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Big Spring High School homecoming king and queen nominees are, from left, Jeremy Gutierrez, Marc Segundo, Zach Hernandez, Caleb Gonzales, Jason Golleher Jr., Diamond Mayes, Scarlet Robertson, April Zavala, Kendra Cook and Selene Sosa.

College to celebrate milestones

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Consider it two celebrations in one. Howard College will celebrate two important milestones Friday — the 65th anniversary of the first day of classes at the institution and the official completion of a multi-year, \$23 million campus renovation. Building dedications, tours and an address from a former HC student who went on to become one of the top educators in Texas will highlight the Friday observance. "September 30 has always been a special day in Howard College's history," College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "The significance of the first opportunity to deliver education has great meaning to us. That's what we're all about — the reason Howard College exists is to support students." Sparks said Friday's activities also

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Coming home

Parade, king and queen to highlight activities

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Get out your black and gold garb, exes — it's homecoming in Big Spring. Big Spring High School homecoming activities will be in full swing today and Friday, with all the usual pageantry — a parade and the crowning of a king and queen — and even a slight alteration to an old standby, the homecoming bonfire. Because of this year's severe drought, school officials decided to ditch this year's bonfire. In its place, the school will hold a "simulated" bonfire and pep rally at the city park amphitheater tonight at 8 p.m. There will be a bonfire, only

- **Simulated bonfire at 8 p.m. tonight, park amphitheater.**
- **Homecoming parade, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Donley and 11th Place.**
- **Steers vs. Greenwood, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium. Crowning of Queen and King at half-time.**

on video screens, during the event, which is open to the public. Two major homecoming tradi-

tions that will go on as usual are the parade and crowning of the king and queen, both scheduled for Friday. As it did last year, the homecoming parade will begin in front of the high school at the intersection of Donley and 11th Place at 4:30 p.m. Friday. It will proceed west on 11th, then north on Goliad, east on Eighth, before turning south on Owens. The parade will feature the BSHS band, cheerleaders and the queen and king finalists, along with various floats from various school classes, organizations and alumni groups. The king and queen will be

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Howard County Fair schedule

Today — booth set-up, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; fair opens to general public at 5 p.m.; queen contest at 6 p.m.; domino tournament at 6:30 p.m.; gospel music at 7:30 p.m.



Heather Vassar will perform Friday night at the fair. See story, Page 6.

Friday — Crystal River at 6 p.m., followed by Heather Vassar at 8 p.m. in the entertainment tent. A cooking demonstration will be held at 6 p.m.

Saturday — Kountry Kids contest at 10:30 a.m., tractor pull at 1 p.m., a kid's tractor pull at 1:30 p.m., food demonstration at 2 p.m. and a pet contest at 3 p.m. in the show barn. Amber Digby will take the stage at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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Troop 1 marks 100 years

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

One troop ... 100 years of history and more to come. Boy Scouts of America Troop 1 of Big Spring will be celebrating their

centennial Saturday in Comanche Trail Park. The day will begin with a flag ceremony at 11:30 a.m. at Belaski Pavillion and continue with a Dutch oven cook-off to be judged at noon,

See **TROOP 1**, Page 3

Party in the Park benefit set

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

October 8 will be a party in the park with a cause. Kaleb Hill — long time Big Spring resident — has organized a benefit concert for several local organizations and victims of the Bastrop fires. Party in the Park will



Hill

feature five bands, three of which are local — Lenorah, Brandon Falkner Band, Aramadillo Road, Cody Rowe with Diamond-back and Scotch Mountain Gang. "I have lived

here all my life and in that time have seen the good and the bad," said Hill. "It's time to try and give back to the community." The amphitheater will open at 4 p.m. and bands will take the stage at 5 p.m. In addition to the live music there will be vendors serving brisket,

roasted corn, Spanish food, sno-cones and refreshments. Downtown Revitalization Association will also set up a booth with beer sales. Hill said 5 percent of the vendors' profits will go toward the donations.

"This all started when I

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Obituaries

Kathlyn M. Trevey



Kathlyn M. Trevey passed away Sept. 19, 2011, at a local nursing home in Big Spring. She was born in Scurry County, Texas, on Nov. 5, 1921.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, in Snyder, Texas, in the Snyder Cemetery.

She is survived by nieces Joyce Logan of Big Spring, Kay Kolb of Midland, Texas, Betty Jones of Odessa, Alice Barron of Marshall, Texas, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Arrangements are being handled by Bell-Cypert Seattle Funeral Home of Snyder, Texas.

Paid obituary

Claudine Karnes



Claudine Karnes, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends Friday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born May 10, 1926, in Roanoke, Va., to Ruth and Otey Hutchens. She moved to Big Spring in 1972 from Germany and returned in 1975 from the Philippines. She was a homemaker and was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Lana Schooler of Big Spring and Sandra Mills of Menifee Valley, Calif.; two sons, Wesley Emert of Boling Green, Ky., and Gary Emert of Benton, Va.; two brothers, Billy Leonard and Charles Leonard, both of Va.; one sister, Frieda Graybill of Norfolk, Va.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, on March 7, 2005.

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

Brenda Tingley

Brenda Tingley, 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at her residence. No services are planned.

She was born Aug. 6, 1945, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident.

Survivors include her husband, John Tingley of Big Spring; two daughters, Geannan Liccardi and Shauna Tingley, both of Florida; two sons, William Charles Lawrence of Arlington and Steven Lawrence of California; three sisters, Shirley Womack of Bonham, Betty Daily and Charlene Cook of Big Spring; one brother, Gerald Kennedy of Big Spring; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Myrtle Kennedy; and one sister, Sybil Clark.

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

Calvin Gaston

Calvin Gaston, 70, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Carl Bradley

Carl Bradley, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON, 35, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 44, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- GERALD RAY KING, 31, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 145, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Park.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- SHAY LYNETTE DAVID, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a Louisiana warrant for theft of 60 hydrocodone tablets – fugitive.
- BENIGNO DELAROSA JR., 41, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – more than 50 pounds and less than 2,000 pounds.
- WESLEY JAMES SHOUP, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the Howard County Attorney's office on a charge of intoxicated assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.
- LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- GERALD RAY KING, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Note: A vehicle/pedestrian accident was reported in the Sand Springs area on Interstate Highway 20 Wednesday afternoon, according to unconfirmed reports. The victim, who hasn't yet been identified, was airlifted from the scene by Air Evac and taken to an unknown hospital. The *Herald* is currently investigating the report.

Take Note

- First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011. In recognition of this milestone occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbigspring.org/>

- The Class of 1957 will meet Oct. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Drive-In, 2010 Scurry, for lunch. If you have any questions, call Troy McClendon at 267-6025 or Edward Slate at 270-1995.

- Are you a 1971 BSHS graduate? Come to our 40th reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact bshs71@yahoo.com or Susan Green McLellan at 432-267-5759.

- Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.

- American Cancer Society will have their board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

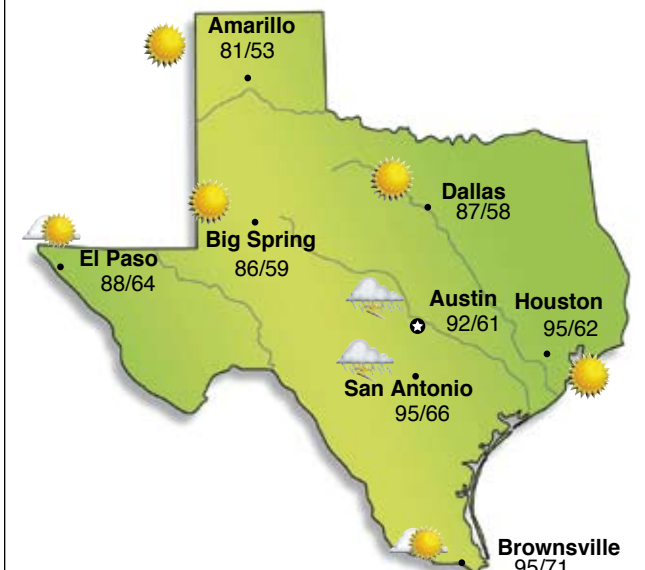
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/30	Sat 10/1	Sun 10/2	Mon 10/3	Tue 10/4
86/59 Mainly sunny. High 86F. Winds NE at 15 to 25 mph.	90/62 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	90/63 A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	89/60 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	87/60 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 7:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 7:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 7:30 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 7:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 7:27 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	58	sunny	Kingsville	97	69	t-storm
Amarillo	81	53	sunny	Livingston	92	54	sunny
Austin	92	61	t-storm	Longview	87	53	sunny
Beaumont	89	55	sunny	Lubbock	80	53	sunny
Brownsville	95	71	mst sunny	Lufkin	91	54	sunny
Brownwood	89	58	windy	Midland	86	60	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	95	71	t-storm	Raymondville	97	71	t-storm
Corsicana	87	57	sunny	Rosenberg	95	63	sunny
Dallas	87	58	sunny	San Antonio	95	66	t-storm
Del Rio	91	65	t-storm	San Marcos	93	61	t-storm
El Paso	88	64	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	53	sunny
Fort Stockton	86	62	t-storm	Sweetwater	84	58	sunny
Gainesville	85	54	sunny	Tyler	87	52	sunny
Greenville	85	53	sunny	Weatherford	86	55	sunny
Houston	95	62	sunny	Wichita Falls	83	55	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	48	sunny	Minneapolis	60	42	mst sunny
Boston	77	58	mst sunny	New York	73	56	pt sunny
Chicago	59	41	windy	Phoenix	100	76	mst sunny
Dallas	87	58	sunny	San Francisco	68	59	pt sunny
Denver	80	53	mst sunny	Seattle	67	55	cloudy
Houston	95	62	sunny	St. Louis	71	45	mst sunny
Los Angeles	79	62	sunny	Washington, DC	74	54	mst sunny
Miami	88	74	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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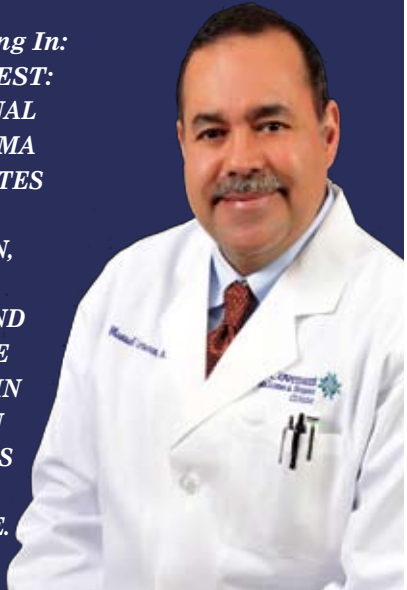
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will serve as a big “thank you” to the citizens of Howard County. “This celebration, not only of our 65th anniversary, but also the completion of the renovation projects, reflects the repositioning of Howard College to serve this area for another 65 years,” she said. “This wouldn’t have happened without the support of the taxpayers of Howard College. This is their college; it belongs to them.”

Friday’s scheduled activities include:

• 10 a.m. — Official renaming of the men’s dormitory to the Stan and Sue Partee Residential Complex.

• 10:45 a.m. — Official renaming of the practical arts building to the Charles O. Warren Center for Community Service.

• 1 p.m. — Ceremony to mark the 65th anniversary of classes and completion of the renovation projects. Featured speaker will be Benny Bob Moore, a former HC student who is now superintendent of Victoria Independent School District and a finalist for Superintendent of the Year in Texas.

Afterward, college buildings will be open to the public for self-guided tours, Sparks said.

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Courtesy Photo

Marcy Elementary collected 308 books for the H-E-B Read 3 Program. H-E-B Buddy James Marlow, along with Anna Jones and Kenda Jones, came by Marcy to collect the books as well as reward the top collecting class from each grade level with an ice cream party. A portion of the books collected will be sent to Headstart and local daycare centers in Big Spring with the rest being shared with San Antonio daycare centers. Marcy Elementary officials said they would like to thank H-E-B for being a Partner in Excellence and helping them make a difference in the community.

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crowned at halftime of Big Spring’s football game with Greenwood, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial

Stadium.

Queen nominees are: Kendra Cook, daughter of Dean and Martha Cook; Diamond Mayes, daughter of Steven Fizer and Desiree Mayes-Fizer; Scarlet Robertson, daughter of Ricky and Valerie Rob-

ertson; Selene Sosa, daughter of Frederick and Selene Hernandez; and April Bills Zavala, daughter of Jerry and Yesmin Bills.

King nominees are: Jason Golleher, son of Jason and Victoria Golleher; Caleb

Gonzales, son of Clint Elliott and Janie Gonzales; Jeremy Gutierrez, son of Frank and Rachel Martinez; Zach Hernandez, son of Augustine and Toni Hernandez; and Marc Segundo, son of Sam and Christina Segundo.

Before kickoff of Friday’s game, the BSHS Alumni Association will name its Coming Home Queen.

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TROOP 1

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scout skills demonstration at 2 p.m., orienteering competition at 4 p.m. and conclude with the Court of Honor at 6:30 p.m.

Troop 1 received its first charter Sept. 30, 1911, and remained active until 1989. In 1993, it resumed activity and remains active. West Texas Scouting History names Troop 1 as the oldest, continuously chartered

unit west of the Mississippi. The troop was inspired by Mrs. Burney Reagan, a local woman. The idea for forming a troop came after she read about William Boyce bringing the new movement to America. After speaking with C.S. Holmes, assistant postmaster at the time, the troop was formed and Holmes became the first scoutmaster.

Many of the boys involved in Troop 1 went on to have careers as professional businessmen.

A few of those men include, J.J. Pickle, 10th Texas District congressman; Joe Pickle, editor of the *Big Spring Herald*; George T. Thomas and Walloono S. Moron, attorneys; and H.W. Shitnery, city manager of Big Spring, according to the website.

“With Big Spring constantly changing, Troop 1 and the Boy Scouts have continued to grow over the last 100 years and will always be there to provide a quality program to

the youth of the community,” Brian Sweeney, Lone Star District Executive, said.

He said the entire community is invited to attend the day’s festivities. It will show the community, as well as the boys, what the scouting program has to offer and display some of the activities provided to the youth of Big Spring.

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BENEFIT

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found out the (youth) leagues around town were having a little financial trouble. There are kids who wanted to play, but they couldn’t afford it and the leagues didn’t have enough to cover the costs either,” Hill said. “I figured I could do something to help with the kids who are wanting to play sports.

“Sports are such an important part of their lives. We don’t know what is going on at home, but for some of those kids the time they spend involved in a sport are the best times of their week,” he said.

Of course, little leagues aren’t the only ones in the community in need of support. Before long, Hill added CASA of West Texas, Big Spring Humane So-

ciety and Bastrop fire victims to the list of those he wanted to help. He decided to donate 50 percent of the profits to local sports, 35 percent to Bastrop fire victims and 15 percent will be divided between CASA and Humane Society.

“There are so many people out there who are in need of help and if this is something I can do to give back to the community and the kids,” Hill said.

The concert costs total \$10,525 and at this point there are sponsorships from 13 local sponsors with an estimated \$3,000 in contributions. More sponsors are still needed in order to make the show a success.

“The more sponsors we can have means

the more money we can have to cover costs which leads to more money being freed up to donate and give back to the community,” Hill said.

Hill has enlisted the help of Luis Lopez when it comes to recruiting sponsors for the event, as well as Chris Mason and Iain Sloan in distribution of flyers. Those wanting to donate, provide sponsorship or volunteer with clean up should contact Hill at 213-5761 or by email at kalebhill@hotmail.com.

“The community has

always been good about stepping up and helping out a good cause. I am hoping the turnout to this is a good one,” Hill said.

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By Eddy Pitchford

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OUR VIEWS

Homecoming at BSHS 2011

Ra, Ra, Ra! and Go Fight Win!
It's time to show your school spirit and let the black and gold bleed through. This past week, Big Spring High School students have been showing their school spirit through different dress up and activity days, including crazy day.

Of course, homecoming isn't just for current students to enjoy, but a time for the entire community and past alumni to show their pride for their alma mater.

Homecoming is a great time for BSHS exs to come back, revisit the halls they once walked down and sit in the stands at a football game again.

This weekend the Big Spring Steers will be taking on Greenwood.

During halftime Friday night, the homecoming king and queen will be announced and crowned, at Memorial Stadium.

Homecoming Festivities

Tonight

Simulated bonfire at 8 p.m.
Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater

Friday

Homecoming pep rally at 3 p.m.
(past alumni are encouraged to attend)
High school gymnasium

Homecoming parade at 4:30 p.m.
The parade will begin at the corner of 11th Place and Donley Street.

The homecoming game will start at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets can be purchased at the gate.

Homecoming is a yearly event which gives the community a chance to unit in support of their football team and students. It's a chance to show students the community is behind them.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we take today to come to You and
be safe in Your love, Lord.

Amen

It's class warfare ... all right

Republicans are accusing President Obama of waging class warfare, which is a little like the Japanese complaining about the time Pearl Harbor attacked them in 1941.

Still, that's the Republican Party's role in life. It's the defender of the rich and powerful and a friend to those who can afford them. It's a dirty job but someone's got to do it, and George Will can't be everywhere at once.

The Republican outburst on "class warfare" was prompted by Obama's new, improved economic plan in which he proposed cutting government spending, trimming entitlement programs, and...if you're a conservative with a weak heart you might want to stop reading right now...collecting more taxes from rich people.

The president went so far as to suggest a minimum tax on the incomes of those who make a million dollars a year or more.

"It is wrong that in the United States of America a teacher or a nurse or a construction worker who earns \$50,000 should pay higher tax rates than somebody pulling in \$50 million," he said. "It's hard to argue against that."

Unless you're a Republican politician, of course. Speaker of the House John Boehner had no trouble saying:

"Tax increases destroy jobs."

(That is the political equivalent of a parrot saying "Polly want a cracker.")

The Republican attack on class-war mongering was particularly ill-timed. Just days later the Census Bureau reported that there are now 46.2 million Americans living in poverty, the most recorded in the 52 years that it's been collecting poverty information. That amounts to about 15 percent of the population. If you just count kids, the percentage swells to 22.

It gets worse. Nearly half of the poor have fallen into "deep poverty," a condition described as living on half of what qualifies as poverty, such as an income of about \$11,000 for a family of four.

Moreover, an incomprehensible 16 million American children live in "food insecure" families, meaning many nights they go to bed hungry.

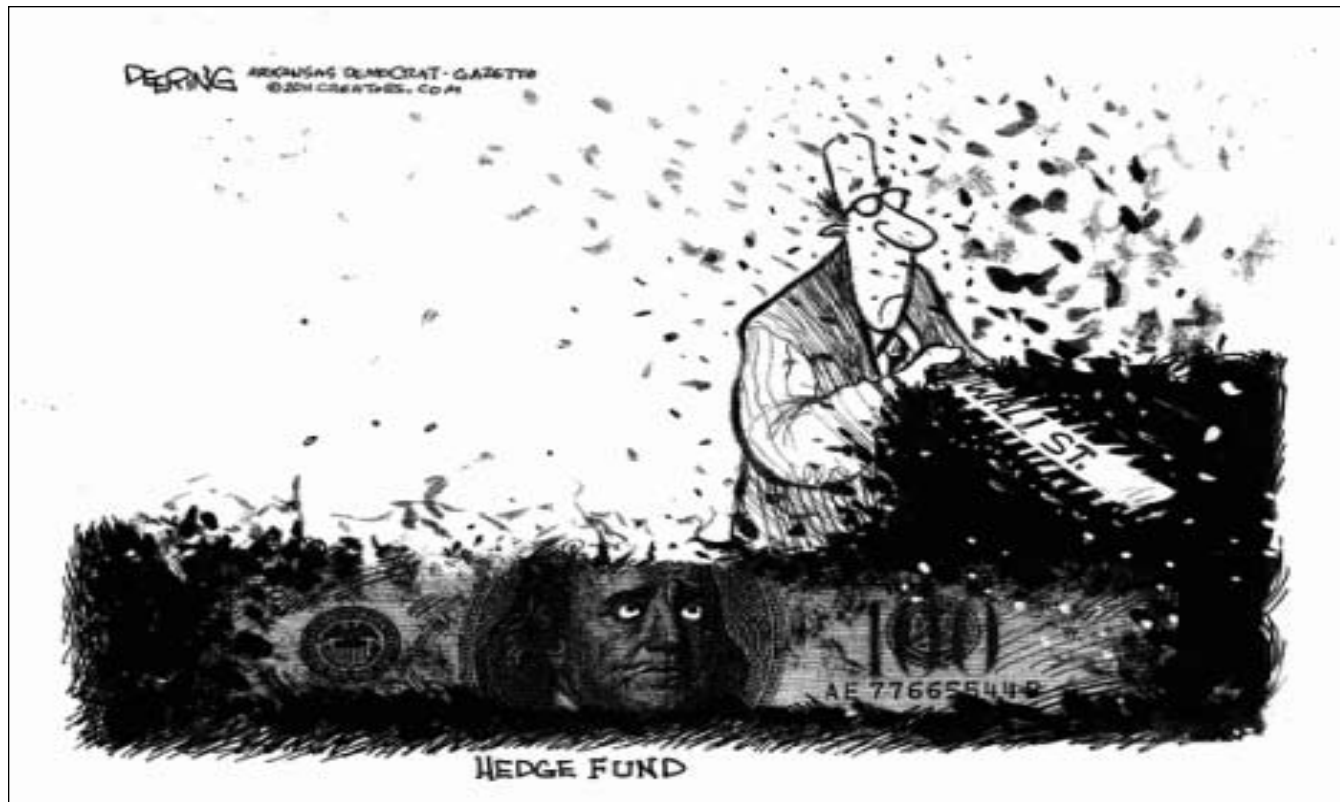
And the Republican answer for this is to cut social services so that the filthy rich can keep throwing big parties?

We're fighting a class war all right, and the rich guys are winning — in a rout. Republican politicians as well as too many Democrats serve as their foot soldiers, with a majority of the Supreme Court their consigliore.

The rich that the Republicans worry so much about are doing very well, thank you very much. The top 1 percent of income earners (average income: \$1.3 million a year) make over 20 percent of the total income of the nation. Their haul is greater than the combined paychecks of the bottom 40 percent of wage earners.



DONALD KAUL



The power our words contain

Often times I find myself saying, "I don't have any power," and in some sense I don't, but when I really stop and think about it ... maybe I do have a little bit of power.

I'm sure the power isn't of any kind of substantial force to be reckoned with, but then again, it all depends on how you look at it.

For as long as I can remember, pen and paper have been my voice ... my calm ... my me. In reality, everyone has a voice, but it doesn't become a power until it is put to use. Words are a powerful force within themselves. The right words can evoke more emotion than any of us could ever imagine. They can make a person feel angry, betrayed, belittled and even cause someone to lose a sense of self-worth. At the same time, words have the power to provide inspiration, spark a dream and create a sense of self-worth. There are three types of people; the kind who know how to use words, those who can't quite figure it out and those who just toss words around. Some people have asked why I chose this profession and honestly, there is no rhyme or reason or profound story as to how it all came to be

— it just happened.

A few weeks before graduation my teacher suggested I major in journalism and the decision was made and the journey began. Really, I guess that's not a bad thing because isn't that how all great things come to be, they just happen. Somehow God and the universe came together in just the right way and what was meant to be just was. Even though there is no amazing story as to why I picked this career there are several moments when I have seen it can be a story with a great ending. It's not about the money or even the fame; it's about having someone get that feeling that stays with them and pushes them to create their own story and use their words to express themselves. I know that won't be the effect for everyone who reads my words simply because there is no way I can please everyone, but I'm not doing this for everyone. As I said, words can do so much if we allow them and sometimes even when we don't allow them. This past week I received two different letters, each letter was written with a different purpose, but yet, both letters served a very similar purpose. The first letter seemed to be an attack, whether it was towards myself, my writing or whatever, but it was aimed at possibly destroying my passion or stopping me from doing what I enjoy doing. Needless to say, I read it and I'm almost certain the emotion

That 20 percent figure was for 2007, which was the biggest share of the economy the top 1 percent had claimed since 1928. Perhaps you remember what happened in 1929? Pretty much the same thing that happened in 2008.

It was not always thus. In the mid-1970s the richest 1 percent had to make do with only 9 percent of the nation's income. The last 30 years have been a relentless attack by the rich on that kind of income balance.

A few people earning most of the money isn't a good thing for a nation or an economy.

Nor is there is evidence that cutting taxes on the rich produces jobs or better times. Some of our most prosperous times have coincided with high, progressive tax rates. The Bush-era tax cuts, on the other hand, failed to produce the robust job growth promised, fueled our deficit problems, and set the table for the Great Recession.

Some say Obama's jobs program is politically motivated. I say, so what? The Republicans' every move is politically motivated. They're openly seeking to sabotage the economy in order to make him, as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell says, "a one-term president."

If they succeed and we give them the keys to the family sedan, we'll spend 10 years climbing out of the ensuing crash.

But the top 1-percenters will be just fine. They always are.

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AMANDA MORENO

it evoked was not the emotion intended by the author. However, it did move that particular person to write me a letter. My words may be considered worthless by some, but that's okay because even if they inspire someone to pick up a pen and paper and write their thoughts down (no matter what they may be) then at least they served a purpose. That is really all any of my columns are trying to do. There are some columns I write which are considered embarrassing or displaying my insecurities, but there is a reason behind each and every single column I have ever written. Overall, the point is to make people realize we all have insecurities and each and every one of us could use encouragement. There are also those aimed at making people realize we have to do things for ourselves and stop worrying about what everyone else might think. Sometimes the point is to simply make someone laugh. Nobody knows it all, nobody is perfect and we are each fighting our own battles, but each and every one of us has the power to affect another person by our words. Our words can make all the difference in the world to someone, but the thing is we will never know just how much of a difference they will make.

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Casual Cooking

with Kris

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

This week's recipe is inspired by a meal my cousin made about nine years ago. He had invited some family members over for Christmas

morning breakfast and to watch his 2-year-old daughter open her gifts. Now I wasn't expecting this kind of breakfast, because when you think of Christmas breakfast, images of fat french toast, eggs benedict, spinach quiche and lots of other items come to mind.

I know you're thinking "she grew up with those kinds of breakfast items at Christmas time, how nice." But what I said was images of those things. Are you kidding me, we ate cereal and then had to wait all day for some really great food.

This recipe is perfect for those overnight guest during the holidays, and if they are from another state it showcases our Tex-Mex surroundings. It gives a different light on scrambled eggs and is pleasing to the taste buds. Oh, by the way, I made them for dinner the other night and my husband loved them. He asked, "Was that eggs?"

This can be served with traditional homemade hashbrowns, toast and bacon, or you can serve with fried potatoes and homemade refried beans. Which ever way you serve it,

enjoy your loved ones and have a wonderful day. Enjoy!

Cheesy Egg Enchiladas

- 1 doz. eggs
- 16- 20 white corn tortillas
- shredded cheese
- 1 container of Julio's mild or medium salsa (in the refrige section of grocery store)
- milk
- salt and pepper
- non-stick spray

In a large bowl, crack and scramble the eggs. Add salt and pepper to taste and about 2/3 cup of milk. Mix well. Spray non-stick spray in a skillet on medium heat and cook the eggs until they are no longer runny. Cook on low and slow and stir often. When eggs are finished, use my trick to soften the tortillas. Place three tortillas at a time in a gallon freezer bag and add a splash of water. Microwave for about 30 seconds, then gently open the bag — watch out for steam — and pour onto a plate. While warm, arrange them to be filled. Put a little cheese and small amount of eggs in each tortilla and roll them up, placing them seam side down in a non-stick sprayed baking pan or cookie sheet with an edge. Continue to soften tortillas and fill them until you run out of eggs or tortillas.

Spoon your salsa over each enchilada and bake in a preheated oven of 325 degrees for about 20-25 minutes. Pull out and sprinkle with additional cheese and let that melt.

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KRIS SOLIZ

Texas news in brief

Sides rest in 'Twilight

Rapist' suspect's trial

EDNA, Texas (AP) — Both sides rested Wednesday in the penalty phase of the trial of a man prosecutors say attacked a series of elderly women near the Texas Gulf coast.

The trial will be recessed Thursday, with closing arguments scheduled for Friday in Edna on punishment for Billy Joe Harris' aggravated sexual assault conviction. The "Twilight Rapist" suspect could be sentenced to five years to life in prison — or probation.

The Victoria Advocate reports prosecutors rested their case Wednesday. The Jackson County jury then heard from Harris' sister about his troubled childhood. Then, a probation officer explained restrictions the 54-year-old former state prison guard would face if he got probation.

Harris was convicted last week in an attack on a 59-year-old disabled woman in Edna, about 100 miles southwest of Houston.

In the last day of testimony, wife Darlene Harris testified for the prosecution that her husband had lavished extravagant gifts on her that she later learned he had stolen from his victims. Among those gifts were a fur coat, a computer, clocks and guns.

"He was a loving father to my son. He treated me with respect, and he took care of us. That's all I know," she said.

She says she "was totally taken aback, surprised, hurt" when she learned about the alleged crimes.

However, ex-wife Jutta Harris testified that Harris began beating her in the first year of their almost-25-year marriage.

Shrinking Texas school payrolls add to unemployed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The \$4 billion in cuts to Texas public schools this summer might be starting to hit Gov. Rick Perry where it hurts most — his record on creating jobs.

Texas lost 900 jobs in local school districts in August, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. August is when back-to-school hiring typically resumes after districts purge payrolls in the summer, yet districts statewide kept shedding jobs last month for the first time since at least 1990.

Teachers groups and some economists say it's the first glimpse of deep school spending cuts showing up in the state's jobless numbers.

The job cuts could be politically sensitive for Perry, who has based his campaign for president largely on Texas' record of job growth during his 11 years as governor. When Perry and the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature approved the budget cuts, he said schools could cut back on jobs outside the classroom and other expenses to minimize teacher losses. He has also asserted that

Texas has maintained a high quality of education with modest spending.

The Legislature cut public education by about \$537 per student over the next two years — the first decrease in per-student spending in Texas since World War II — to help plug a \$27 billion budget hole.

Perry and Republican leaders held firm against raising taxes or dipping heavily into the so-called rainy day fund to blunt the cuts.

Bastrop principal thanks

Dallas-area kids for help

DALLAS (AP) — An elementary principal from Bastrop, where the most destructive wildfire in state history raged earlier this month, has returned to her old school in North Texas to offer her thanks after parents and kids there pulled together about \$1,000 to help the families of kids displaced by the fires.

Martha Werner, now the principal at Mina Elementary in Bastrop, was one of the first fourth-graders in 1978 at the Richardson school district's brand-new Merriman Park Elementary.

The Dallas Morning News reports that on Wednesday, Werner brought a thank-you banner signed by Mina's students to Merriman Park. She also toured her old school.

The Bastrop fire destroyed more than 1,500 homes. At Werner's school, 11 of her students and four of her teachers lost their homes.

3 students killed in Southeast Texas car wreck

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials say three students in the New Caney school district just north of Houston were killed after their hit a tree and flipped.

Five Porter High School teenagers were in the vehicle when it veered off the road Wednesday afternoon.

Officials say the driver then overcorrected, striking the tree.

The Houston Chronicle reports that 17-year-old Jose Alberto Arreola died at the scene; 18-year-old Osbaldo Avila died at Memorial Hermann Hospital and the driver, 17-year-old Juan Manuel Velasquez, was pronounced dead at a Kingwood hospital.

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Back in business: Fair opens tonight

After year's hiatus, event returns with music, food, fun and more

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer
The Howard County Fair is bringing back the magic.

This year's fair, which begins today, will have the usual highlights — queen contest, tractor pull and ranch rodeo, to name a few — and will also showcase Freddy Fusion.

Fusion brings a science magic show to this year's fair, something the entire family can enjoy according to his website. He is an author, inventor, speaker and performer. He has made appearances on TV, done shows on Disney Cruise Lines and traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Ecuador, France, Iceland, Sweden

and more. To find out more, visit his website at freddyfusion.com. The science magic show trailer will be set up in front of the show barn.

"We are coming back refreshed and seeing if we can keep this thing going," Fair board member John Nichols said.

Crabtree Amusement is returning to provide the carnival section, with gates opening at 5 p.m. today and Friday and at 5 p.m. Saturday. Kids can also enjoy a tractor pull starting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and a Kountry Kids contest at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Those wanting to watch the ranch rodeo will have two chances to do so; at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, four-man

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John Nichols
Fair board member

teams will take to the rodeo bowl to compete in team mugging, branding, doctoring and stray gathering.

Tonight will be gospel night under the entertainment tent, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Friday night live entertainment will include Heather

Vassar, local talent who is pursuing her singing career in Nashville, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. She will follow Crystal River who will be on stage from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Amber Digby will take over the tent 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

"This year not only is the fair coming back refreshed, but when you enter the fair barn you will notice a new coat of pant and refrigerated air," Nichols said.

Arts and crafts and numerous other booths — including food vendors — will once again be part of the fair.

"We want the community to come out and show their support to the fair and show the vendors what we have to offer and that they are appre-

ciated," Nichols said.

Nichols said this year's fair is moving in the right direction thanks to help from Tim Blackshear, who provided the stage and the setup of the kids pedal tractor pull, and the assistance of Sheriff Stan Parker and County Judge Mark Barr in coordinating workers to set up the fairgrounds.

Admission to the fair will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids age 5-12 and children 4 and under will be free. This year \$1 from each ticket sold will be donated to Relay for Life in honor of Skipper Driver and family. Gates open Thursday and Friday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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

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Vassar chasing her dream

Big Spring native pursuing Nashville stardom

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Heather Vassar — Big Spring native turned Nashville singer — will be performing at the Howard County Fair in the entertainment tent at 8 p.m. Friday.

After high school, Vassar went to Texas Tech

University to play softball — a passion she had found in high school — and during that time found herself led in a different direction ... music. Her second year of college, she taught herself to play guitar, piano, drums and violin. Not long after she

began writing her own songs.

"I love how music can make you want to dance, how a song can change your entire day and even how a lyric can heal your soul," Vassar said.

After receiving her marketing degree in 2009, she met Don Koch, an award-winning Nashville producer, and began working on her record "Chasing Beautiful." She is living in Nashville.

"I am an artist who has fallen in love with writing lyrics. What I wish is that through my music you can see into my heart and soul. As you listen, I hope you feel you are reading the very pages of my journals. I hope you become just as passionate about Jesus, life, love and laughter as I am," Vassar said.

Of course, Vassar's

music won't be the only one to be heard under the entertainment tent at this year's fair. Thursday night will be gospel night and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday night, Crystal River will perform at 6 p.m. and Vassar will follow at 8 p.m. Saturday night, Amber Diby will perform at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

All acts can be heard for the price of admission to the fair.

Adults tickets are \$6, children (5-12) are \$4 and those four and under are free.

This year, the fair board has decided to donate \$1 from each ticket sold to Relay for Life in honor of Skipper Driver family.

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By Steve Becker
From the Mailbox

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 6 3
♥ K 8 4
♦ K 10 8 5 2
♣ Q 5
WEST
♠ Q 10 8 2
♥ 7 6
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♦ —
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SOUTH
♠ A J
♥ A Q J
♦ A J 9 6 4
♣ 10 9 8

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

Opening lead — two of spades.

Dear Mr. Becker: You have said many times that the best players seldom misguess the location of a missing queen. I don't doubt that this is true, or you wouldn't say it, but just the same, I wonder how you'd solve the diamond problem in this deal without seeing the opponents' cards.

I was South in three notrump, and West led the deuce of spades. I took East's king with the ace and could see that I had nine tricks if the diamonds were divided 2-1. I also realized that if the diamonds were

divided 3-0, I could still make the contract by guessing which opponent had the Q-x-x.

If East had three diamonds, I could trap the queen by initially leading a low diamond to dummy's king; if West had them, I'd have to play the ace of diamonds first. Unfortunately, I played low to the king and ended up down four! Should I have guessed how to play the diamonds? Sincerely yours, Miserable in Missouri.

Dear M in M: I think so, but first let's study the problem. It seems best to start by making two fairly reasonable assumptions. First, that West's deuce-of-spades lead is truly fourth-best, giving him only four spades, and second, that he would have led from a five-card suit if he had one.

It follows that West cannot be void of diamonds, because he would then have a five-card club or heart suit. It also follows that if West does not have a diamond void, he is the only one who can have all the missing diamonds. Therefore, you should have cashed the ace at trick two.

It is, of course, always possible that West led his fifth-best spade and has two other four-card suits, or even a second five-card suit. But, as a practical matter, you should assume that West made a normal lead, not an abnormal one. Hope this answers your question, S.B.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Heather Vassar

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Steers homecoming game is Friday

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers hope their homecoming celebrations will include marking one down in the win column this week, as they play host to the Greenwood Rangers at Memorial Stadium Friday night. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

The 0-5 Steers have shown remarkable improvement on defense over the last few weeks, but the offense — plagued by injuries — has sputtered, with last week's nine points coming in just

above their season average of 8.2.

But very few teams, including the 3-2 Rangers have gone out of their way to play the same teams Big Spring has been facing lately.

Monahans and Midland Christian are two very tough teams and in both games, the Steers have been able to play with them — for half of a game at a time, any way.

Greenwood does offer a slight decline in talent and intensity from what the Steers have had lining up against them recently.

This does not mean they

should be overlooked.

They are big and surprising quick, a fact which has not been missed by Big Spring's head coach, Phillip Ritchey.

"Greenwood has a big running quarterback," Coach Ritchey said. "They are going to spread things out and throw the ball around, but if you leave the quarterback alone, he will gain some yards on you."

In a season where the most noticeable trend has been an outmanned defense stepping up time and time again for the Steers until they just

can not do it anymore, Greenwood offers a chance for them to finally play with a team they can match up with fairly evenly in the trenches.

But Greenwood has been improving week after week, including their current two-game win streak with wins against 4A Lake View and then a 28-26 win against 5-3A's own Sweetwater this last Friday night.

"This game will be a big challenge for our defense," Coach Ritchey said. "We need to move the ball and give them time to rest between each series.

The Steers hope to get some help in that department after wide receiver Toby Rodgers. The Big Spring senior returns after missing last week's game due to an injury received at the end of the game in Monahans.

How do the teams match up across the board?

Big Spring — Greenwood
Points per game:
8.2 — 24.6
Rushing yards:
115 — 142
Passing yards:
106 — 159

Coahoma vies for district first place this week in 2-2A

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

Forsan Buffaloes — Bye week

Forsan will resume action Oct. 7 at Anson.

Stanton Buffaloes vs. Idalou Wildcats

7:30 p.m. at Stanton

The 2-3 Stanton Buffaloes will play host to the 3-1 Idalou Wildcats this Friday night in their district home-opener. Last week, the Buffaloes had a win snatched out of their hands in the final seconds by the Coahoma Bulldogs and are now looking to get their first district win.

In order to get it done, they have to get past a Wildcats squad playing their first district game. Idalou had a bye last week and should be pretty well rested from their 38-0 win in Roosevelt Sept. 16.

Originally picked by many to win District 2-2A, defending state champion Idalou brings a well rounded team onto the field and should prove to be one of Stanton's toughest contests this year.

The injury-plagued Buffaloes are again being forced to do battle short handed, but as the team proved in the first two games of the season, they have no problem lining up whoever can play and playing against anyone.

Friday's game may not be the season for Stanton, but it is truly an important game for them. Falling behind 0-2 in this district

would be a hard hill to climb, even for an adversity-proven group of athletes like the Buffaloes.

Expect Coach Peterson's bunch to come out swinging this week. They may have a lot on their plate right now, but they have given no indication they are no longer hungry.

Coahoma Bulldogs vs. Hawley Bearcats

7:30 p.m. at Hawley

Coming off of a last-second, adrenaline-pumping victory at home last week, the 2-3 (1-0 in district) Coahoma Bulldogs are getting set to face a big challenge. This week, Coahoma's very own Cardiac Kids will be traveling to Hawley to take on the undefeated Bearcats for what basically boils down to first place in district 2-2A — with Forsan enjoying a bye week.

The Bearcats are enjoying an undefeated season so far, but last week's 27-14 win over Anson was their first win against a 2A team, the previous four being against smaller, 1A squads.

Last week's win against Stanton came in a closely-matched, hard-fought battle for the Bulldogs. Expect a lot of the same this week.

Hawley may have some momentum, winning five straight, but Coahoma has battle scars. They were tested plenty last week and they came out on top.

Don't expect them to rollover for anyone this year.

Area 6-man previews

Grady vs. Sterling City
7:30 p.m. Friday
at Sterling City

The Grady Wildcats will try to prove on their 2-3 record Friday night, when they travel to face the Sterling City Eagles. The 'Stangs are coming off of a painful 62-32 loss at the hands of Ropes, while Sterling City enjoyed a 62-16 win against Robert Lee last week.

Sands vs. Dawson
7:30 p.m. Friday
at Dawson

Coming off of their first disappoint-

ment of the season, a 58-44 loss to unbeaten Water Valley, the 4-1 Sands Mustangs will head to Dawson this week to take on the 2-3 Dragons. The Dragons are coming off of a last-second 52-49 win at Wellman-Union.

Garden City vs. Ropes
7:30 p.m. Friday
at Ropesville

Riding a three-game win streak and coming off of an 84-12 dismantling of Faith Christian, the Bearcats hope to continue putting marks in the win column this week when they face the 4-1 Ropes Eagles.

Rangers clinch ALDS home field advantage

ANAHEIM (AP) — Mike Napoli talked to his fly ball while it sailed down the left-field line at Angel Stadium, quietly coaxing it into the right side of the pole.

Napoli got the last word on his former club, and on a landmark regular season for his new teammates.

After posting the best record in franchise history, the Texas Rangers are roaring back into the postseason for another chance to win it all — and thanks to Napoli's pleas, they'll start the quest at home.

Napoli broke a tie in the ninth inning with his fourth homer in two games, and

the Texas Rangers finally clinched home-field advantage in the AL division series with a 3-1 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

"It was a great feeling, but mostly because it keeps us home for the first series," Napoli said of the jubilant scene in the Rangers' dugout after the two-run shot — his fourth homer in the final 14 innings. "I was talking to it in my mind, 'Just stay fair!'"

Napoli, the longtime Angels catcher, also homered in the second inning for the Rangers, who swept the Angels to set a club record with their 96th victory —

including six straight head-

ing into the postseason. With 14 wins in their final 16 games, the Rangers (96-66) held off Detroit (95-67) for the right to host wild-card winner Tampa Bay at Rangers Ballpark on Friday. Although Texas ascribes little significance to the win beyond travel convenience, Napoli is grateful he's not headed to Yankee Stadium on Thursday.

"I looked (at the scoreboard) every inning, I'm not going to lie," Napoli said. "But we went out and controlled what we could

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Astros sink to new low as shameful season ends

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros endured one final humiliation at the end of the worst season in franchise history, watching the St. Louis Cardinals celebrate a victory that earned them a playoff berth.

Chris Carpenter struck out 11 and allowed two hits in his 15th career complete-game shutout as St. Louis kept up its improbable September charge by beating the Astros 8-0 on Wednesday night.

St. Louis clinched the NL wild card after At-

lanta fell to Philadelphia 4-3 in 13 innings. The Cardinals and Braves began the day even in the wild card race.

While the Cardinals rushed into their clubhouse to watch the end of the game in Atlanta, the Astros began preparing for the offseason after their 106th loss.

Houston had never lost more than 97 games in a season, and hadn't reached that low mark since 1997. With ownership in flux, the team dealt away recognized stars Hunter Pence and Michael Bourn, turned

the season over to prospects and finished with the youngest roster in baseball.

"It's a work in progress, and it's going to continue to be a work in progress," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "We were able to see a lot of progress in a lot of guys. We've had a lot of turnover this year, both position-wise and pitching-wise. You're going to have some stuff that's not going to go as good as you'd like."

The Astros hardly put up a fight in the finale against Carpenter

(11-9), who was in total command from the start, striking out five of the first nine hitters he faced.

Atlanta's game started an hour earlier, but the Cardinals virtually took away any hope for a Houston victory in the first inning of their contest, jumping to a 5-0 lead against Brett Myers (7-14).

Albert Pujols and Lance Berkman drove in runs with singles, and David Freese doubled to left-center before Myers even recorded an out. Berkman scored when

Skip Schumaker's hard grounder ricocheted off Myers' glove for an infield hit, and Freese came home on Nick Punto's single to right.

"I really wanted to win," Myers said. "I really wanted to go out there and put them out. It didn't work out."

Freese led off the fifth with a double to right center, the Cardinals' 10th hit of the game. Myers, 4-0 with a 1.24 ERA in his last five starts, hadn't allowed more than nine hits in a start since Aug. 6.

Freese later scored on

Schumaker's ground-out to shortstop Clint Barmes for a 7-0 lead, equaling the most runs given up by Myers in 33 starts this season. Wilton Lopez replaced Myers for the start of the sixth.

"I feel like I made pretty good pitches," Myers said, "but they were getting hits."

As the Astros batted in the seventh, the left-field scoreboard posted a 3-3 tie in the Phillies-Braves game,

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In every relationship, there are once-in-a-lifetime windows of opportunity that must be seized. Such a window opens today, the only day that Venus and Saturn will be in conjunction in 2011. These planets join in Libra, the sign of partnership. In the words of recording artist Steve Winwood, "While you see a chance, take it. Find

Legals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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John W. Grant, General Manager
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

romance."
ARIES (March 21-April 19). People will follow and learn from you. You are someone people want to be like. You will effortlessly provide quality education and responsible recreation. It's just who you are.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a network of friends, but you are not dependent on them and do not feel the need to be in constant contact with them. Because you are your own person, you have more to give your friends.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll chuckle wisely and walk with the shamans. Maybe you'll get caught up in the race again or return to other kinds of silliness tomorrow. But for now, you're peacefully "over" it all.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're on a roll, and the momentum will continue to build as long as you don't interrupt it. You stay focused on what's going great in your life, and the great happenings just keep coming.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are helpful by nature to such a degree that you can hardly hold back your help from anyone who appears to need it. You should be careful not to assume people are in need, though. Ask to be sure.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know that your life has a purpose, but you're not always sure exactly what that purpose is and how you could manifest it to the greatest effect. You'll get some clarity on the

matter today.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keep marching forward. Don't tiptoe, and don't run. The best approach will be steady, temperate, measured and determined. If you are working with a team, they easily will fall in step with you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a different level of awareness and therefore will not follow the same path as those around you. You'll do your own thing and find your own way of avoiding pitfalls and potholes.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is a wide spectrum of choices available to you, but they are not all so readily seen. You won't really understand your options until you've experienced a few of them, so dive in.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your sacred wish will be mysteriously granted. If you asked 10 people why the practice of sacred wishing works, you would get 10 different answers, and all of them would be, in a way, true.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your DNA does dictate some aspects of your life, though perhaps not as many as you thought. You'll embrace your physical gifts and find a way to frame your limitations that makes them seem like assets.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will be generous with your time and your creativity. This generosity is attractive to many, and you'll have to be careful about whom you let into your life so as not to be taken advantage of.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 29). Your professional life will be invigorated, and you will take pleasure in finding new ways to be useful to others when you are not working. You'll receive unexpected gifts and money now through October. In 2011, creative projects are instrumental to a healing process. Romance is featured in April. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 25, 38 and 10.
CARDS OF THE MAJOR ARCANA — THE LOVERS: There's a scene in nearly every romantic movie where the romantic leads lock

eyes and the rest of the world fades around them, time slows to capture the bounce of a step or the wave of hair, breathing stops. It is clear to the audience that this is the beginning of the real story, and indeed the fate of the world, or at least the fate of the world of this movie, will depend on the development and survival of this special relationship. That is what comes to mind for me whenever The Lovers comes up in a tarot card reading. Card VI is the card happily drawn by young men and girls with crushes, though it shows as prominently for those who are in or are seeking mature adult relationships and all the responsibilities therein. The Lovers covers the whole gamut of love, from false love and infatuation to true love and all the colors in between. The Lovers on the card stand locked in deeply intimate eye contact and seem to be communicating telepathically, reminding us that communication and attention are the lifeblood of romance.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Andrew Dice Clay reentered the pop-culture spotlight playing a version of himself on the acclaimed HBO series "Entourage." This is a lucky time for the birthday boy, who was born when the sun, Mars and Jupiter were in Libra. The current heavy Libran influence in the sky will favor the revitalization of Dice's career and will bode well for his romantic life, too.
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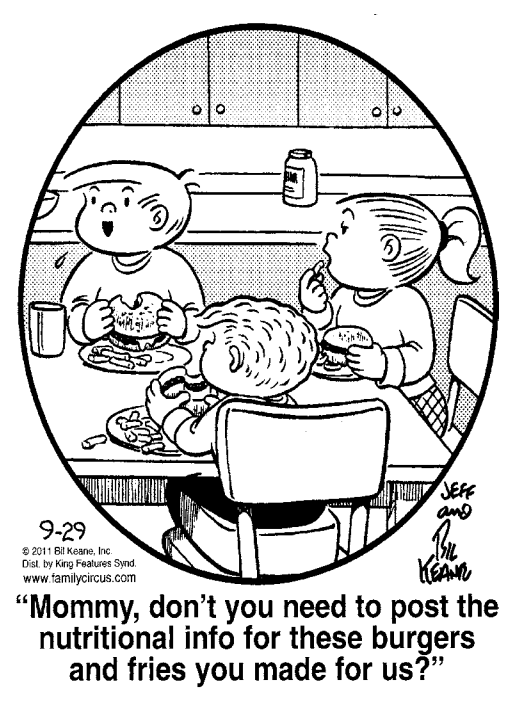
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6:PM	Jeopardy!	Cuando Me	Two Men	News	Caso Cerrado	News	Seinfeld	Dr. Denis	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	American Chopper		UFC Unleashed	Bones		ANT Farm	Le Batard	Audibles
7:PM	Charlie's Angels	Teresa (SS)	The X Factor	Ent	Mi Corazón Insiste	Millionaire	Seinfeld	Alan Lee	Upd	The Vampire Diaries	Sons of Guns	Movie: No Country for Old Men, Josh Brolin	Unleash Jail	Bones	Movie: How to Be a Player	Wizards	High School Football: Chaparral (Ariz.) vs. Notre Dame (Ariz.)	College Football: South Florida at Pittsburgh.
8:PM	Grey's Anatomy	Fuerza-Des-tino		Person of Interest	Flor Salvaje (SS)	Office Whitney	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	The Secret Circle	American Chopper		IMPACT Wrestling	Bones		Wizards		
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10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	Cortes	Charlie Rose	King	American Chopper		MAN	CSI: NY		ANT Farm	Rise Up	SportsCenter
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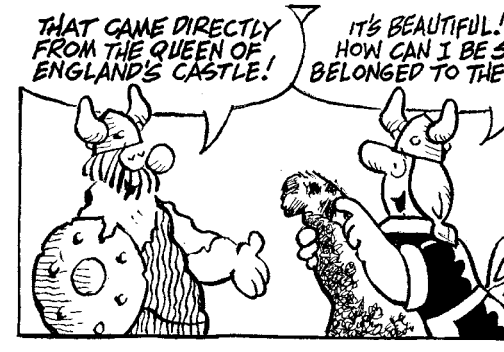
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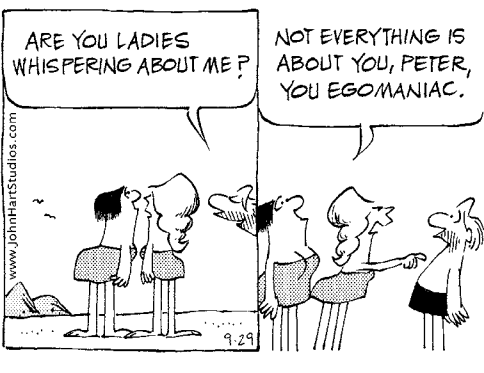
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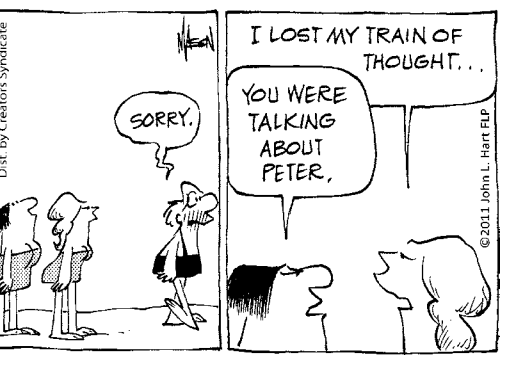
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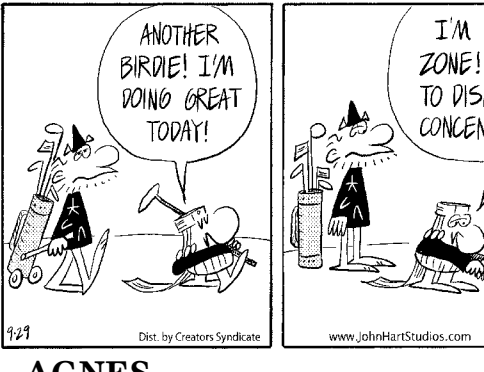
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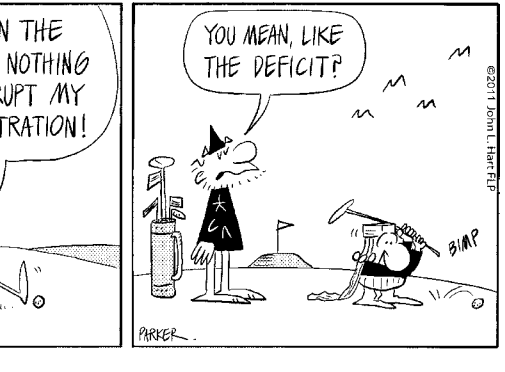
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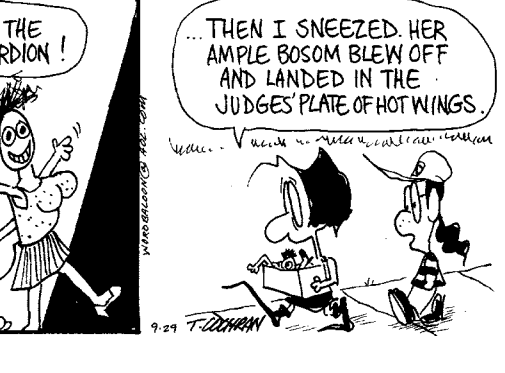
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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1907, the foundation stone was laid for the Washington National Cathedral, which wasn't fully completed until this date in 1990.

In 1910, the National Urban League had its beginnings as The Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes was established in New York.

In 1918, Allied forces began their decisive breakthrough of the Hindenburg Line during World War I.

In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders

concluded the Munich Agreement, which was aimed at appeasing Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1957, the New York Giants played their last game at the Polo Grounds, losing to the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9-1. (The Giants moved to San Francisco.)

In 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1982, Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide claimed the first of seven victims in the Chicago area. (To date, the case remains unsolved.)

In 1986, the Soviet Union released Nicholas Daniloff, an American journalist confined on spying charges.

In 2005, John G. Roberts Jr. was sworn in as the nation's 17th chief justice after winning Senate confirmation.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elizabeth Scott is 89. Actor Steve Forrest is 86. Musical conductor Richard Bonynge is 81. Actress Anita Ekberg is 80. Writer-director Robert Benton is 79. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is

76. Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi is 75. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., is 69. Actor Ian McShane is 69. Jazz musician Jean-Luc Ponty is 69. Lech Walesa (lehk vah-WEN'-sah), the former president of Poland, is 68. Television-film composer Mike Post is 67. Actress Patricia Hodge is 65. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 63. Rock singer-musician Mark Farner is 63. Rock singer-musician Mike Pinera is 63. Country singer Alvin Crow is 61. Actor Drake Hogestyn is 58. Broadcast journalist Gwen Ifill is 56. Former child actor Ken Weatherwax (TV: "The Addams Family") is 56. Olympic gold medal runner Sebastian Coe is 55.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Job extras
 - 6 Paying passengers
 - 11 Hospital hookups
 - 14 Place visited often
 - 15 Totally unfamiliar
 - 16 Filming locale
 - 17 Blue Grotto site
 - 19 Make stuff up
 - 20 Tower ornaments
 - 21 Former *Idol* judge Abdul
 - 23 Favorite
 - 24 Like hot springs
 - 26 Increased suddenly
 - 30 Amnesiac's query
 - 31 2/14 symbol
 - 32 Ceiling support
 - 33 Demanding tot's word
 - 36 Mideast sultanate
 - 37 Denounces
 - 38 World's most populous island
 - 39 Witty one
 - 40 Vocal qualities
 - 41 Overstuffed
 - 42 Entice, as prey
 - 44 One with a "Semper Fi" bumper sticker
 - 45 Cruiser crew
 - 47 Elevator compartment
 - 48 Chaplin persona
 - 49 Featured players
 - 54 ___ hall (camp building)
- DOWN**
- 55 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame architect
 - 58 Chapel Hill sch.
 - 59 Vacation rental
 - 60 *Contract Bridge Complete* author
 - 61 Spring month in Montreal
 - 62 One in the stock market?
 - 63 *Funny Girl* composer
 - 7 Wistful word
 - 8 Upholstery flaw
 - 9 Poetic adverb
 - 10 Criticize sneakily
 - 11 Enlightened ones
 - 12 "And here it is!"
 - 13 Super bargain
 - 18 Took off
 - 22 Inlet or cove
 - 24 Waters down
 - 25 Buckaroo's ride
 - 26 Flat-bottomed boat
 - 27 Wild cat
 - 28 Leoncavallo opera
 - 29 Diminutive suffix
 - 30 19th Amendment beneficiaries
 - 32 Rock singer
 - 34 Hot spot
 - 35 Use the kiddie pool
 - 37 No sideline
 - 38 Shake up
 - 40 Hot spot
 - 41 South Pacific wraps
 - 43 Einstein's birthplace
 - 44 Timbuktu's land
 - 45 Use a pick
 - 46 Sports facility
 - 47 Future star
 - 49 Casino gadget
 - 50 "___ Plenty o' Nuttin'"
 - 51 Agile
 - 52 Auto-school client, probably
 - 53 ___ qua non
 - 56 Polish off
 - 57 Word on a dime

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A Diamond getting rough



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Diamond Bailey (62) leads a herd of Steers against Midland in Saturday's game. Bailey and the Steers will try to manhandle Greenwood Friday night in Big Spring's homecoming game.

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prompting a roar from the large contingent of Cardinals' fans in the stands behind the St. Louis dugout.

Carpenter then struck out Bogusevic and Jimmy Paredes to wrap up another easy inning. Allen Craig hit a solo homer in the ninth off Lance Pendleton.

The Astros were grasping for positives "Overall, we never gave up this year," said Barmes, who will become a free agent. "That's one thing you can say about this whole group. We've got a lot of young guys, we made a lot of young mistakes, a lot of mistakes in general.

"Every day, we showed up and we had a chance to win just about every day," he said. "I think that says a lot about this team.

NOTES: The sparse crowd offered a standing ovation to Astros owner Drayton McLane after a video tribute was shown on the giant scoreboard between the second and third innings.

McLane is still waiting for Major League Baseball to approve his sale of the team to Houston businessman Jim Crane for \$680 million. General manager Ed Wade said before Wednesday's game that McLane still has the final say on all baseball decisions.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said LF Matt Holliday (right hand injury) and SS Rafael Furcal (left hamstring) were unavailable on Wednesday night.

Cardinals pitching coach Dave Duncan rejoined the team after missing more than a month to tend to his ailing wife. Jeanine Duncan is recovering from surgery on Aug. 21 to remove a brain tumor. Dave Duncan, manager Tony La Russa's trusted assistant since the early 1980s, did not know how long he would be able to stay with the club because his wife has more medical appointments scheduled.

Young barely missed batting title

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Reyes became the first player in the New York Mets' half-century history to win a National League batting title, edging Milwaukee's Ryan Braun by five percentage points in a controversial finish Wednesday.

Perhaps playing his final game for the Mets, Reyes led Braun .336 to .335 at the start of the day.

Reyes bunted for a hit in the first inning of New York's game against Cincinnati and then came out with a .337 average. That left Braun needing to go 3 for 4 or better in Milwaukee's regular-season finale against Pittsburgh, but Braun had an 0-for-4 night and wound up at .332.

"I'm humbled and honored," Reyes said in a statement issued by the Mets. "It means so much to my family and my country, the Dominican Republic. I have been through a lot over the past few years, so this really means a lot to me. It's also very special to be the first Mets player to win a batting title. There have been so many great players throughout our history."

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera won his first AL title, giving both leagues new batting champions for the

second straight year. Cabrera finished at .344, with Boston's Adrian Gonzalez and the Texas Rangers' Michael Young at .338.

Fans at Citi Field booed when Reyes came out.

"It was kind of tough," said Reyes, who can become a free agent after the World Series. "I want to stay in the game. They have to understand, too, what's going on. They have to feel happy about it if I win the battling title."

That he did, about 9½ hours after taking his final swing of the year.

"I'm not going to judge him. I respect whatever decision he decided to make," Braun said before the game, adding after: "I'm a little disappointed, of course, but the chances of actually going 3 for 4 weren't likely."

Toronto's Jose Bautista won his second straight major league home run title with 43, while the Los Angeles Dodgers' Matt Kemp homered in his next-to-last at-bat to lead the NL with 39, one more than Milwaukee's Prince Fielder.

After threatening to become the first Triple Crown winner since Boston's Carl Yastrzemski in 1967, Kemp faded from the batting race and had a

.324 average. Kemp led the NL with 126 RBIs, the first Dodgers player to lead the league in homers and RBIs since Dolph Camilli in 1941.

The Yankees' Curtis Granderson topped the AL with 119 RBIs, one more than teammate Robinson Cano and two in front of Gonzalez.

Cincinnati's Drew Stubbs struck out 205 times, ending Mark Reynolds three-year run as strikeout king. Adam Dunn of the White Sox hit just .159, but didn't play Wednesday and finished with 496 plate appearances, six shy of qualifying. The post-1900 record low among qualifiers was set by Rob Deer at .179 in 1991.

Eugenio Velez of the Dodgers went 0 for 37 this season, a record for at-bats by a position player without a hit, topping Hal Finney's 0 for 35 with Pittsburgh in 1936. Hitless in 46 at-bats since May 2010, Velez broke the modern record for non-pitchers with one more than the mark shared by Pittsburgh's Bill Bergen (1909), Dave Campbell of San Diego and St. Louis (1973) and Milwaukee's Craig Counsell (this season).

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki had 184 hits, ending his

record streak of 10 consecutive 200-hit seasons. The Chicago Cubs' Starlin Castro (207) became the youngest player (21 years, 188 days) to win the NL hits title, Young and Gonzalez tied for the AL lead with 213, one ahead Boston's Jacoby Ellsbury.

Bautista (.608) and Braun (.597) led in slugging percentage. Cabrera (.448) passed Bautista (.447) on the final day to lead the AL in on-base percentage and Cincinnati's Joey Votto (.416) headed the NL for the second straight season.

Atlanta's Michael Bourn swiped two bases and his 61 steals led the NL for the third straight year, while Oakland's Coco Crisp and the Yankees' Brett Gardner shared the AL lead with 49.

Among pitchers, Detroit's Justin Verlander at 24-5 had the most wins in the majors since Arizona's Randy Johnson in 2002. Verlander also won the AL ERA (2.40) and strikeouts (250) titles, becoming the first winner of a pitching triple crown since San Diego's Jake Peavy in 2007.

Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers led the NL in ERA (2.28) and strikeouts (248) and tied Arizona's Ian Kennedy for the lead in wins (21).

RANGERS

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control."

Seven innings after Napoli homered over the ficus trees in deepest center field, he connected in the ninth off Angels rookie closer Jordan Walden

(5-5), capping his career year with another huge game at the park he once called home.

"It felt like we won the World Series, but we actually just won an opportunity to go back to Texas," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We certainly didn't want the five-hour trip to New York."

Mike Adams (2-3) pitched the eighth, and Neftali Feliz picked up his 32nd save.

innings of two-hit ball in his third career start for the Angels.

Gil Velasquez drove in the only run for the Angels, who were in playoff contention until Monday. Los Angeles (86-76) lost six of its last seven.

"This was a roller-coaster year for us," manager Mike Scioscia said. "I mean, it really tore us inside and out, and it teased us. We thought we had a chance to get there, but we just didn't play at a high enough level towards the end of the season. But we're going to turn the page on it, and it's going to start tomorrow."

Napoli hit six homers this season at Angel Stadium — three more than Bobby Abreu, who struck out to end the game for Los Angeles. Napoli dominated the final innings against the Angels, who traded him in a package for Vernon Wells last winter.

Napoli finished with career-highs of 30 homers and 75 RBIs in Texas, while Wells went 1 for 4 to end his dismal season at .218 with 25 homers — and the three catchers who replaced Napoli have all been offensive disasters.

"When he plays us, it's like he's definitely trying to put an exclamation point on something," Angels outfielder Torii Hunter said. "He's swinging the bat well. We all knew he could hit home runs and that he had the potential ... but the average (.320), that's what's pretty impressive. He's grown into one of the elite hitters in the game."


The Angels wrapped up their 50th anniversary season by missing the playoffs in consecutive years for the first time since 2000-01, Scioscia's first two years in charge. Los Angeles still had the AL's sixth-best record, winning at least 80 games for the eighth straight season — easily the best stretch in franchise history.

Richards, a first-round draft pick in 2009, made the best appearance of his short major-league career in his first start since Aug. 15. He issued three walks, but paid for only one bad pitch when Napoli homered in the second.

NOTES: Texas CF Josh Hamilton's nine-game hitting streak ended. ... Angels 1B Efrén Navarro's third-inning single was his first major league hit. Navarro, a native of nearby Lynwood with 15 family members in attendance, played the final two games at first base with rookie slugger Mark Trumbo shut down for the season with a broken foot. ... The Angels drew more than 3 million fans for the ninth straight season, finishing with 3,166,321. They even outdrew the crosstown Dodgers, who didn't crack 3 million. ... Texas DH Michael Young went 1 for 4 with a ninth-inning single, ending his faint hopes of catching Detroit's Miguel Cabrera for the AL batting title.

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