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Attorney Robert Bass describes the various municipal redistricting plans the Big Spring City Council could choose from during Tuesday night's meeting.

City gives green light

Council OKs redistricting map; awaits federal approval

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Members of the Big Spring City Council approved a resolution adopting new redistricting boundaries for its six districts on a unanimous vote Tuesday, giving the go-ahead to send the plan to the U.S. Department of Justice.

The plan — one of four the council had to choose from — decreases the amount of deviation allowed by the Voting Rights Act from the current 25.28 percent to 4.4 percent, bringing the district plan to well below the 10 percent maximum established by federal law.

According to attorney Robert T. Bass, who met with the council Tuesday evening to discuss the proposed redistricting plans, Proposed Plan 4 was the most prudent choice.

"Proposed Plan 4 is optimal to pass with the Department of Justice," Bass told the council. "We were able to take advantage of the area in the central-west part of the city and bring the total deviation down to 4.4 percent."

Unfortunately, the plan falls short of the council's goal of creating three minority-driven districts in the city, a problem Bass said was unavoidable.

"We have Districts 1 and 2, which are both minority districts," Bass said. "The council asked me to look at making District 3 a minority district as well. However, the Hispanic and minority voters are simply too dispersed within the city to accomplish that. What Plan 4 does, however, is create a District 3 that is a

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Paul proving to be force in campaign

By **CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN**
 Associated Press

McALLEN — Ron Paul, antagonist of the Federal Reserve and advocate for the gold standard, probably won't capture the Republican presidential nomination. But with his libertarian leanings energizing a small though

growing group of passionate conservatives, the quirky Texas congressman is proving to be a force in the 2012 contest.

Four months before the initial voting, Paul is having such a big impact on the race that some Republican operatives are convinced

that he will play spoiler in important states, siphoning votes and attention from his rivals for months to come and helping determine the nominee.

He's empowered by unconventional but successful fundraising techniques, a more sophisticated campaign than his two previous attempts at

the presidency, and a fiery message he's preached for decades but only now is resonating with Americans concerned about the nation's debt.

In short, he could prove dangerous for the early front-runners, Texas

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Pets receive blessings at annual St. Mary's event

By **LYNDEL MOODEY**
 Features Writer

The sun was shining and tails were wagging while a lone feline's complaining wail wafted over St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church Bennett Garden Sunday afternoon as more than a dozen pets and their owners participated in the parish's annual Blessing of the Animals.

Canines greatly outnumbered the one female kitten "Jo Jo" — aptly named after the late singer Josephine Baker — who complained bitterly of her forced appearance throughout the small service held to honor St. Frances of Assisi. St. Frances was an Italian Catholic friar who was known for his love of nature and animals.

"When you look into your pet's eyes, you always see love," said the Rev. Bar-

bara Kirk-Norris, rector of St. Mary's, who led the service.

From the tiny to the extra-large variety, Kirk-Norris blessed each animal, including laid-back bassets Neolia and Rufi, owned by Rosa and Tom Rickabaugh, and several not-so-laid-back pugs, chihuahuas, small poodles and mixed bread dogs. Vicious the dachs-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Michael Jensen holds his dog during St. Mary's the Virgin Episcopal Church's annual Blessing of the Animals Sunday. More than a dozen pets and their owners attended the small service to honor St. Francis of Assisi.



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Obituaries

Johnnie B. Weeks



Johnnie B. Weeks, 92, of Mesquite, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at her daughter Beth's home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Royce Clay and Rick Cunningham officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, at the funeral home.

Johnnie was born in Bland Lake, San Augustine County, Texas, on Jan. 6, 1919, to John Benny and Mattie Beatrice Harris Bodine. She was a sixth-generation descendant of John Bodine, who settled in San Augustine in 1824 from Georgia. He was on the first muster — roll of the Republic of Texas and served with Admiral Oliver Hazard Perry on Lake Erie. He was shot and killed in 1839 near the Old Horton Mill during an argument over a piece of property by Alexander Horton.

Mrs. Weeks attended school in Geneva, Texas, where she was class president and valedictorian of her graduating Class of 1936. She was also a member of the Geneva women's basketball team who went to the state finals. She worked for many years in East Texas and along the Gulf Coast until she became tired of running from hurricanes and settled in Big Spring at the encouragement of her uncle and paternal grandparents.

Johnnie worked as a bookkeeper for Hemphill-Wells Company where she met George D. Weeks. They married March 22, 1947. In March of 1958 they left Hemphill-Wells and, along with brother-in-law Gilbert Gibbs, opened Gibbs & Weeks Men's Store. They continued to run the family business for 30 years prior to selling it. They then had an advertising specialty company which they ran for approximately six more years prior to retiring.

Johnnie was a faithful member of the 14th & Main Church of Christ, served as president of the Women's Credit Club and was a 50-year member of the Eastern Star. She was very involved in her children's school and sport activities as well as being an accomplished seamstress and an excellent cook. Many summers were spent making jams, jellies and canning vegetables for the family.

A devoted mother, grandmother and wife, she was preceded in death by her husband, George D. Weeks in September of 2005, as well as her parents and one brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Beth Cook of Mesquite; two sons, John D. Weeks and wife Cynthia and Donald R. Weeks and wife Joy, all of Big Spring; three granddaughters, Tatum Weeks of San Antonio, Whitney Weeks of Big Spring and Kendra Diaz and husband Sgt. Sloan Diaz of Lemon Grove, Calif.; a great-grandson, Jase Diaz; and a great-granddaughter, Caroline Diaz.

She is also survived by two sisters, Oleta Rule of Bland Lake and Tommie Lee Wright of Beaumont, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be made to Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or to the Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Highway 16 N., Medina, Texas 78055.

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

Paid obituary

Jimmy Grant

Jimmy Grant, 66, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at Coahoma Cemetery with Chaplain Lynn Robertson of Compass Hospice officiating. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Phyllis V. Sparks

Phyllis V. Sparks, 88, of Cedar Park, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, in a Cedar Park nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Eligio 'Lee' Viasana



Eligio "Lee" Viasana, 59, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at his residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Lee was born April 4, 1952, in Iraan, Texas. He came to Big Spring as a young man and worked in the oil fields. He later began working for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Survivors include two sons, Chris Viasana of Big Spring and Erick Viasana of Goodyear, Ariz.; two daughters, Dorothy Woodard and Lisa Viasana, both of Big Spring; four brothers, Juan "Johnny" Viasana of Nacogdoches, Wallace "Terry" Viasana, Carmen Viasana Jr. and David Viasana, all of Big Spring; four sisters, Linda Viasana and Maria Chairez, both of Lake Jackson, and Anna Zamora and Mary Ochoa, both of Big Spring; fourteen grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carmen Sr. and Rosa (Deanda) Viasana.

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Police blotter

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

- MARQUETTA LANAE HILL, 28, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- PATRICIA AGUILAR, 21, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 305, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- ROY JOHNSON, 68, of 707 Wyoming, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of S. Johnson.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- FLAVIO SERRANO GARCIA, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence (charge not provided).
- ISMAEL JOE JOHN RODRIGUEZ, 34, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- TYLER WAYLAND SMITH, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to attend school and municipal warrants for no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear, purchasing/furnishing tobacco to a minor and failure to appear.
- JESUS C. HERNANDEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping — failure to appear.
- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III, 17, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- JESSICA MARIE SPENCER, 27, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of mari-

juana — two ounces or less.

• MANUEL VILLA JR., 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• KIMBERLY GASTON COGBURN, 43, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• VICTORIANO A. HILARIO III, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana — more than two ounces and less than four ounces.

• RENE O. VILLA, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• PATRICIA GAIL DIAZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of harrasment.

• DARION DONTRIELL KINDER, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for violation of a promise to appear (two counts), no driver's license and failure to control speed.

• GLORIA MASON GIBSON, 58, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify — giving false information and charges of failure to appear — unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• TOBIN CLAYLL RATLIFF, 51, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication (two counts).

• MARIA DELCARMEL GARCIA, 42, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a Llano County warrant for failure to appear — hinder secure creditors.

• ROY JOHNSON, 68, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• JOSE URIAS, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• ALVARO FLORES VALDES, 40, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• MARQUETTA LANAE HILL, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on an Ector County warrant for fraud/grand jury indictment securing execution of document by deception.

• PATRICIA AGUILAR, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license — when unlicensed.

• JAMERE RAYSHAD COOPER, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for violation of a promise to appear (two counts).

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. 18th Street. Servicer refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported 20 miles north on Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1400 block of Park. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Moore Road. Air Evac transported.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the 190 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Take note

- There will be a Coahoma Band booster meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Band Hall. Call the high school at 394-4535 for more information.
- First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 13. 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/>
- 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.
- Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands

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

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

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

- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. For more information, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
Keiston Harrison, left, and Paisley Osborn won overall honors at the Howard County Fair's Kountry Kids Contest Saturday afternoon.

PETS

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hound traveled from Stanton with his owner, Andrea Jimenez. Thankfully, Vicious didn't live up to his name and was quite polite during the event, as were all the furry and lively attendees.

The St. Mary's parish is wrapping up a year-long celebration of its 125 years in Big Spring. The annual St. Andrew's Day Scottish Music and Bagpipe Festival will mark the end of the celebration. St. Andrew's Day, which will again feature professional bagpipe player E.J. Jones, will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. The public is invited.

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LeAnn Campbell Pesek, 35, of Cedar Park, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. today at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Gov. Rick Perry and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

"I have no idea what exactly spoiler means," Paul said recently while in New Hampshire. "If you're a participant and you have an influence and you win or come close and you influence the debate, I think that's pretty important. So I don't put a negative term on that as spoiling anything. Spoiling their fun? Maybe they need a little spoiling."

It's unclear which rival the 76-year-old Texan stands to hurt the most.

Paul's most devoted followers have been committed to him for years. But the "converts," as the congressman calls them, seem

to be growing with little regard for whether their support of Paul unintentionally helps another candidate.

Kate Baker is among the many die-hard Paul supporters in New Hampshire who shrug off the suggestion that their candidate may play spoiler. She holds out hope of victory.

"Ron Paul is doing well enough he has the possibility to win, particularly in key states. This time I can taste success," said Baker, the volunteer head of New Hampshire's Women for Ron Paul Coalition. She also worked to help Paul get elected four years ago.

But for Baker and others, winning almost sounds less important than spreading Paul's message of fiscal discipline and smaller government. That's a pitch

he's made for years and one that others suddenly have adopted, sometimes with more success.

"Look at how much the message is traveling right now. He's honest and consistent. That's the kind of person I can put my money and effort behind," said Baker, a 37-year-old Manchester resident. "I vote for Ron Paul on principle."

Others like her have helped Paul build a grass-roots fundraising network so robust that his team is preparing for a primary campaign that goes the distance, confident Paul will raise enough money to stay in the race as long as he wants.

His fundraising prowess dropped jaws four years ago when, during one cash-grab blitz, he raised more than \$5 million in 24 hours. Drawing on thousands of small online donations, Paul has raised at least \$1 million in five indi-

vidual "money bombs" this year, according to his campaign.

Overall, he raised \$4.5 million this year through June 30 and is expected to report \$5 million more through the end of September. That's well behind Romney and probably Perry, too. But it's far more than most of the second-tier candidates.

It's not just money that's helped him become a more credible candidate this time around. It's also the improved quality of his campaign.

Paul moved more quickly this year to put organizers and experienced workers in important states. He was the first candidate to run television ads in New Hampshire. At the straw poll in Ames, Iowa, a test of campaign organization, Paul finished second to Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann by only 152 votes.

"The fact that we have

so many county chairmen and precinct chairmen and all this all through Iowa, we never had that before," Paul said recently from his office in Washington.

There are signs that Paul is adopting more traditional, and possibly successful, campaign strategies, according to Eric Woolson, who managed former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's victory in the 2008 Iowa caucuses. The strong straw poll finish was "maybe a little more of an acknowledgement that this is the way the game is played," he said.

In New Hampshire, the difference goes beyond organization.

Paul still talks freely about some subjects that place him on the fringe, such as ending the fight against drugs. But his early ads in the state seemed to "recast" his image, said Richard Killion, an unaffiliated Republican strategist.

CITY

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toss-up with approximately 48 percent minority voters and 48 percent non-minority."

According to the 2010 Census, District 1, represented by newly elected Marcus Fernandez, is overpopulated by 156; District 2, represented by Manuel Ramirez Jr., is underpopulated by 587; District 3, represented by newly elected Glenn Carrigan, is underpopulated by 167;

District 4, represented by Gloria McDonald, is overpopulated by 80; District 5, represented by Craig Olson, is overpopulated by 192; and District 6, represented by Terry Hansen, is overpopulated by 327.

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News in brief

Beutler, Hoffmann, Steinman share Nobel medicine prize

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Three scientists whose research on the immune system opened up new avenues for prevention and treatment of infections, cancer and inflammations won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday.

American Bruce Beutler and French scientist Jules Hoffmann shared the prestigious 10 million-kroner (\$1.5 million) award with Canadian-born Ralph Steinman, the Nobel committee at Stockholm Karolinska institute said.

Beutler and Hoffmann were cited "for their discoveries concerning the activation of innate immunity."

Steinman was honored for "his discovery of the dendritic cell and its role in adaptive immunity."

"Their work has opened up new avenues for the development of prevention and therapy against infections, cancer and inflammatory disease," the citation said.

Anti-Wall Street campaign enters third week

NEW YORK (AP) — The arrests of 700 people on Brooklyn Bridge over the weekend fueled the anger of anti-Wall Street protesters camping in a Manhattan park and sparked support elsewhere in the country as the campaign entered its third week Sunday.

Occupy Wall Street started with fewer than a dozen college students spending days and nights in Zuccotti Park, a plaza near the city's financial center. But a day after Saturday's mass arrests, hundreds of protesters were resolute and like-minded groups in other cities had joined in.

New York City officials "thought we were going to leave and we haven't," 19-year-old Kira Moyer-Sims of Portland, Ore., said. "We're going to stay as long as we can."

Police said the department will continue its regular patrols of the area. And "as always, if it is a lawful demonstration, we help facilitate and if they break the law we arrest them," NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said.

Panetta cautions Israel against growing too isolated

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — The continuing turmoil in the Middle East makes it crucial that Israel finds ways to communicate with other nations in the region if it's ever going to enjoy peace and stability, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta warned in a blunt assessment.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday as he traveled to the Mideast and Europe, Panetta said the Jewish homeland is becoming increasingly isolated in the region. He said Israeli leaders need to restart negotiations with the Palestinians and work to restore relations with Egypt and Turkey.

"There's not much question in my mind that they maintain that (military) edge," Panetta said. "But the question you have to ask: Is it enough to maintain a military edge if you're isolating yourself in the diplomatic arena? Real security can only be achieved by both a strong diplomatic effort as well as a strong effort to project your military strength."

Panetta is scheduled to meet this week with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, and then travel to a meeting of NATO defense ministers in Brussels. He will also go to Egypt, where he will meet with that nation's new leaders.

His visit comes as Mideast negotiators push for a peace deal by the end of next year, amping up pressure for the resumption of long-stalled talks.

Obama's health care law is elephant in the courtroom as Supreme Court starts new term Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nine justices of the

Supreme Court, who serve without seeking election, soon will have to decide whether to insert themselves into the center of the presidential campaign next year.

The high court was beginning its new term Monday, and President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, which affects almost everyone in the country, is squarely in its sights.

The Obama administration's request last week that the justices resolve whether the health care law is constitutional makes it more likely than not that they will deliver their verdict by June 2012, just as Obama and his Republican opponent charge toward the fall campaign.

Already, GOP presidential contenders use virtually every debate and speech to assail Obama's major domestic accomplishment, which aims to extend health insurance to more than 30 million people now without coverage.

If as now expected the justices agree to review the law's constitutionality, those deliberations would certainly define the court's coming term. Their decision could rank as the court's most significant since the December 2000 ruling that effectively sealed George W. Bush's election as president.

Customers tell restaurants they want to eat healthy, then order the Thickburger

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans talk skinny but eat fat.

No matter that First Lady Michelle Obama has been on a crusade for a year and a half to slim down the country. Never mind that some restaurants have started listing calories on their menus. Forget even that we keep saying we want to eat healthy. When Americans eat out, we order burgers and fries anyway.

"If I wanted something healthy, I would not even stop in at McDonald's," says Jonathan Ryfiak, 24, a New York trapeze instructor who watches his diet at home but orders comfort foods like chicken nuggets and fries when he hits a fast-food joint.

In a country where more than two-thirds of the population is overweight or obese, food choices are often made on impulse, not intellect. So, while 47 percent of Americans say they'd like restaurants to offer healthier items like salads and baked potatoes, only 23 percent tend to order those foods, according to a survey last year by food research firm Technomic.

That explains the popularity of KFC's Double Down, a sandwich of bacon and cheese slapped between two slabs of fried chicken. It's the reason IHOP offers a Simple & Fit menu with yogurt and fruit bowls, but its top seller remains a 1,180-calorie breakfast sampler of eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, hash browns and pancakes. It's also why only 11 percent of parents ordered apple slices as an alternative to fries in McDonald's Happy Meals.

More than 1 in 10 U.S. parents reject vaccine advice for young children

CHICAGO (AP) — By age 6, children should have vaccinations against 14 diseases, in at least two dozen separate doses, the U.S. government advises. More than 1 in 10 parents reject that, refusing some shots or delaying others mainly because of safety concerns, a national survey found.

Worries about vaccine safety were common even among parents whose kids were fully vaccinated: 1 in 5 among that group said they think delaying shots is safer than the recommended schedule. The results suggest that more than 2 million infants and young children may not be fully protected against preventable diseases, including some that can be deadly or disabling.

The nationally representative online survey of roughly 750 parents of kids age 6 and younger was done last year and results were released online Monday in the journal Pediatrics. They are in line with a larger federal survey released last month,

showing that at least 1 in 10 toddlers and preschoolers lagged on vaccines that included chickenpox and the measles-mumps-rubella combination shots. That survey, also for 2010, included more than 17,000 households.

The Pediatrics survey follows other recent news raising concerns among infectious disease specialists, including a study showing the whooping cough vaccine seems to lose much of its effectiveness after just three years — faster than doctors have thought — perhaps contributing to recent major outbreaks, most notably in California. Also, data reported in September show that a record number of kindergartners' parents in California last year used a personal belief exemption to avoid vaccination requirements.

Knox defends herself in Italian court before appeals court deliberates on murder conviction

PERUGIA, Italy (AP) — Amanda Knox tearfully told an Italian appeals court Monday that she did not kill her British roommate, pleading for the court to give her back her life after years of suffering behind bars. The court began deliberations moments later.

Knox frequently paused for breath as she spoke in Italian to the eight members of the jury in a packed courtroom. She fought back tears and quickly regained composure.

"I've lost a friend in the worst, most brutal, most inexplicable way possible," she said of the murder of Meredith Kercher, a 21-year-old Briton who shared an apartment with Knox when they were both students in Perugia. "I'm paying with my life for things that I didn't do."

Presiding Judge Claudio Pratillo Hellmann said the jury would not emerge before 1800 GMT (2 p.m. EDT) at the earliest.

NYC mayor to testify in ex-operative's trial, answer defense lawyers who accused him of fraud

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg is set to take the stand in a grand larceny trial Monday, answering questions from prosecutors who say he was bilked out of more than \$1 million and from defense lawyers who claim he is using the case to cover up unsavory campaign practices.

On trial is John Haggerty, a political operative who worked on the mayor's re-election campaigns and is now accused of convincing the mayor and his staff to pay for a \$1.1 million poll-monitoring operation that never materialized, then using most of the cash to buy himself a house.

But much of the questioning so far has revolved around Bloomberg, as Haggerty's lawyers have sought to turn the jury's focus to the billionaire mayor, painting a picture of a high-rolling candidate surrounded by privileged insiders who skirted ethics rules, threw money at problems and didn't hesitate to bend the law.

Prosecutors do not accuse the mayor of any wrongdoing, and Bloomberg's representatives have said his campaign broke no laws and followed standard practices.

Report: Al-Qaida's Yemeni leaders still at large' still intend to attack US

WASHINGTON (AP) — The killing of American-born al-Qaida preacher Anwar al-Awlaki may weaken the Yemen branch's ability to attack the United States, but the only way to eliminate the threat is to take out its Yemen leaders, according to a new report by a top Army counterterrorism center.

Terror chief Nasir al-Wahayshi, who used to work for Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan, and other key figures are the real secret to the group's survival, and are equally committed to attacks on the U.S. homeland, according to the report released Monday by the U.S. Military Academy's Combating Terrorism Center.

A year in the making and written before Friday's drone strike that killed al-Awlaki and fellow U.S.-born propagandist Samir Khan, the report also suggests that its leaders' strength is key to the group's end. Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula's "reliance on this capable leadership is simultaneously the group's central vulnerability," said study editor Gabriel Koehler-Derrick.

"Removing these leaders from the battlefield ... would rapidly bring about the group's defeat," according to the study, made available exclusively to The Associated Press.

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New England	3	1	0	.750	135	98
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	100	95
Miami	0	4	0	.000	69	104
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	1	0	.750	107	70
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	88	56
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	39	85
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	46	84
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	119	57
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	80	74
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	74	93
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	64	72
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	91	85
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	111	113
Denver	1	3	0	.250	81	111
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	49	126

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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	3	1	0	.750	83	63
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Dallas	2	2	0	.500	99	101
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	101	101
South						
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New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	127	98
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	60	60
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	90	105
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	89	102
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	4	0	0	1.000	148	97
Detroit	4	0	0	1.000	135	76
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	94	98
Minnesota	0	4	0	.000	77	96
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	94	75
Seattle	1	3	0	.250	58	97
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	86	87
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	46	113

Sunday's scores

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Green Bay 49, Denver 23

Baltimore 34, N.Y. Jets 17

Monday's Game:
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay
8:30 p.m.

Series tied, Rangers prepare for Game 3

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — David Price is thankful to have another shot at Texas in the playoffs.

A postseason disappointment a year ago when he lost twice in the opening round to the only AL opponent he's never beaten, the young Tampa Bay pitcher will get a chance to redeem himself Monday when he goes against right-hander Colby Lewis in Game 3 of the AL division series between the Rays and Rangers.

The teams are tied 1-1 after splitting two games in Texas.

The Rays say they're comfortable putting the ball in Price's hand, even though the hard-throwing lefty hasn't won more than a month and was 0-2 with a 4.97 ERA in a pair of losses at home to Cliff Lee in the 2010 ALDS.

"It's pretty unique ... a good opportunity for me to have," Price said Sunday, conceding that his lack of success against the AL West champions is not easy to shove to the back of his mind.

The 25-year-old is 0-3 with a 5.67 ERA in six career regular season starts against

Texas, including a 3-0 loss to Lewis and the Rangers to Tropicana Field on June 1.

"It is something that I think about and something that I want to get over with," Price said. "I am not intimidated by this lineup by any means or anything like that. It is a very good offensive lineup, and they make it tough to pitch. But it's postseason baseball, and you have to be able to step up and make some pitches for your team."

The No. 1 pick in the 2007

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Cowboys blow largest lead ever, lose to Lions

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo put the Dallas Cowboys ahead by 24 points with his third touchdown pass right after halftime. That lead wasn't enough after he followed that with three interceptions.

Two of the picks were returned for touchdowns, and the third set up Detroit's game-winning score with 1:39 left as the Cowboys blew their largest lead ever to lose, 34-30 to the undefeated Lions on Sunday.

"It hurts," Romo said, not even talking about the still-raw ribs that forced him to take another pregame injection. "We were obviously in a position to win this game. ... It doesn't feel good right now."

Especially knowing the Cowboys (2-2) are going into their bye week and won't play again for two weeks.

"It's devastating," linebacker Sean Lee said.

The Cowboys had won two in a row since a season-opening loss at the New York Jets when Romo had an interception and a fumble at the 3 as Dallas blew a 14-point fourth-quarter lead for the first time in franchise history.

A week after that, Romo threw for 201 yards in the fourth quarter and overtime of a win at San Francisco despite suffering a fractured rib and punctured lung early in

the game. They Cowboys were coming off a win over NFC East rival Washington six days earlier.

"I view the success we have, I view what he does well and I put the mistakes right in with what he does well and don't in any way get discouraged about our future with Tony," owner Jerry Jones said. "There's no issue about faith in Romo, any place in this organization, period. ... If you're going to try to make plays, then you've got a chance to have some bad plays, then you've got to go, we'll go with Tony. As Tony goes, we'll go."

The Cowboys led 27-3 after Romo hit Jason Witten for a 1-yard touchdown only 2½ minutes into the second half.

Then came the two interceptions in a span of three throws. Bobby Carpenter, the former first-round pick by the Cowboys and one of Romo's good friends, returned the first one 35 yards for a touchdown and Chris Houston took another one back 56 yards for a 27-17 score.

Jason Hanson kicked a 51-yard field goal to get Detroit within 30-27 soon after Cowboys coach Jason Garrett declined a penalty that would've pushed the Lions back 10 yards, but given them an extra down.

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Aggies allow 18-point rally in 2nd straight loss

DALLAS (AP) — Tyler Wilson took the final snap, his first signature victory as Arkansas' quarterback in hand.

The junior may very well have saved the Razorbacks' season as well in a 42-38 comeback win over Texas A&M on Saturday.

No. 10 Arkansas (4-1) overcame an 18-point deficit, equaling the largest rally in four seasons under coach Bobby Petrino. The Razorbacks also rallied from 18 down again Louisiana-Monroe during Petrino's first season, but that team didn't have nearly the expectations this one entered the season with.

That team also wasn't coming off a confidence-crushing 38-14 loss against No. 2 Alabama like this one, and the Crimson Tide hangover was evident for Arkansas as it fell behind 35-17 at halftime Saturday.

Wilson, in only the fifth start of his career, stepped out of the shadow of predecessor Ryan Mallett for good after that — finishing with 510 yards passing on 30-of-51 passing. He found senior Jarius Wright 13 times for 281 of those yards, and Broderick Green returned from a knee injury sustained in

spring practice to complete the comeback with a 3-yard touchdown run.

"What a day's work," Petrino said. "It took a full day's work to win that one."

Wilson and Wright rewrote the school's record book during the win, setting marks for passing and receiving yards. Wilson passed Mallett's mark of 409 yards set against Vanderbilt last season, and Wright topped Mike Reppond's record of 204 yards set against Rice in 1971.

Despite the aerial show, it was Green who provided the biggest surprise and second-half lift. The senior tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during spring practice in April and was expected to miss the entire season.

Green made faster-than-expected progress in his recovery, and Arkansas' coaches mentioned the possibility of his return last week. He did just that in the first half — scoring on a 1-yard touchdown that brought the Razorbacks to 21-14 in the second quarter.

His biggest runs came in the final minutes. They included the go-ahead touchdown and a 10-yard run on third-and-8 that gave Arkansas its final first down and al-

lowed it to run the clock out on the emotional win.

"I never saw this happening at all," Green said. "I thought I'd come back next year. I feel amazing. I was pumped. I kept telling myself, 'I can do this.'"

As excited as the Razorbacks were following the win, the Aggies (2-2) were on the complete other end of the spectrum.

The loss marked the second straight second-half collapse for No. 24 Texas A&M, which blew a 20-3 halftime lead against Oklahoma State the week before and lost 30-29. It also dropped the Southeastern Conference-bound Aggies to 0-7 against its future SEC colleagues since the inception of the Big 12, though coach Mike Sherman was more concerned with this season than any historical significance.

"Certainly a disappointing second half of football," Sherman said. "... But again, pretty much the same plate as last week. Too little too late, and we came up short."

"I do think that we're contributing to our demise in the second half. We definitely have to play better, coach better and be better in order

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Tempers are testy thanks to the terse arrangement of Mars and Jupiter, though Libran influences mellow the effect. With maturity comes the awareness that just because something is happening now doesn't make it important. The deeper your purpose the less likely you are to be put off course by momentary distractions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Practice is the key to mastering skills. You could get lucky in the beginning, and yet it still may take a good deal of practice to do it consistently right. Put in the time. It will be worthwhile to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've quested long and hard for something with very little evidence that you ever will obtain it. Today your fortunes change, though. It's as though after a long, dry desert journey, you have come to an oasis.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you think of the one who has been there for you along the way, special pictures and words come to mind. This is something to record so that when the time comes to express your gratitude, you will not be at a loss.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Physical stillness is the best thing you could do to gain clarity today. You've been like a whirling dervish lately. When you quiet your body, you'll realize just how hard you've been working it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If only you had a staff of industrious elves to keep your domestic life run-

ning like the North Pole. Alas, you're dealing with human folk who are twice the size with half the work ethic. You'll make do all the same.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll hear of someone's unfortunate trials and tribulations. The positive outcome is that you'll realize how lucky you are by comparison and will have a new appreciation for your circumstances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will help a loved one with your open-minded approach to problem solving. You won't make moral judgments. Instead, you'll concern yourself with whether an action is helpful or harmful, useful or useless.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You love your independence, and you also love feeling close with someone you find splendidly attractive. If you plan it well, you'll enjoy both of these states of being today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When the right idea comes your way, you think you'll recognize it right away. You expect the earth to tremble, or maybe lights to flash and alarms to sound. Alas, the knowing feeling will really come as quietly as a whisper.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Making someone feel like the most important person in the world will in turn make you seem like an absolute genius in that person's eyes. Your attractiveness will grow appreciably.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's much you'll be working on throughout the day. And when the time comes to shut off your head and go to sleep, your head simply will not want to quiet down. A

steaming cup of tea will help.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll deal with one who wants everything yesterday. This kind of impatience is difficult for you to relate to now, since you're becoming so effective at going with the flow. However, you'll try to be accommodating.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 3). Your intentions are on target this year, and so the details fall into place more often than not. You make room for new people and different points of view, and suddenly your work and life get richer. There will be commotion in your family life, and you'll be the peace-keeper who brings everyone together. Aquarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 24, 6, 15, 33 and 49.

CARDS OF THE MAJOR ARCANA - STRENGTH VIII: Pick up any fashion magazine, and look for an ad featuring a gorgeous model with a momentarily pacified but unmistakably wild animal. There's a 50-50 chance you'll find the image - not an exact statistic, but you've seen the same theme represented countless times, mostly because it speaks simultaneously to our primal fears and most cultivated tastes. And it perpetuates the idea that there's a beautiful, hypnotic serenity more powerful than a monstrous beast. That's the theme of the Strength card. A lovely maiden strokes a lion that at any given moment could bite her head off. But the lion doesn't. Furthermore, one gets the feeling that it wouldn't, out of loyalty or possibly even love for this fearless girl. When you pull the Strength card, you may immediately be reminded



HOLIDAY MATHIS

"Classic" Ann Landers®: Yearly, bragging updates annoying

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: I

remember you once printed a response to those insensitive boobs who send newsletters announcing how well they are doing, the husband's great promotion, the kids' scholarships, the fabulous vacations, and so on.

I recently wrote a brief note to an acquaintance, telling her I had run into her sister while on a family outing. To my astonishment, I received as a reply her summer travel itinerary, her husband's business achievements, her children's musical recitals, and on and on.

What makes people think all that extraneous information is of any interest? I'm happy to know everyone is well. The rest is bragging. Please reprint that response to those annoying newsletters. It's time to see it again. - Carol in Houston

Dear Carol: Glad you asked - many readers have requested it. Here it is:

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me why normally intelligent people seem to take leave of their senses at Christmas time?

I refer to those individuals who sit down and compose interminable chronicles of the year's activities, have them copied, and proceed to send the drivel to everyone whose last name they can spell.

Isn't this the height of egocentricity? What makes these people think anyone is interested in wading through all that stuff?

What really galls me is the way these people try to paint such a glowing picture of affluence and success. I'm going to lift a few sentences to illustrate the point:

"Dear Friends: What a wonderful year we have had!

Jim was named vice president of the bank, so we celebrated by buying a Mercedes and taking a trip to the Orient. In addition to his Boy Scout work, Jim served as chairman of the United Fund Drive.

He is still on the hospital board, and president of Kiwanis. Just for laughs, he played the lead in the Little Theater production last June, and everyone said he was better than the star who did it on Broadway.

His first love, however, is still conservation, and he continues to work hard as chairman of the Committee to Fight Dutch Elm Disease.

After completing my term as Junior League president, I swore I would take life easy, but it seems I am more involved than ever.

I accepted the vice presidency of the Garden Club, and am still active in the DAR.

Our church organist became ill, and they asked me to substitute, so I accepted. I ran the

rummage sale again this year, and managed to take a course in flower arranging.

Jim Jr. was elected class president, and won his letters in football and basketball. He is on the all-state debate team, and placed third in the national oratory contest last May. He has already been accepted by Harvard."

And so it goes - until you could upchuck. Next year, Ann, I am going to send a newsletter to all the people who have been sending us newsletters. It will read something like this:

"Dear Friends: We had a perfectly rotten year. Hal was passed over for a promotion again, so he got mad and quit. He hasn't lined up a new job as yet, but he has his name in at two agencies, and he looks in the paper every day.

Hal Jr. was defeated for homeroom monitor. He flunked French, and will have to go to summer school.

Billy has not had a haircut since August, and had to hock his guitar to pay for repairing his Honda, which he

wrecked.

My mother-in-law's annual two-week visit in May turned into two months, and my migraines got so bad I had to go back into therapy.

As I write this, the whole family is down with the flu, and I don't feel so good myself. We hope next year is better. It couldn't be much worse. Love, Mary."

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that such a fearsome beast lies within you. You've heard it growl on darker days. You've covered in the knowledge that there's no way to overpower its feral strength. But if you are patient with this savage animal, if you calmly invite it to rest its head on your lap while you stroke its fur, you will no longer be at its mercy.

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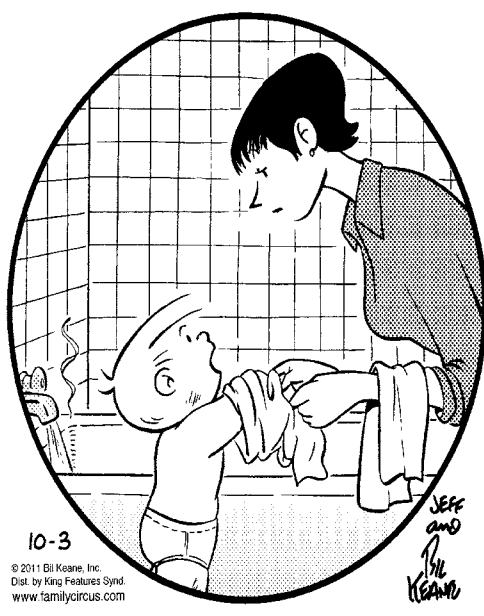
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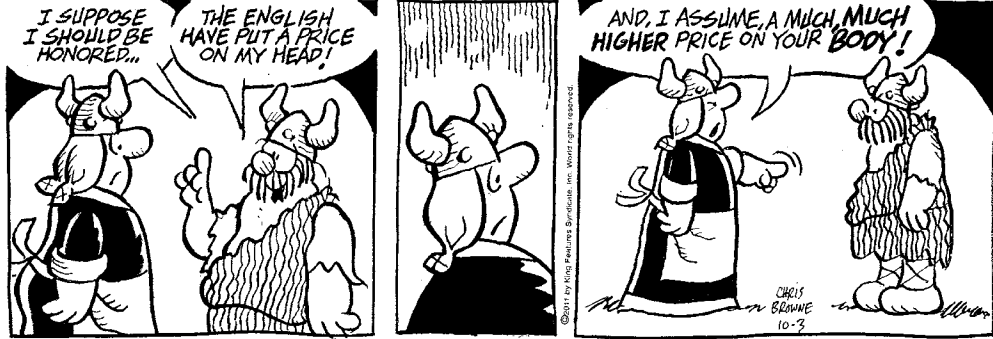
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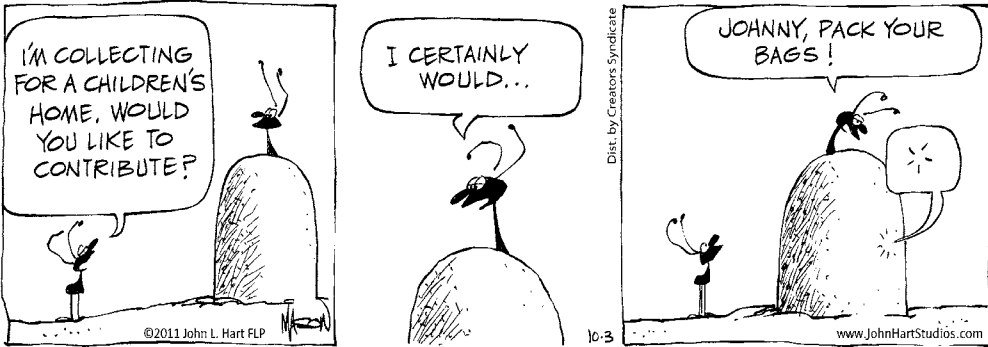
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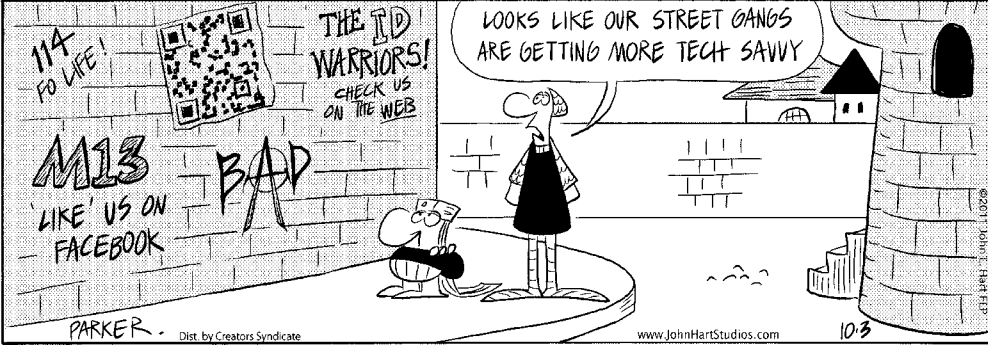
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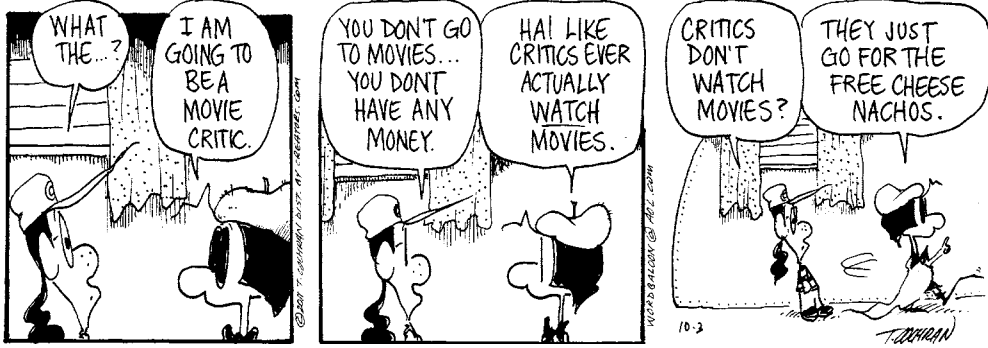
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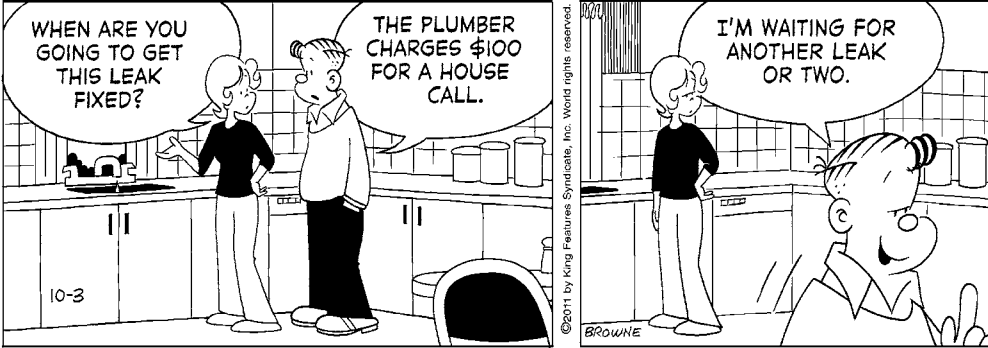
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2011. There are 89 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 3, 1951, the New York Giants captured the National League pennant by a score of 5-4 as Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ralph Branca in the "shot heard 'round the world."

On this date: In 1789, President George Washington declared Nov. 26, 1789, a day of Thanksgiving to express gratitude for the creation of the United States of America.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.

In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that

Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again." "The Maltese Falcon" — the version starring Humphrey Bogart and directed by John Huston — opened in New York.

In 1961, "The Dick Van Dyke Show," also starring Mary Tyler Moore, made its debut on CBS.

In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a 9-hour flight.

In 1981, Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland, ended seven months of hunger strikes that had claimed ten lives.

In 1991, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton entered the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1995, the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial found the former football star not guilty of the 1994 slayings of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman (however, Simpson was later found liable in a civil trial).

In 2008, O.J. Simpson was found guilty of robbing two sports-memorabilia dealers at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel room. (Simpson was later sentenced to nine to 33 years in

prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Author Gore Vidal is 86. Basketball player Marques Haynes is 85. Composer Steve Reich is 75. Singer Alan O'Day is 71. Rock and roll star Chubby Checker is 70. Actor Alan Rachins is 69. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., is 68. Magician Roy Horn is 67. Singer Lindsey Buckingham is 62. Jazz musician Ronnie Laws is 61. Blues singer Keb' Mo' is 60. Former astronaut Kathryn Sullivan is 60. Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield is 60. Baseball Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley is 57. Civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton is 57. Actor Hart Bochner is 55. Actor Peter Frechette is 55. Golfer Fred Couples is 52.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 64 Two-toned cookie | 8 Catch some Z's | 35 Meditation system |
| 1 Numerical fact, for short | 65 Karma | 9 "Oh yeah?" | 36 High-powered ride |
| 5 Has lunch | 66 Church platform | 10 Track ride | 38 Swerve |
| 9 Singing syllables | 67 Pull apart | 11 Piracy pests | 41 Stand up |
| 14 Assistant | 68 Similar (to) | 12 Pirate's plunder | 45 Gloom and ___ |
| 15 Two-purpose | 69 Lions' dens | 13 Well-ventilated | 47 Stopwatches, for example |
| 16 Vietnam's capital | 70 Rabbit relative | 21 What police enforce | 49 Pay no mind to |
| 17 Night-table light | 71 Take care of | 25 Poems of praise | 51 Laziness |
| 18 Not doing anything | DOWN | 27 Golf instructors | 53 Diet-food label |
| 19 Stage performer | 1 Seasons, as French fries | 28 Apartment vacancy sign | 54 Not sleeping |
| 20 Rough-terrain ride | 2 Beauty-pageant crown | 30 College official | 55 Take effect |
| 22 Short-tempered | 3 Slogan writer | 31 Swimming-race units | 56 General direction |
| 23 Beach shoe | 4 Lukewarm | 32 Otherwise | 57 Fuel from mines |
| 24 Luxurious | 5 Fit for food | 33 "___ well that ends well" | 58 Luau dance |
| 26 Had a good cry | 6 German auto | 34 Snow shoe | 59 Prefix for freeze |
| 29 Draw squiggles | 7 Have a conversation | | 61 Region |
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| 37 Wander around | | | |
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| 42 Drains strength from | | | |
| 43 Letterhead illustration | | | |
| 44 "Now it's clear!" | | | |
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| 52 Have the final turn | | | |
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RANGERS

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amateur draft made an impressive postseason debut as a rookie in 2008, making five relief appearances following a September call-up to play a key role in Tampa Bay's surprising run to the World Series.

Price won 19 games last season, finishing second in AL Cy Young Award balloting behind Felix Hernandez, but hasn't been nearly as consistent since being roughed up in last year's playoffs.

He went 12-13 this season and was 0-2 over six September starts for his first winless month in three years as a starter.

"That's unacceptable," said Price, who will be starting an important game for the second time in less than a week.

The two-time All-Star committed two costly throwing errors and allowed six runs in four innings to New York last Wednesday night, when the Rays entered their regular season finale tied with Boston for the wild card.

The Rays overcame the sub-par performance when they rallied from a late seven-run deficit to beat the Yankees and clinch their third playoff berth in four years.

Teammates have faith that Price will rebound against the Rangers.

"David's the kind of guy that, I think, no matter what kind of knockout blow he takes, he's always going to

get up and keep going, try to find something from that experience to make him better, something to take away that he can turn into a positive," Rays third baseman Evan Longoria said.

"He took those two (playoff losses last season) and everything that happened to him this year and learned from it," Longoria added. "I'm looking forward to watching him pitch. I have no doubts about putting him out there against anybody in any situation. I would not put anybody else out there. He just has the desire to win."

Rangers manager Ron Washington selected Price for the AL All-Star team this summer, even though the young pitcher has not had much success against Texas.

He explained why Sunday before the Rangers held a light workout.

"Well, when you look at him you can see he has tremendous competitive spirit. And in the game of baseball that's what you have to have. You have to be able to deal with the adversity of what this game entails, and he does a good job at that," Washington said.

"We know our hands will be full (Monday), and we just look forward to competing against him. And that's what it's all about. He will bring his best game, and we certainly better bring ours."

The Rangers lost the series opener 8-0 to rookie Matt Moore, but bounced back to beat Rays ace James Shields 8-6 in Game 2.

Lewis is 3-0 in four career starts against Tampa Bay, and also worked five scoreless innings of a no decision against the Rays in Game 3 of last year's ALDS.

The Rays were ecstatic to return home with a split, and feel good about their chances of wrapping up the best-of-five series without having to head back to Texas for a fifth game.

The Rangers won three road games here during the 2010 ALDS and feel good about their prospects, too.

"We believe we can win on any given day. It doesn't matter where at," Texas third baseman Michael Young said.

"We respect the people we play, but we have a lot of confidence in ourselves."

COWBOYS

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On the first snap after Hanson's second field goal in his 299th career game, Romo threw while trying to avoid pressure and came up short to Witten. Stephen Tulloch intercepted, setting up the Lions at the 40.

"I just didn't get enough on the throw. ... I thought it was going to be a big play for us, honestly," Romo said. "It's disappointing because I thought he was coming open past all the linebackers and there's no safety help to that side. I wish I could have that throw back and just throw it further."

Instead, Dallas-born Matthew Stafford led the Lions on a seven-play drive that ended with his second touchdown to Calvin Johnson, a 2-yarder

with 1:39 left.

This was a bizarre way for the Cowboys to end an NFL-record streak of nine straight games decided by a field goal or less. The final play was wacky, too, with Felix Jones catching a short pass with no one around him on fourth-and-20, then running out of bounds after only gaining 8 yards.

While Stafford has the Lions off to their first 4-0 start since 1980, and they have won an NFL-best eight in a row, Romo and the Cowboys have another bitter loss.

"Nobody's lost faith in Romo," said safety Gerald Sensabaugh, who was knocked out of the game with a concussion in the third quarter.

"We believe in him. He's our guy and we'll fight through it," Witten said.

"We just need to eliminate this roller coaster of a ride,

and that's the next step for us."

Dallas' previous biggest blow lead was 21 against Washington on Nov. 28, 1965, when the Cowboys led 21-0 in the second quarter on the way to a 34-31 loss.

"We must and we will look ahead," Jerry Jones said. "We'll take our bye, get well and come back and try to do something very special."

Stafford had dozens of relatives and friends in the crowd, including his high school coach.

His first pass to Johnson was intercepted, leading to Dallas' first touchdown and the defense was constantly in his face.

He had a tough first half, but finished 21 of 43 for 240 yards and did a better job of finding Johnson after halftime. The game-winner came against tight coverage on a play when the Cowboys had 12 defenders

on the field.

Johnson caught eight passes for 96 yards, and tied Cris Carter's NFL record of catching two TDs in four straight games.

Romo was 34 of 47 for 331 yards, with three touchdowns. Dez Bryant caught two TDs before Johnson even had a single grab, and Laurent Robinson had seven catches for 116 yards.

Romo was on a roll of completing 13 of 14 passes, the only incompleting a clock-stopping spike, when Carpenter made a leaping interception and a weaving 35-yard return.

"I know he's going to get beaten up by (the media) this week," Carpenter said of Romo. "He's the same quarterback he was two weeks ago when he was the hero. He's a tremendous player and a top-five quarterback, in my opinion."

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to win football games."

The win was especially satisfying for Wilson, who had spent much of his first SEC start against Alabama on his back due to the Crimson Tide's relentless pass rush. The Razorbacks entered this season with three new starters on the offensive line, and Texas A&M continued Wilson's harassment in the first half.

Despite the deficit and hits, Wilson threw for 271 yards in the half and continued to believe Arkansas could rally in what he had called a "must-win" game.

"You can't get caught up in how many passing yards you've thrown for or what the score is," Wilson said. "It's just chipping away. We had success spreading 'em out in an empty formation. I knew we'd have success in the second half if the defense could hold 'em a few times and I thought we had a really good shot."

While Wilson cemented his place in the hearts of Razorbacks fans with the dramatic win, Arkansas' offensive line might have also grown up in the process.

The group gave Wilson more time in the second half, and Green said it was "tearing" the Aggies' defense up.

The win also allowed a collective sigh of relief for Wright and the rest of the Razorbacks playmakers, who offensive coordinator Garrick McGee called out for a lack of competitiveness against Alabama.

McGee had no complaints on Saturday.

"I thought our performance last weekend was not acceptable at all," McGee said. "They were going to compete like crazy and leave it all on the field. I'm really proud of the way they came back."

Texans soften Steelers, off to 4-0 start

HOUSTON (AP) — Andre Johnson turned upfield, fell awkwardly forward and clutched the back of his right leg.

In past seasons, an injury to their All-Pro receiver would've doomed the Houston Texans.

That was before they had Arian Foster.

Foster rushed for 155 yards and scored the go-ahead touchdown after Johnson left with a hamstring injury, leading the Texans to a 17-10 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday.

"I go into every contest thinking that I'm the go-to guy," Foster said. "When the flow of the game starts going, we need certain things, and you've got to be there for your team."

Johnson was back on the sideline late to watch Houston (3-1) finish off Ben Roethlisberger and the injury-plagued Steelers (2-2). Houston coach Gary Ku-

biak said Johnson would undergo tests Sunday night, so his status remained uncertain for next week's game against Oakland.

"Now, if we have to go without him for a period," Kubiak said, "we're going to have to really ask some guys to step up to the plate."

The Steelers may have to do the same without their franchise quarterback.

Roethlisberger was beat up all day, sacked five times behind an offensive line missing two regular starters. The Steelers also lost running back Rashard Mendenhall (right hamstring), linebacker James Harrison (right eye) and defensive end Aaron Smith (foot sprain) during the game.

Roethlisberger played until the end, but he was wearing a protective boot on his left foot afterward. He wouldn't speculate on his availability for next week's game against Tennessee.

"I don't know. I'm still worrying about this game," he said. "It's still too fresh in my mind to worry about next week yet."

Banged up or not, Harrison ripped the Steelers' performance.

"I'm not happy with any of it," Harrison said. "It's a loss. I'm not trying to look for a silver lining in any of it. We played like garbage. Period. We stink right now."

Foster, meanwhile, finally looked healthy after weeks of nursing a left hamstring strain.

He broke a 42-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter after the Steelers rallied to tie it at 10-all. Foster finished with 30 carries.

"It was my first game back, really, fully, and I felt 100 percent," Foster said. "It was a nice welcome back and those guys were really welcoming."

Matt Schaub threw a touchdown pass to Owen Daniels in the first half. The Texans led 10-0 at the break, and an ill-timed penalty cost them another touchdown.

On the final snap before the half, Danieal Manning blocked Shaun Suisham's field-goal attempt, and Jonathan Joseph scooped up the loose ball and ran 61 yards to the end zone. But Manning was flagged for an illegal block well behind Joseph, and the score was nullified.

"A lot of times, when those things happen to teams, they can't overcome them," Kubiak said. "That wasn't the case today."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A Q J 4
♥ A 10 8 3 2
♦ K J 2
♣ 2

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

EAST
♦ 8 6 5 3 2
♥ 9
♦ 10 8
♣ K Q 10 6 3

SOUTH
♦ 10
♥ 6 4
♦ A Q 9 7 5 4 3
♣ A J 7

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♠ Pass 3♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 4NT Pass
5♥ Pass 7♦ Pass
Opening lead king of hearts.

This is one of the most dramatic hands in bridge history. It occurred during a match between Sweden and Italy at the World Bridge Olympiad held in New York in 1964.

The deal was played on Bridge-O-Rama before a large and enthusiastic audience. The match was close, and the spectators, regardless of their sympathies, were in a high state of excitement when the hand was displayed on the huge electronic screen. They saw that the Swedish North-

South pair could make a vulnerable grand slam by guessing which opponent had the king of spades.

A great roar went up from the audience when South (Sven Berglund) bid seven diamonds. They knew the Italian pair at the first table had already bid and made six diamonds.

The Italian West led the king of hearts, taken by dummy's ace. Berglund now took five long minutes to study the situation as the spectators debated whether he would guess the location of the king of spades and thus avoid a heart loser. Most of them thought he would cash the ace of spades and then lead the queen, discarding a heart after East followed low. This, of course, would have resulted in down one.

The audience sat transfixed until, at long last, Berglund led a club to the ace, returned the ten of spades and followed low from dummy. At this point, pandemonium broke loose. The cheers, the groans, the shouts, the applause and the I-told-you-so's that followed could surely have been heard in Stockholm.

Berglund proceeded to make the grand slam by ruffing two clubs in dummy and discarding a heart on the ace of spades. This gave the Swedish team a gain of 13 International Match Points instead of a loss of 16, and Sweden won the match, 66 IMP's to 49.

Tomorrow: A bird in the hand.
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