until night, and everyone else uses the space where I am expected to relax and sleep. So I started staying in local cottages. My family says I am a snob. I say I saved my sanity. — *Black Sheep of N.H.*

**Dear Black Sheep:** We agree that everyone needs privacy, but homes can only provide so much of it. You are smart to stay elsewhere. We would, too.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com). © 2011 CREATORS.COM

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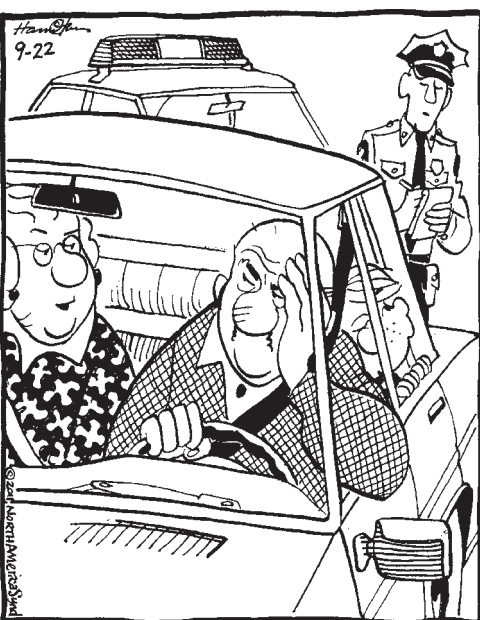
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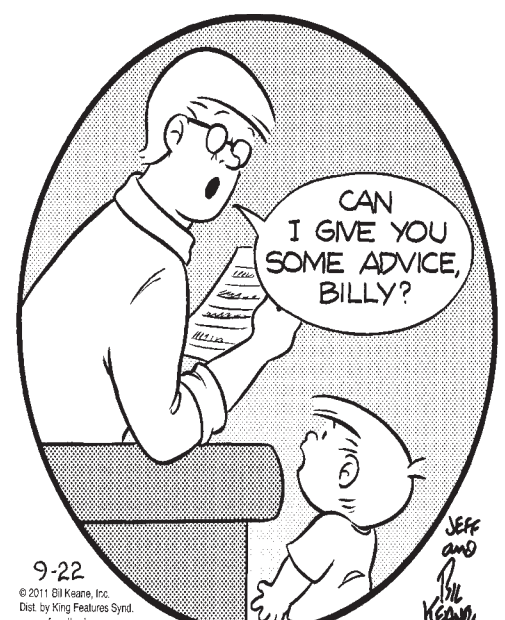
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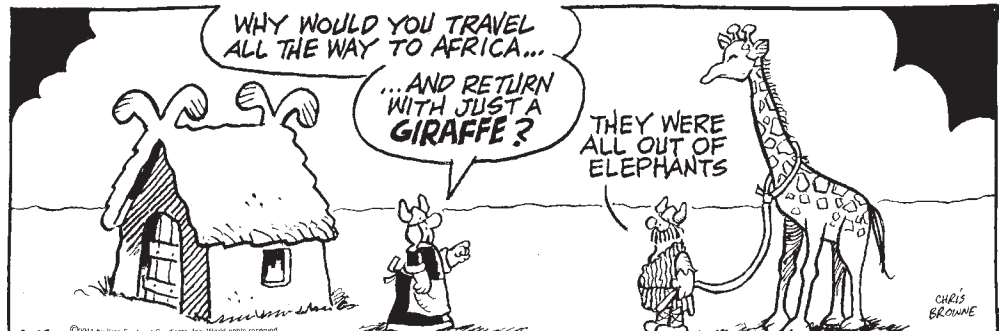
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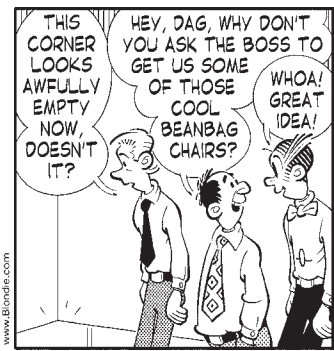


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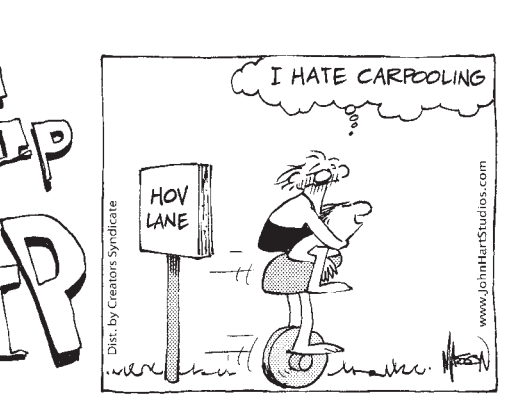
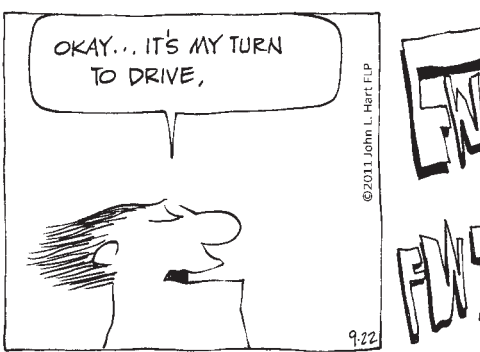
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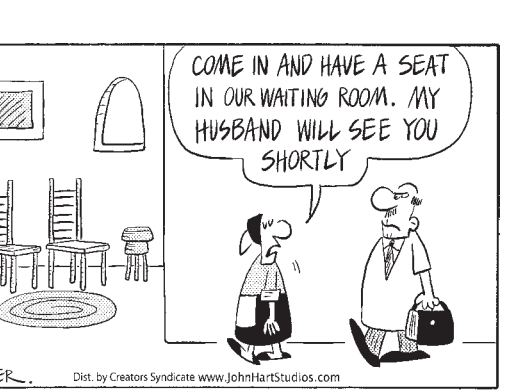
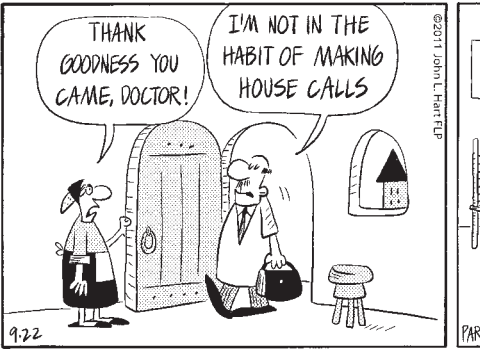
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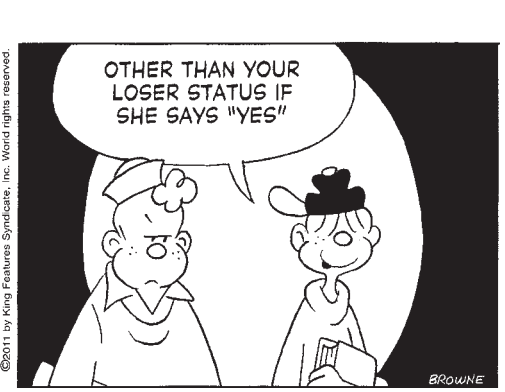
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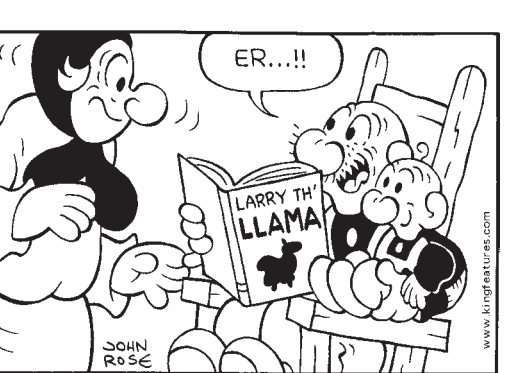
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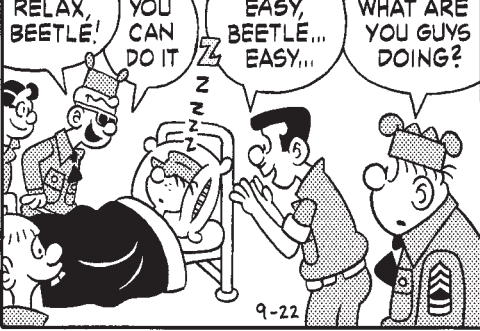
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 2011. There are 100 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 22, 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Capt. Nathan Hale, 21, was hanged as a spy by the British in New York. On this date: In 1761, Britain's King George III and his wife, Charlotte, were crowned in Westminster Abbey. In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863. In 1911, pitcher Cy Young, 44, gained his 511th and final career victory as he hurled a 1-0 shutout for the Boston Rustlers against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Forbes Field. In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavy-weight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago. In 1938, the musical comedy revue "Hellzapoppin'," starring Ole (OH'-lee) Olsen and Chic Johnson, began a three-year run on Broadway. In 1961, the Interstate Commerce Commission issued rules prohibiting racial discrimination on interstate buses. Actress Marion Davies died in Los Angeles at age 64. In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances. In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Gerald R. Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed. (Moore served 32 years in prison before being paroled on Dec. 31, 2007.) In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war that lasted nearly eight years. In 1989, songwriter Irving Berlin died in New York City at age 101. Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda is 84. NBA Commissioner David Stern is 69. Musician King Sunny Ade is 65. Actor Paul Le Mat is 65.

Answer to previous puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

Capt. Mark Phillips is 63. Rock singer David Coverdale (Deep Purple, Whitesnake) is 60. Actress Shari Belafonte is 57. Country singer June Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 55. Singer Nick Cave is 54. Rock singer Johnette Napolitano is 54. Classical crossover singer Andrea Bocelli (an-DRAY'-ah boh-CHEL'-ee) is 53. Singer-musician Joan Jett is 53. Actor Scott Baio is 51. Actress Catherine Oxenberg is 50. Actor Rob Stone is 49. Rock musician Matt Sharp is 42. Rock musician Dave Hernandez (The Shins) is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Big Rube (Society of Soul) is 40. Actress Mireille Enos is 36.

Newsday Crossword

ALL ABOARD by David W. Cromer Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS 1 Parts of superhero costumes 6 State on the Arabian Sea 10 "My eye!" 14 Sports venue 15 Scintilla 16 Musical passage 17 Finalizes a deal 20 Pay homage to 21 Far from stern 22 Tool partner 23 Summer home, perhaps 26 Tough question 28 Peters out 31 Showed displeasure 33 Go-to guy 34 According to 35 Piston gaskets 39 Miracles tune of '65 43 Conical quarters 44 High bond rating 45 Hole in the ground 46 Holds back 48 Hurls 50 Even one word 53 French bike race, familiarly 55 Big \_\_, CA 56 Released 58 Canadian War Museum site 62 What speakers may lose 66 Take a break 67 Sight from Sandusky 68 Frequent slot-machine display 69 Valuable rocks

DOWN 1 1982 Best Musical Tony winner 2 Diva performance 3 Twist in some drinks 4 Make certain 5 Browns in a pan 6 OPEC commodity 7 Herd sound 8 Lagoon surroundings 9 Astronaut insignia 10 Rocks in a bar 11 Part of some portfolios 12 Fighter pilot Rickenbacker 13 Stun gun 18 Big house 19 Go-to guy 24 Cosby Show son 25 Business expense, maybe 27 Cartoon pooch 28 Word on a bulb package 29 Football-field size, approximately 30 Type of tide 32 Tofu source 34 Attention-getter 36 Time-outs of a sort 37 Courage 38 Former Mach 2 craft 40 Hand over formally 41 Continue 42 Clipper feature 47 Matador opponent 48 Truncate 49 Jazz trumpeter Sandoval 50 Cartoon pooch 51 Closer to 100% 52 Clean off 54 "That's wonderful!" 57 Like hand-me-downs 59 Juan's water 60 Odd notion 61 ABA member 63 Part of TGIF 64 In good shape 65 Collarless shirt

Newsday crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares.