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Ag Appreciation Day Thursday

Top producer, business to be honored during luncheon

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer
 The rain may have come a little too late for the farmers and ranchers, but the appreciation about to be shown to them is right on time.
 Ag Appreciation Day is set

for Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The day will begin with a crop tour of Vance Smith's irrigated field. During the visit area farmers and ranchers will take a look at and compare different products and see different varieties as well

as look over research regarding micro-nutrients. "Gibson Feagin started this as a way to show appreciation to our area farmers and ranchers and was very active in putting it on," Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Cham-

ber of Commerce said. "We want to see this continue." After the morning tour, there will be a barbecue luncheon at 11:30 a.m. provided at the community center free of charge for producers and \$15 for non-producers. During the luncheon, the Ag

Producer and Ag Business of the Year will be announced. Texas Department of Agriculture Deputy Commissioner Drew Darby will be the guest speaker.
 Darby is a native of Olton, See **AG**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Union Pacific highlighted railroad safety in Big Spring Monday afternoon, hosting 120 Big Spring residents on a two-hour train ride.

Safety focus of Union Pacific-hosted train ride

By AMANDA MORENO
 Staff Writer
 Trains may not be a major source of transportation anymore, but that doesn't mean safety isn't still a major concern for Union Pacific line officials.
 UP officials hosted Operation Life-saver Monday, giving 120 passengers a chance to experience a round-trip train ride from Big Spring to Colora-

do City and back. "Our main focus is to bring awareness of the dangers of trains," said Buck Russel, manager of public safety for Union Pacific.
 The invitation-only experience highlighted numerous safety points while displaying the historic importance of Union Pacific. During the presentation the different signage used was discussed as well as proper

escape routes if ever trapped on a railroad crossing. According to the presentation, if a vehicle ever stalls on a railroad crossing the safest route is to exit the vehicle at a 45-degree angle away from the train.
 "At each crossing there are two numbers which should both be used in case of an emergency," Russel said.
 The first number is an emergency

number which should be called to inform officials about a problem at a railroad crossing; the second number is the Department of Transportation number, which is unique to each location in order to inform officials to the scene of a reported problem.
 "It's important to report an issue immediately so we can get the train

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Solar panel project nears completion at CISD

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 COAHOMA — Coahoma Elementary is about to go green — or at least greener.
 School District trustees learned during their Tuesday meeting that a \$1.2 million solar panel project at the elementary campus is about a month away from completion.
 The solar panel array, which is expected to provide more than 180 kilowatts of

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electricity to the campus, is being financed by federal stimulus funds and a rebate from Oncor, Interim Superintendent Gary Harrell said.
 Construction began in late August and is expected to be completed by the end of November, he added.
 School officials will monitor the reduction in commercial power usage at the elementary school to determine how much money the district will save as a result of the solar panel project, but Harrell

said it is uncertain whether other campuses will be fitted for the panels.
 "I would say it is unlikely at this time, unless we could find additional grant money to finance the projects," Harrell said.
 Also Tuesday, trustees met with Ronnie Kincaid, executive director of the Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene, who is spearheading the search for a new superintendent. CISD has been without a full-time superinten-

dent since Dr. Randy Brown resigned earlier this year.
 Kincaid told the board that deadline to apply for the position was Friday; now, he and trustees can begin the interviewing process. Harrell said it is possible a new superintendent could be hired by late November.
 In other business, trustees:
 • Learned that enrollment has been stable since the start of the school year. Total enrollment is 813, up one student from September. Average daily attendance through Friday is 780, up from 734 at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
 • Named long-time resident Donnie Reid as the district's nominee to the Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors.



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Obituaries

Ruth Lesley Thomas



Our beloved wife and mother, Ruth Lesley Thomas, left this earthly home after a brief illness and met with her Lord and Savior on Oct. 10, 2011.

Ruth was born June 8, 1917 in Morgantown, Ark. to Cecil and Bertha Lesley. She was the oldest of nine children.

Ruth and Lloyd met in California during wartime. On Feb. 7, 1946, Lloyd Thomas and Ruth Lesley were married and settled in Big Spring to raise their family. The Thomas family were faithful members of 14th and Main Church of Christ. In 1995, Lloyd and Ruth moved to Midland to be closer to their children and joined the Fairmont Church of Christ.

Ruth loved to read. You would seldom walk in the front door when she wouldn't have a book in her hand. She also enjoyed putting jigsaw puzzles together and would patiently search for the one elusive piece. When the Braves games were televised, she would stay up past her bedtime to root for her team, win or lose.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Lloyd Thomas, who will deeply and profoundly miss his bride every day of his life. She is also survived by daughters, Elaine Wagner of Eureka, Mo; and Nina Thomas of Midland; her son, Roy Thomas and wife Maureen, of Fort Worth; five grandchildren, Luke and Adam Thomas, Matthew Greer, Fletcher Wagner and Sarah Greer Latch; and five great-grandchildren as well as three siblings, sisters Maggie Greer of California and Pauline Tucker of Georgia, and brother, Joe Lesley of Oklahoma.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland with Don Mitchell officiating.

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

Paid obituary

Ruth Holcombe

Ruth Holcombe, 82, of Mineral Wells, formerly of Stanton, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, in Mineral Wells. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

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

- SAMMY FERRELL, 50, of 509 N. Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL LEE USSERY, 34, of 300 Tuylane Apt. 15, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- LEONSA LEE JIMENEZ JR., 52, of 3910 E. Highway 350, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported in the 500 block of Jeffrey.
- THEFT was reported in the 3900 block of E. Highway 350.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2500 block of Carol Drive.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- DANIEL LEE USSERY, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ JR., 52, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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- SAMMY FERRELL, 50, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- GILBERT GARCIA LUNA JR., 24, was arrested Tuesday on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. 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 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• Dell's Cafe is the participating Dine-Out-Days sponsor for United Way, Oct. 10 through Oct. 15. A portion of their proceeds will be donated to the 2012 United Way campaign.

• American Legion Post 506 is selling barbecue plates for \$10 Saturday. Delivery orders will be taken from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and serving will last from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Carry out is also available. American Legion is located at 3202 W. Hwy 80. For more information, call 263-2084.

• Big Spring Junior High is hosting a book fair from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Oct. 14 at the school library. For more information, contact Robin Ritchey at 264-4135, ext. 1527.

• 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.fcbigspring.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.

• 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.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

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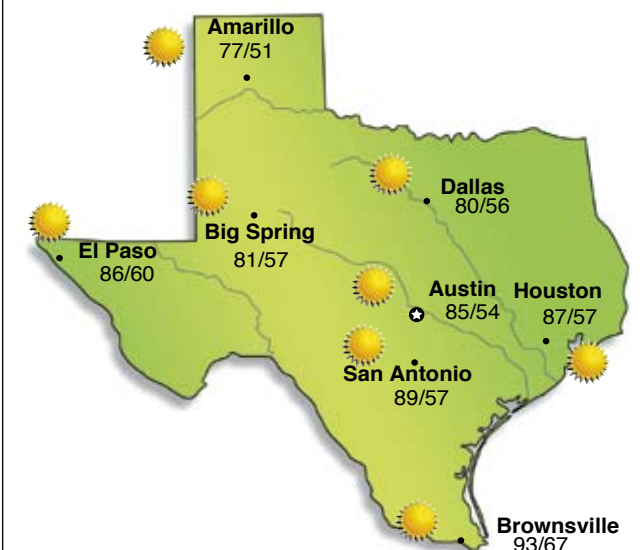
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 10/13	Fri 10/14	Sat 10/15	Sun 10/16	Mon 10/17
81/57 Mainly sunny. High 81F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.	86/55 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	85/56 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	87/58 Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	87/57 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:11 PM

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Amarillo	77	51	sunny	Livingston	86	50	sunny
Austin	85	54	sunny	Longview	83	52	sunny
Beaumont	89	54	sunny	Lubbock	79	52	sunny
Brownsville	93	67	sunny	Lufkin	87	51	sunny
Brownwood	81	53	sunny	Midland	82	59	sunny
Corpus Christi	92	61	sunny	Raymondville	95	65	sunny
Corsicana	81	55	sunny	Rosenberg	87	56	sunny
Dallas	80	56	sunny	San Antonio	89	57	sunny
Del Rio	86	58	sunny	San Marcos	86	53	sunny
El Paso	86	60	sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	54	sunny
Fort Stockton	85	59	sunny	Sweetwater	78	56	sunny
Gainesville	79	51	sunny	Tyler	83	52	sunny
Greenville	80	52	sunny	Weatherford	78	52	sunny
Houston	87	57	sunny	Wichita Falls	78	52	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	52	t-storm	Minneapolis	66	49	rain
Boston	66	62	rain	New York	72	66	t-storm
Chicago	65	47	rain	Phoenix	96	67	sunny
Dallas	80	56	sunny	San Francisco	80	63	pt sunny
Denver	73	44	sunny	Seattle	60	46	mst sunny
Houston	87	57	sunny	St. Louis	74	54	rain
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Protests draw overseas attention

By VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press
NEW YORK — The Occupy Wall Street movement, which has spawned grass-roots activities around the U.S. and prompted comments from President Barack Obama, is now drawing political remarks from overseas.

Iran's top leader said Wednesday that the wave of protests reflects a serious crisis that will ultimately topple capitalism in America. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei claimed the United States is now in a full-blown crisis because its "corrupt foundation has been exposed to the American people."

The remarks came a day after U.S. officials said the Obama administration plans to leverage charges that Iran plotted to assassinate Saudi Arabia's ambassador into a new global campaign to iso-

late the Islamic republic. For the past 3 1/2 weeks, the economic protesters have besieged a park in lower Manhattan near Wall Street. A march on Tuesday, past the homes of wealthy residents, marked the first time the movement has singled out individuals as part of the 1 percent they say are getting rich at the expense of the rest of America.

More activities were planned Wednesday. In Ohio, the group Occupy Cincinnati was staging a march.

Protesters in New York planned to gather at the headquarters of JP Morgan Chase, where they'll continue to decry the expiration of the state's 2 percent "millionaires' tax" in December.

Meanwhile, the lawyer for a woman pepper sprayed during an action last month is demanding that the Manhattan

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district attorney prosecute an NYPD deputy inspector on an assault charge.

Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the matter is being investigated by police internal affairs and the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

Despite the onset of cold weather, protesters have indicated they're in it for the

long haul.

Occupy Seattle demonstrators sent the mayor a list of demands, including approval for large tents to be used as a kitchen, infirmary, storage area and information center — and written approval of long-term occupancy.

In Washington, six people were arrested Tuesday for demonstrating inside a Senate office building.

More than 125 protesters in Boston were arrested after they ignored warnings to move from a downtown green space, police said.

The New York state comptroller has issued a report showing that Wall Street is again losing jobs because of global economic woes. The job losses threaten tax revenue for a city and state heavily reliant on the financial industry.

The industry shed 4,100

jobs in the late spring and summer and could lose nearly 10,000 more by the end of 2012, Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said.

That would bring the total industry loss to 32,000 positions since the financial meltdown of 2008.

The sector employed 166,600 people in investment banks, securities trading firms and hedge funds as of August.

Christopher Guerra, an artist and Occupy Wall Street protester from Newark, N.J. said the job losses aid the protesters' cause.

"That means more people on our side," Guerra said. "The companies are destroying this country by helping themselves, not the people, and pushing jobs out of America.

"If they get shafted, they will realize that what we are saying is true."

Support groups

MONDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church

at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock

APDA office at 806-785-2732.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy, a

chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing

to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

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

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles.

Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

TRAIN

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stopped if need be," Russel said. "It takes a mile or more to stop a train and that's after the point of the conductor noticing an issue."

According to statistics, 21

percent of train-related accidents are caused by vehicles colliding with trains at railroad crossings.

"Through this program we are trying to get out in the communities we run through," Russel said. "The whole point of us inviting police officers, firefighters and other city officials is so they can see the

point of view of the engineer. If there is ever a situation where we need their assistance, they can understand what to do. We can't be everywhere at once and we hope through this experience we are able to help them assist us a little bit more."

Union Pacific brought the program to the Big Spring area because of the oil and gas

industry and the amount of semi-truck traffic in the area, according to Russel.

To find out more about Operation Lifesaver, go online to www.oli.org.

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Texas, and has been involved in agriculture all his life. He was raised in a family of farming and custom harvest operations, according to a press release. He received a degree from Texas Tech University in agricultural and applied economics. He served an internship in the office of Texas State Senator Robert Duncan. He has also worked in Washington, D.C. As

the White House Liaison at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and as Deputy Chief of Staff for USDA.

He will speak in regards to the general outlook on agriculture and the cattle industry in the future. The Ag Producer and Ag Business of the Year will also be announced at the luncheon.

After lunch farmers and ranchers will be able to take part in a continuing education units, range program conducted by county

extension agent Tommy Yeater. The leadership class will continue the day with tours of the USDA offices, Big Spring gin, Porter Henderson, Marion Newton antique tractors and CPS Farm Store.

"This is a great way to provide a different knowledge base on different agricultural producers and contributors in the community," Yeater said.

To find out more information about Ag Appreciation Day, contact the

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Scouting for food

Boy Scouts are asking residents of area towns to use food bags.

Big Spring and Coahoma Boy Scouts are planning a Scouting for Food Drive for the needy to help two local relief agencies.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers and Explorers of the Buffalo Trail Council are asking area residents to fill bags with canned goods and other non-perishable food items. The bags will be available in copies of the Sunday's *Big Spring Herald*.

The bags can be delivered to Wal-Mart, HEB or the *Big Spring Herald* drop boxes until, Nov. 18. After Nov. 18, food can be dropped off at food pantries.

Any bag, box or container can be used to hold donations.

The food collected in Big Spring and Coahoma will be divided between the Iglesia Bautista Mission and Isaiah 58, especially for holiday aid programs. All Howard County residents are eligible for aid through these local agencies.

District Executive Brian Sweeney said the food will meet a real need in the area. "There's more of a need than we may realize. You go to any of the relief agencies and you will realize just how much of a need there is."

He added both agencies will be working to provide as much food as possible for the needy during the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Nov. 19, Scouts will pick up donations from drop locations and deliver them to the agencies.

The project helps Scouts to realize there are people less fortunate than they are as well as participating in a variety of social service throughout the year.

Studies cited by Boy Scouts of America claim there are more hungry people in the United States now than at any time in the past 25 years. More than 20 million Americans, including 4 million children, go hungry at some time every month.

The Boy Scouts of America is looking forward to giving back to the community and doing anything possible to help the community in any way.

For more information contact the Lone Star District Executive, Brian Sweeney at (432) 212-3577.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we believe in You, Lord, and do our best we reap the rewards. Amen

A field in which President Obama takes no prisoners

In May 2009, President Barack Obama proclaimed at the U.S. Naval Academy, "As Americans, we reject the false choice between our security and our ideals."

That was the Obama who signed an order to close the military-run prison at Guantanamo Bay and hold civilian trials for such swells as self-described 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

I prefer the current Obama, who kept Gitmo open and gave up on prosecuting Mohammed and company in New York. This is the president who authorized the use of military force that led to the death of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan and Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen. Note: The use of U.S. military drones meant that al-Awlaki — an American citizen who has been linked to the 2009 Christmas Day attempted airline bombing and the Fort Hood shootings that left 13 dead — would not have a last-minute chance to surrender and have his day in a U.S. court.

This President Obama increasingly mirrors his much-maligned predecessor, George W. Bush. On Sunday, The New York Times reported on a secret U.S. memo drafted by attorneys of the Obama administration's Office of Legal Counsel in 2009 that authorized the killing of

al-Awlaki in Yemen.

Obamaland has paid such tribute to transparency that in 2009, the administration released Bush-era memos on enhanced interrogation techniques. Yet the Obama White House has failed to make its own snuff memo public. The Times story is based on a leak. That Times story must have felt like déjà vu all over again to University of California, Berkeley law professor John Yoo. While serving in the Bush administration's Office of Legal Counsel, Yoo wrote memos that authorized the CIA's use of enhanced interrogation techniques to thwart planned terrorist attacks.

"I'm glad they're hypocrites," Yoo told me Monday.

It's better for national security.

Now, I agree with the Obama Office of Legal Counsel's conclusion that in the war against al-Qaida, the military has the legal authority to fire at the enemy. But there is a bit of a logic problem for Obama. Apparently, it's OK to blow up an accused terrorist, just as long as the CIA doesn't waterboard him first.

Given this administration's treatment of officials who crafted or carried out Bush policies, I find it amazing that Obama found attorneys willing to support killing a wartime enemy. Those lawyers may be repaid for their service with a lifetime of bothersome litigation.

Last year, in the name of al-Awlaki's family, the American

Civil Liberties Union filed a suit that challenged the administration's (still secret) "targeted killings" doctrine. A federal court in Washington dismissed the case, but al-Awlaki's death sows new opportunities in friendlier forums.

In 2007, al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla was convicted of "conspiracy to murder, kidnap and maim persons in a foreign country" and "material support for terrorism." From his prison cell, Padilla has filed lawsuits against a number of federal officials, including Yoo.

Obama's Department of Justice dropped its representation of two other Bush soldiers, former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz. Attorney General Eric Holder renewed closed investigations into CIA interrogations. This administration has set a standard for harsh litigation techniques imposed on a previous administration's policy warriors. I hope Obama's lawyers are spared this fate. In this field, this president takes no prisoners.

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Who will be the GOP Messiah

Barack Obama is so doomed politically that he sits behind his desk in the Oval Office with a vulture on each shoulder. And every day at noon, Joe Biden comes in dressed as the Grim Reaper, and they all play gin.

I know this because the Poll Gods tell me this. A recent McClatchy/Marist poll says that 49 percent of voters say they definitely plan to vote against Obama in 2012.

In addition, 52 percent of Americans think the Republican candidate will win (even though they don't know who the Republican candidate will be). And nearly one out of every three Democrats agrees that Obama is finished.

Other polls have shown similar dismal numbers for Obama. But I say the Poll Gods are wrong. Not only can Obama be re-elected, but he is the favorite right now.

Why? Because Obama has one huge plus going for him. It's called the Republican field.

And Republican voters agree with me. Because if Obama were really so weak a candidate, why would Republicans keep looking for a messiah to save them?

One day, it is Michele Bachmann. Then she poops out, and it is Rick Perry. Then he disappoints, and the party turns in desperation to Mitt Romney. Then the party decides it is not that desperate and turns to — I kid thee not — Herman Cain.

A CBS poll released Tuesday shows that Cain has moved into a tie with Romney for first place in the Republican field. (After the poll was released, ugly rumors circulated that Warren G. Harding had come in third, even though he has been dead for 88 years.)

So what do I make of Cain's (meaningless) rise in the (meaningless) polls?

It is meaningless. And a sign

of how badly Republicans are still floundering in their search for a candidate. Cain is a genial, harmless dodo who thinks running a country is just like running a business. But it isn't.

In business, your competitors rarely strive to develop nuclear weapons like Iran (a subject Cain knows almost nothing about). In business, rarely do your competitors have the capacity to clash in ways that could involve the armed forces of the United States, such as China with Taiwan or Israel with its neighbors (two areas of the world that Cain has demonstrated remarkable ignorance about). And in business, you don't have to feed the hungry, house the homeless or heal the sick.

True, Cain is a man with a domestic plan. Unfortunately for him, it is an utterly hopeless one. Whatever the economic merits of his 9-9-9 plan, it is doomed to political failure because, among other things, it would have Americans give up something they like — their home mortgage interest deduction — for something they won't like: a 9 percent national sales tax that would be levied on top of state and local taxes.

According to PolitiFact, "In Florida, that would create a hypothetical tax rate of 15 percent in most parts of the state." True, Cain's plan offers benefits, but I want to see Cain win Florida and its 29 electoral votes in November 2012 lugging a 15 percent sales tax around on his back.

Yet the Poll Gods say Cain is hotter than a two-dollar pistol. (Though under Cain, a two-dollar pistol would cost \$2.30 in Florida.) But this shows just how frantic Republican voters are. Cain could never win the GOP nomination — yes, race raises its ugly head — and even if he did, he could never win 270 electoral votes to beat Barack Obama.

I am not picking on Cain. I have said exactly the same thing about Michael Bloomberg every time he surfaces as a fantasy independent candidate. His aides

tell me that Bloomberg is rich enough to wage and win ballot-access fights in all 50 states, he could self-finance his campaign with billions of dollars more than any opponent, and he could buy all the TV time in the known universe.

And I always say the same thing to them: Tell me the states Bloomberg will win. Write down the states that add up to 270. I am still waiting for an answer.

So who could get to 270? Romney could. Conceivably. And Perry. Conceivably. True, Perry is damaged goods today, but he is raising oodles of money, and reporters, lacking their own money, are very impressed by the money of politicians.

But could Republicans be unable to decide on a front-runner because they believe any of their candidates could beat Barack Obama?

No, they could not be so foolish. Though Obama now calls himself the underdog and told one crowd Tuesday that his 2012 efforts "won't be as sexy as in 2008" and another crowd that "this election is going to be much more just grinding it out," the fact is he is pretty good at grinding things out.

True, he presides over a lousy economy and a dreadful war in Afghanistan. But he also has some real accomplishments. He is a heck of a stump speaker and a pretty good debater, and has an experienced campaign staff.

I don't believe staffs win elections; the candidates do. But a good staff can help.

And Obama's campaign staff in Chicago has been doing many things — raising money, shaping strategy, developing a message — but it also has been doing just one thing: Counting. To 270.

Which it does awfully well.

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Why not check this out at the library?

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Twin Towers in New York. Many stories have been written and many memorials have been raised. Yet I do not remember seeing a book coming from a survivor.

"Unmeasured Strength" (BMAN L) is the story of Lauren Manning. She had a big job on Wall Street, a loving husband and an infant son and confidence born of blond good looks. That good luck ran out Sept. 11 when she met a wall of flame that burned over 80 percent of her body. It took over 10 years to recover; this is her story.

"The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie," (LP F MCC W) by Wendy McClure, is an irreverent look at

the life of Laura Ingalls. It is a realm of fiction, history, and places she has never been to, but somehow knows by heart.

Wendy traces the pioneer journey of the Ingalls family, looking for the Big Woods, wading in Plum Creek, and endures a prairie hailstorm in South Dakota. This sounds like a really neat book to read and makes me want to follow her trail.

Here is good ol' Dick Cheney looking noble on the cover of his autobiography: "In My Life: A Personal and Political Memoir." (B CHE D) The book flap reads, "In this eagerly anticipated memoir, former Vice President Dick Cheney

delivers an unyielding portrait of American politics over nearly 40 years and shares personal reflections on his role as one of the most steadfast and influential statesmen in the history of our country." This is now available for checkout and can be found in the Biography section.

I think we have book one of this series, "Then Sings My Soul: Book 2" (782.27 MOR R); it is a compilation of 150 of the greatest Protestant hymns. On one page, you will have the hymn, then on the facing page, the history of the song, who wrote it, when it was first published and so on.

It is fascinating to read and remember the songs I sung in church growing up and don't sing as much anymore.

The book, "Forgotten Texas Census," (317.640 FOS L) by L. L. Foster, gives a wide-angled portrait of Texas in the 1880s (a hard task to accomplish). In 1887, Lafayette Lumpkin Foster used his position as head of the Department of Agriculture,



Insurance, Statistics and History to create a compendium of wide-ranging information for Texans and people interested in Texas.

It was a treasure trove then and even more so now. Open the book to any page and you will have a unique window to understanding Texas of the 1880s. Looking at Howard County: Population in 1880: 50; in 1887 874. Males: 458; females: 416.

Another telling statistic: "The injury to all field crops by drought was 100 per cent."

It is a very fascinating book that has been out of print for the past 110 years; it has been reprinted as part of the Fred H. and Ella Mae Moore Texas History

Reprint Series.

Gretchen Rubin is a woman who has many material possessions; She is a lawyer and clerked for Supreme Justice Sandra Day O'Connor when she realized she wanted to be a writer. While riding the bus one day, she realized the years were passing and she was not focusing on things that really matter.

Gretchen decided to take a year and focus each month on a particular aspect that she wanted to "improve." In a manner reminiscent of "Eat, Pray, Love" comes "The Happiness Project." (158 RUB G) I have not read it completely, and the reviews are mixed, but there are nuggets of epiphany that will strike you.

Now for some books on CD: From Dorothea Benton Frank, we have "Shem Creek" (AUCD F FRA D). Linda Breland is the single parent of two teenage daughters on the run from an ex-husband, cold New Jersey winters and a pinched wallet.

She is headed home to South Carolina's Low Country to regroup and find a new way to live.

A classic in American

literature, "My Antonia," (BOCD F CAT W) by Willa Cather, tells the life of early American pioneers in Nebraska.

You will revisit the vicissitudes of immigrant life in the Nebraska heartland with all its insistent bonds. Guiding the way are some of literatures most beguiling characters: the Russian brothers haunted by a fateful sleigh ride; Antonia's desperately homesick father and self-indulgent mother, and the coy Lena Lingard.

You must add in the bewitching, free spirited Antonia as well. This recording is a portrait of an early American community and its way of life.

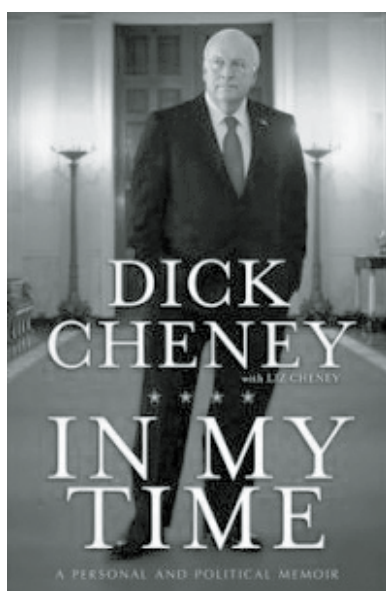
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U.S. wants to leverage pressure on Iran over alleged plot against envoy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration plans to leverage charges that Iran plotted to assassinate Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States into a new global campaign to isolate the Islamic republic.

U.S. officials say the administration will lobby for the imposition of new international sanctions as well as for individual nations to expand their own penalties against Iran based on allegations that Iranian agents tried to recruit a purported member of a Mexican drug cartel to kill the Saudi envoy on American soil.

"This really, in the minds of many diplomats and government officials, crosses a line that Iran needs to be held to account for," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday. She said she and President Barack Obama want to "enlist more countries in working together against what is becoming a clearer and clearer threat" from Iran.

Clinton and other U.S. officials said the alleged plot is a gross violation of international law and further proof that Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, a label Washington has for decades applied to the Iranian government. The officials said it also underscores concerns that despite its denials Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons under cover of a civilian atomic energy program.

"The idea that they would attempt to go to a Mexican drug cartel to solicit murder-for-hire to kill the Saudi ambassador? Nobody could make that up, right?" Clinton said shortly after U.S. prosecutors accused two suspected Iranian agents of trying to murder Saudi envoy Adel Al-Jubeir. The purported plan was to carry out the assassination with a bomb attack while Al-Jubeir dined at his favorite restaurant.

How an alleged plot to assassinate Saudi ambassador was discovered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The unraveling of an alleged plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States came from a surprising place — the front lines of the drug war along the Mexican border.

And like a Hollywood thriller, the murder-for-hire tale cuts back and forth across international lines. "This case illustrates we live in a world where borders and boundaries are increasingly irrelevant," said FBI

Director Robert Mueller.

According to a criminal complaint filed in federal court in New York, the plot was revealed by an informant inside the world of the Mexican drug trade, a man paid by U.S. drug agents to rat out traffickers.

The complaint describes the informant as someone who was previously charged for violating drug laws in the United States but got the charges dismissed by agreeing to cooperate with U.S. drug investigations. U.S. officials trusted the informant because he had proved reliable in the past and led to several drug seizures — and the informant was paid for those tips.

In May 2011, the informant allegedly met with a Texas man named Mansoor Arbabsiar, a 56-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen who also had an Iranian passport.

The complaint doesn't say how the two were introduced, but Arbabsiar reportedly approached the informant, who he thought was an associate of a drug cartel well known for its violent tactics, to ask about his knowledge of explosives for an attack on a Saudi embassy.

Strong debate and big endorsement fuel aura of inevitability for Romney

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — A new reality is taking hold in the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Mitt Romney has assumed a position of newfound strength atop the crowded field, armed with a powerful new ally and a bridge to the tea party activists who have dogged his latest presidential bid before it even began. The resounding endorsement of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, topped by another strong debate performance Tuesday night, is feeding a growing belief that the former Massachusetts governor represents the GOP's best chance at defeating President Barack Obama next fall.

It's not just that Romney has reclaimed the role he once enjoyed as the Republican to beat.

A confluence of factors — a stockpile of cash, strong polls, a disciplined message, an expanding network and decisions by Sarah Palin and Christie not to mount their own White House runs — are fueling an aura of inevitability for a man whose party has been slow to embrace him. Christie may end up being the missing link, but conservatives have been reluctantly warming to a Romney candidacy for weeks.

Christie, the unapologetic New Jersey leader, sent a clear message Tuesday to the tea party supporters who rallied behind his own presidential bid until one week ago.

A day's clash over the economy sets the tone for the presidential election

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a voter looking to preview next year's presidential election, nothing placed the competing arguments in sharper focus than a single day framed by President Barack Obama at a Pittsburgh union training center, a GOP presidential debate at a New England Ivy League college and a Senate vote that effectively killed the president's package of economic measures.

Tuesday unfolded in nearly split screen fashion, with Obama making his economic case in Pennsylvania, Republicans offering a rebuttal at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and Senate Democrats failing to overcome a Republican filibuster of Obama's \$447 billion jobs bill.

"What's happened in this country, under the Obama administration, is that you have a president who I think is well-meaning but just over his head when it comes to the economy," former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said, summing up the Republican view during the Washington Post-Bloomberg debate at Dartmouth.

Indeed, Republicans have built a thick brief against Obama that casts him as an ineffectual naïf, too willing to prime the economy with temporary measures, too eager to raise taxes and too willing to give government stifling regulatory powers.

Obama, in turn, is defining his economic stewardship by giving credit to his stimulative policies, attributing the anemic recovery and persistent unemployment to factors beyond his control — a tsunami in Japan, unrest in the Arab world and a potentially devastating European debt crisis — and blaming congressional Republicans for blocking his latest and highly promoted jobs initiative.

Israel Cabinet minister blasts deal to swap Palestinian prisoners for captured Israeli soldier

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli Cabinet minister who voted against a landmark deal with Hamas to free a captured Israeli soldier in exchange for Palestinian prisoners denounced on Wednesday the pending swap as a "huge victory for terror."

Most Israelis support the deal, but alongside the spontaneous celebration by overjoyed Israelis eager to see the return of Sgt. Gilad Schalit, there is also a growing sense of concern that the release of convicted Palestinian killers could lead to a new round of violence against the Jewish state.

Uzi Landau, one of three ministers who voted against the deal, said the swap provides "incentive to kill Israelis and to carry out further abductions." Hawkish opposition groups warned of a new violent Palestinian uprising led by those released.

The Israeli Cabinet endorsed the deal to exchange Schalit in return for more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners in a 26-3 vote early Wednesday. The vote came after Israel and Hamas late on Tuesday announced they had reached an agreement. Both credited Egypt with brokering the deal, which also is an important milestone for Egypt's new military rulers that took power after Hosni Mubarak's ouster.

Lawmakers, White House regroup after Senate scuttles Obama jobs plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress and the White House face the choice of continued fighting or a shift toward bipartisan bargaining after the Senate voted to kill President Barack Obama's \$447 billion jobs plan.

They're likely to do both as they seek to produce results sought by a

discontented public while also drawing bright political lines for voters as the 2012 campaign heats up.

Obama's plan died at the hands of Senate Republicans on Tuesday, even though the president had been campaigning for it across the country for weeks. The \$447 billion plan died on a 50-49 tally in the 100-member Senate, falling well short of the 60 votes needed to crack a filibuster by Republicans opposed to its stimulus-style spending and tax surcharge for the very wealthy.

The tally had been 51-48 but Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., switched his vote to "nay" to reserve the right to force a re-vote. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is recovering from surgery and did not vote.

Now, the White House and leaders in Congress are already moving on to alternative ways to address the nation's painful 9.1 percent unemployment, including breaking the legislation into smaller, more digestible pieces. And on Wednesday, both the House and Senate are poised to approve long-stalled trade pacts with Korea, Panama and Colombia.

Many searches, few clues in disappearance of Kansas City baby

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Authorities searching for a missing baby in Kansas City have marched shoulder-to-shoulder through acres of woods, rappelled down cliffs and combed through landfills. They've interrogated her parents for hours and called in firefighters to search a 36-foot well that seemed like a possible place to hide a child's body.

But after receiving more than 300 tips and chasing down many others, police still have no idea what happened to Lisa Irwin, a fair-haired, big-eyed baby, whose first birthday is now only a month away.

A full week has passed since Lisa's parents, Jeremy Irwin and Deborah Bradley, reported their daughter missing. Jeremy returned home from a late shift at work Oct. 4 and told police he found the house lights on, a window tampered with and his child gone.

Police have since searched the home with metal detectors, and FBI and police re-enacted a possible abduction, all done while camera crews filmed from the street.

Taliban turns to kidnappings, extortion to raise funds for cause

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — Police caught up with the four Taliban militants about 15 minutes after they robbed the bank, shooting them dead on a bridge as they attempted to drive their loot to the safety of the border regions with Afghanistan.

The rare triumph against the insurgency in this dangerous part of Pakistan was short-lived — 10 days later, the Taliban dispatched a husband-and-wife suicide unit to avenge the deaths, devastating the local police station and killing nine officers.


The daylight raid on the bank and the bombing in June were carried out by the "Black Night" group, a unit of the Pakistani Taliban dedicated to raising funds through robberies, kidnappings and extortion, according to a member of the group and intelligence officers.

The group's emergence highlights a shift in militant funding inside Pakistan, with al-Qaida, the Taliban and associated groups relying less on cash from abroad and more on crime to get money for equipment, weapons and the expenses associated with running an insurgency.

The development is partly a result of Pakistani and American successes in targeting Islamist extremists.

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News in brief

Forged Texas jail checks linked to ex-inmate

WAXAHACHIE, Texas (AP) — A North Texas jail will switch to debit cards to pay unused commissary funds to departing inmates after the lockup's account number was stolen.

Authorities say the investigation began in August when Ellis County Jail officials started getting collection letters for about \$13,000 worth of bad checks.

WFAA-TV reported Tuesday night that five suspects have been arrested on charges of forgery and engaging in organized criminal activity. At least four more suspects are sought.

Deputies believe an ex-inmate, who remains at large, stole the jail's account number from a check he received for leftover commissary funds when he was released.

Lt. Jason Westmoreland says he's never seen someone use a law enforcement agency's checking account to commit forgeries.

Ex-manager accused of stealing from Dallas vault

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County employee with access to a courthouse vault has been accused of stealing more than \$130,000 in crime-related funds.

Records show 41-year-old Florretta Hampton of Dallas was jailed Wednesday on a charge of theft by a public servant. Bond was set at \$100,000.

The Dallas Morning News reports Hampton, who was arrested Tuesday, was a district clerk manager when she was put on unpaid leave in April after funds turned up missing. She resigned in August.

The safe held payments by felons who owe fines and court costs. Officials say the vault is no longer used amid increased security.

Hampton's boyfriend, 41-year-old Dax Raymone Williams, is also jailed on a theft charge, with bond set at \$50,000.

Electronic jail records did not list attorneys for the pair.

LCRA gives \$5M after Bastrop County wildfires

AUSTIN (AP) — The Lower Colorado River Authority will donate \$5 million to help with wildfire recovery in Central Texas.

The LCRA board of directors on Tuesday approved the grant for Bastrop County to help restore essential services and protect the environment.

Wildfires that began Labor Day weekend, about 30 miles east of Austin, destroyed nearly 1,600 homes and blackened thousands of acres.

The county must use the LCRA grant as matching funds for federal or state emergency relief programs.

Bastrop is one of 10 counties served by the authority and is home to LCRA power plants, parks and other facilities.

Thousands lose electricity in North Texas storms

DALLAS (AP) — Storms packing rain and strong winds have left thousands of North Texas homes and businesses without electricity.

Oncor (ON'kor) on Wednesday reported more than 4,000 customers lost power. The utility says most of the outages were in the Dallas-Fort Worth

area.

The National Weather Service says showers were likely for the area through Wednesday, with sunny conditions returning Thursday.

Houston-area man finds wife, son, 7, dead at home

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Investigators say the shooting deaths of a woman and her 7-year-old son in their Houston-area house apparently were a murder and a suicide.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office says a man from The Woodlands returned home Tuesday night and discovered the bodies of his wife and their child.

Lt. Bill Bucks says authorities are trying to determine what led to the shootings. Names of the woman and the boy weren't immediately released Wednesday.

The Conroe Courier reports law officers had no prior calls to the residence.

Teen mom gets 10 years in smothering attempt

WACO (AP) — A teen mom has been sentenced to more prison time for repeatedly trying to smother her infant son.

Shantaniqua Nykole Scott pleaded guilty Monday in Waco to two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Prosecutors say her hand was a deadly weapon because she placed it over her baby's nose and mouth.

He survived and Scott, now 19, later gave up custody. In the plea deal, prosecutors dropped two counts of endangering a child.

Scott was sentenced to 10 years in prison. That's in addition to a 25-year sentence for Scott's injury to a child conviction earlier this year in Fort Worth.

After trying to smother her baby in Waco, she did it again at a Fort Worth hospital -- but was caught on surveillance video.

Murder trial set for man whose son remains missing

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man is to go on trial in the death of his 3-year-old son whose body has

never been found.

Jury selection was to start Wednesday. Roderick Terrell Fountain faces up to life in prison if convicted in the 2006 death.

The Houston Chronicle reports Fountain said he was doing laundry when his son Kendrick Jackson disappeared. But authorities believe the child was fatally beaten.

After a shotgun was found in the house, Fountain was sentenced to 15 years in prison on a federal weapons charge. He had prior robbery convictions.

In 2009 Fountain was indicted on a felony murder charge after an alleged confession to a jailhouse snitch. That charge means someone died when a felony was committed -- in this case, injury to a child.

Authorities: 2 rare whooping cranes shot in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two whooping cranes — some of the world's rarest and largest birds — have been killed near the Louisiana community of Jennings, and a witness reported that two boys shot them from a truck, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said.

The cranes were among 10 released in February at White Lake in southwest Louisiana, where the state's last wild flock lived in 1939. Only about 400 live in the wild, and about 250 in captivity — all descended from 15 birds that were the world's entire population of whooping cranes in the early 1940s.

"Losing two cranes, especially in such a thoughtless manner, is a huge setback in the department's efforts to re-establish a whooping crane population in Louisiana," department secretary Robert Barham said Tuesday. "We take this careless crime very seriously."

The witness told authorities the birds were shot Sunday, said Adam Einck, spokesman for the department's enforcement division. He said a 16-year-old and a 13-year-old boy have been told they are suspects based on witness's description of their truck and other information provided to investigators.

sudoku

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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			2		3			
	7		4		1			9

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Psychological Ploy

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 10 4
♥ A 7 5
♦ J 8 7 6 3
♣ K 5

WEST EAST
♠ 9 8 5 3 ♠ J 7 6 2
♥ Q 9 6 2 ♥ 10 8 4
♦ A ♦ 9 4
♣ J 7 4 3 ♣ A Q 8 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♥ K J 3
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ 10 9 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 NT
Opening lead — two of hearts.

This deal occurred in a team match. At both tables the final contract was three notrump, and at both tables West led a heart. But at one table the contract was made, while at the other it was defeated.

At the first table, declarer played low from dummy on the heart lead and won Fast's ten with the jack. South returned the king of diamonds, and after taking the ace, West shifted to a low club. The defenders then cashed four club tricks, and South went down one.

At the second table, declarer also played low from dummy on the heart lead, but when East produced the ten, South won with the king!

The second declarer realized that if West had the ace of diamonds and East the ace of clubs, the contract was in serious jeopardy. He reasoned that if he won the opening trick with the jack, West would almost surely shift to a club upon taking the ace of diamonds, since West would recognize that there was no future in continuing hearts.

When declarer now played a diamond at trick two, West won with the ace and led another heart. He naturally thought that East had the jack, since it was difficult for him to imagine that South would win the first trick with the king if he had the jack.

The ruse having succeeded, and with the contract now firmly under control, declarer let West's heart return run to his jack and thereby recouped the trick he had given away on the opening lead to finish with 10 tricks.

Whether West should have fallen into declarer's trap is not at issue. What does matter is that the second declarer found a way to give himself an extra chance if the two missing aces were unfavorably located. He was perfectly willing to sacrifice a trick in order to increase the possibility of making the contract.

Tomorrow: Careful play foils the defense.

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Texas schools sue state over funding

By **APRIL CASTRO**

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A coalition of more than 150 Texas school districts said Tuesday it has filed a lawsuit against the state over a school funding system it says is unfair, inefficient and unconstitutional.

The coalition represents more than one in 10 Texas districts. It accuses lawmakers of turning a blind eye to the state's troubled school financing system for years and exacerbating the flaws this summer when they slashed public school spending

by more than \$4 billion to close a massive budget gap.

"Some districts really wanted us to file last year, but we thought, 'We'll give the Legislature one more chance to do the right thing, to fix this broken system we have and fund schools properly,'" said Lauren Cook, a spokeswoman for the Austin-based Equity Center, which organized the lawsuit. "But they didn't. They cut \$4 billion in core funding. As a result of that action they took, there's really just no other option for schools at this point."

The Texas Education

Agency and the Texas comptroller are among the defendants named in the lawsuit filed Monday. Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is running for president and signed the state budget that included the education cuts, is not.

Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said the agency was still reviewing the lawsuit.

"We will work with the (attorney general's) office to prepare an official response," she said. "Obviously, this is an issue that the courts and the Legislature will ultimately have to resolve."

The lawsuit was filed by the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition, which represents more than 150 of Texas' more than 1,100 school districts. Its members include a wide range of school districts in rural areas, middle-class suburbs and poorer cities such as San Antonio. Along with the coalition, seven school districts, two taxpayers and a parent are named as plaintiffs.

The schools claim the state has taken an "arbitrary hodge-podge" approach to public funding for schools that has

resulted in significant inequities among districts.

The complaint is based on a 2006 school finance overhaul, which included a provision that froze state aid to some districts without allowing for the costs of changing demographics or inflation. It was intended to keep wealthier school districts from taking a hit in the amount of state aid they receive under revised funding formulas.

But the overhaul "gave property-wealthy districts unconstitutionally greater access to educational dollars," the lawsuit says.

One example is Nacogdoches ISD, which is among the plaintiffs. Homeowners in the East Texas school district are taxed at the rate of \$1.17 per \$100 of property value, the maximum rate allowed under state law. Schools there got about

\$5,487 per student last year, according to the lawsuit.

The Eanes district in Austin, meanwhile, taxes property owners at \$1.04 per \$100 of property value, but schools got about \$6,881 per student because of the provision freezing state aid.

Cook said plaintiffs hope a trial court rules before lawmakers meet for the next regular legislative session in 2013.

"Succeeding in this lawsuit and attaining an equitable school finance system would enhance our ability to close the achievement gap and offer more educational opportunities for our students," said Robert Duron, superintendent of San Antonio's school district. "There is still debate about how to measure the adequacy of the system, but I have no doubt that our current funding system is inequitable."



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Lady Steers block Snyder's win attempt

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By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

Taylor Seaton recorded 17 kills Tuesday night as the Big Spring Lady Steers handled Snyder on the road. Big Spring took the first two games easily with scores of 25-15 and 25-11. Snyder stretched game three, forcing the Lady Steers to extend the match to 27-25 before claiming the victory.

Taylor Seaton led the team with 17 kills, followed by Cerbi Ritchey with eight and Morgan Seaton with three. Taylor also led Big Spring with a game-high nine blocks. Ritchey and Morgan Seaton each had four blocks. In addition, the two setters combined for 21 assists (17 by Ritchey), 17 digs and 11 kills. Haley Dim-

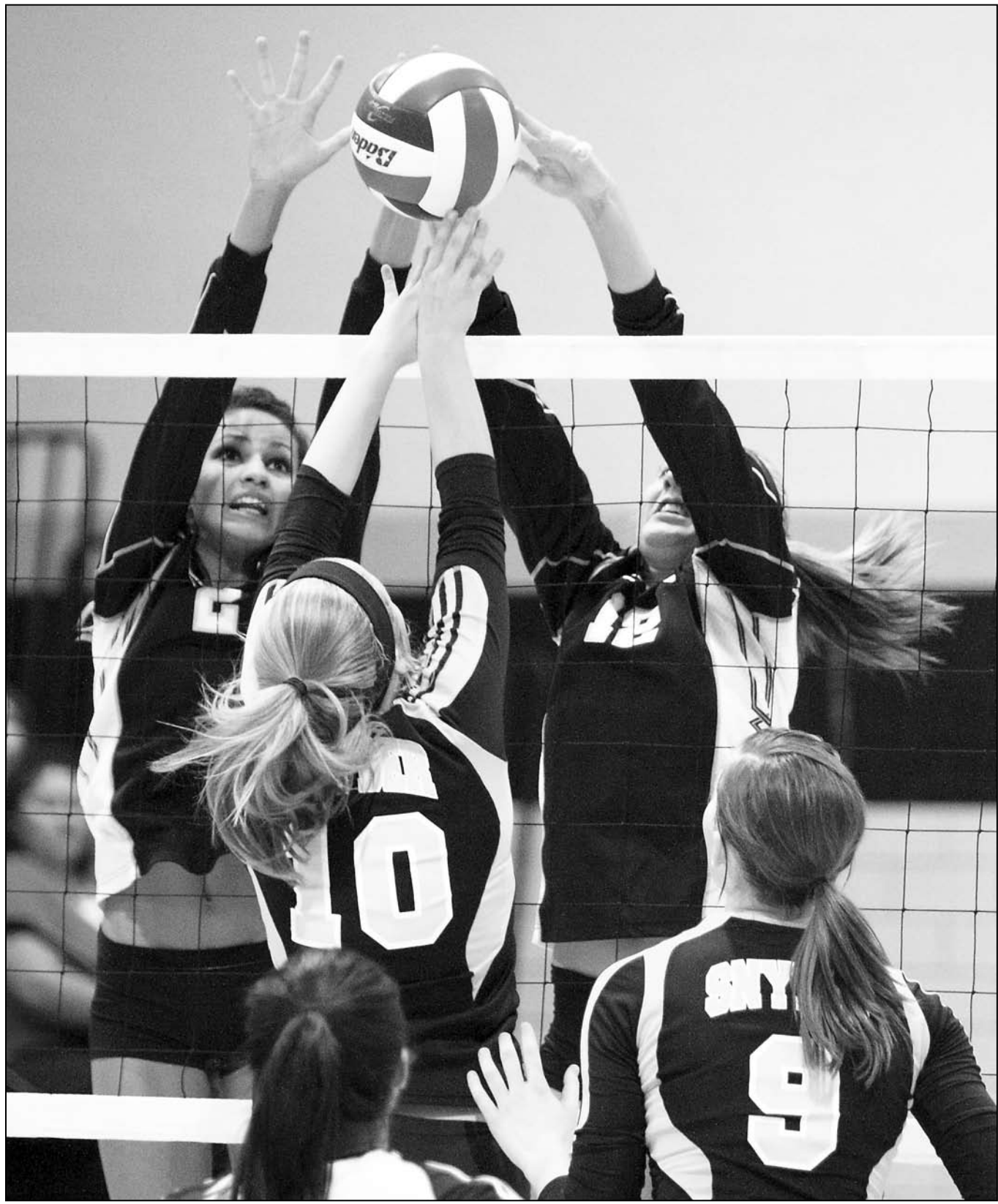
idjian had three blocks, along with two kills and a dig.

Carson Reibe led the team with a game-high 19 digs, while adding a kill and an ace. Clara Benavides recorded six digs, six assists, an ace, a kill and a block to the effort.

Julianna Rodriguez added five kills, two blocks and ace and a kill, Logan Yarbar had four digs and Kelsey Guinn pitched in three blocks and two digs.

Big Spring's JV squad fell in Snyder by close scores of 25-23 and 25-15.

The Lady Steers will be back on their home court Friday to take on Sweetwater. The varsity and freshman teams play at 5 p.m. with the JV hitting the floor at 6:30 p.m.



Morgan Seaton (2) and Taylor Seaton (12) block a kill attempt in Tuesday's district match against Snyder.

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TGCA state volleyball poll

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15. Sinton
16. Columbus
17. Zapata
18. Needville
19. Bonham
20. Monahans
21. Fredericksburg
22. Commerce
23. Whitesboro
24. Paris N. Lamar
- 25t. Port Isabel
- 25t. Bridgeport
- 25t. Spring Hill

Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

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

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

Forsan Booster Spook-tacular

4-man scramble

The Forsan Buffaloes Booster Club presents a Spook-tacular buffs and goblins 4-man scramble golf tournament at Big Spring Country Club Oct. 15.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. and will feature prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, the winning team and the best costume.

To reserve your spot in the tournament, call the country club at 267-5354.

For further information, call Wendy Roman at 213-1071 or Angie Williams at 270-0606.

6-6-6 golf tournament country club Oct. 22-23

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a six-hole scramble golf tournament, featuring six low ball holes and six modified, alternate shot holes Oct. 22-23. Entry fee is \$60, plus cart fee.

The tournament will kick off to a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days, with barbecue being served on the course Saturday. For more information, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Tigers bounce back, defeating Rangers 5-2

DETROIT (AP) — Victor Martinez slowed his home run trot to barely a jog, stepping gingerly around the bases after hurting himself with a big swing.

The banged-up Detroit Tigers are teetering but still standing, thanks to Martinez, Miguel Cabrera and another pivotal performance on the mound by Doug Fister.

"You know what? This is us," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "We are what

we are. We've been doing this for the whole year, and we're going to either win this thing or go down with what we got."

Fister again delivered a strong start in a game Detroit needed and Cabrera homered and had a tiebreaking double to lead the Tigers past the Texas Rangers 5-2 Tuesday night in Game 3 of the AL championship series.

Martinez homered in the fourth to tie the score at 1,

hurting his ribcage in the process. He stayed in the game and has every intention of being in the lineup Wednesday when Detroit will try to even the series.

"The only way I'm not playing is if I wake up dead," he said.

Detroit dropped the first two games in Texas before turning to Fister, who won the decisive fifth game of the division series at Yankee Stadium last week. He was sharp

again, allowing two runs and seven hits with no walks in 7 1-3 innings.

Jose Valverde, after tossing a season-high two innings the day before, worked around a leadoff double in the ninth for his third playoff save. He got some help from Cabrera, who made a diving play at first base.

Matt Harrison starts Game 4 for Texas against Rick Porcello — both went 1-9 this season.

"It's going to be a long series," Cabrera said. "Nobody (said) it's going to be easy. You've got to be patient."

Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre fouled a ball off his left knee in the fourth and hobbled the rest of the night. X-rays were negative and he has a bruise.

Cabrera's double in the fifth put the Tigers ahead 2-1 and he added a towering solo

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Hickox leads Hawks' rodeo team over Vernon

By **CINDY SMITH**

Special to the Herald
VERNON — The Hawk Rodeo Team continued their fall rodeo season with three student athletes finishing strong at Vernon College Oct. 6-8.

Mecca Hickox was shining for the ladies team as she finished .01 seconds out of first place in the barrel race competition.

Hickox had a 17.09 long round and fol-

lowed that with a solid 17.02 short go which was enough for first place in the round. Her average of 34.11 secured her second place finish for the weekend.

Teammate Jenna Price landed in the short round in goat tying after a 9.3 and 9.6 in the long and short rounds respectively. Her 18.9 average score was good enough for a third place finish.

"Mecca had a great

weekend," Greg Kernick, Howard College rodeo coach, said. "Anytime you're just .01 seconds out of first place you can't complain."

The men's team struggled through the weekend, but brothers and team roping partners Josh and Lane Siggins pulled through and found themselves in fourth place at the end of the day.

Josh, a returning sophomore and CNFR

qualifier, has partnered up with his brother Lane, a freshman, both from Ruidoso, N.M.

The brother duo nailed a 6.30 in their long round landing solidly in second place for the round.

The short round wasn't as smooth, but the 11.8 was still good enough to secure a fourth place finish in the round and the average.

"This wasn't nec-

essarily the kind of weekend we were looking for," Kernick said.

"But you take what you get and build from there every week. We'll practice and work hard to be ready to get back on again next week."

The Hawk rodeo teams will continue working through their fall schedule by competing next at Frank Phillips College Rodeo in Perryton Oct. 13-15.



Mecca Hickox

Super Bowl heading back to Arizona

HOUSTON (AP) — Back to the desert, and back to Britain, for the NFL.

The league awarded the 2015 Super Bowl to Arizona on Tuesday and also committed to playing regular-season games in Britain through 2016 — with more than one game a year likely.

The first owners meeting since the lockout focused almost exclusively on big events, with the biggest of them all heading to the Phoenix area in four years.

Arizona beat out Tampa, the only other candidate, on the second ballot.

"We are thrilled to be back in Arizona," Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "I will say it was a difficult choice."

Though not a unique one like the Super Bowls that will sandwich 2015. In '14, the league makes a frosty foray into the New York/New Jersey area for the first outdoor title game in a cold-weather site since the

merger. And in 2016, the 50th Super Bowl will be, according to Goodell, "a significant event for us" and could wind up in Los Angeles.

"I don't think there is anything off the table on who would host it," Goodell said, noting that the league is keeping close tabs on two potential stadium projects in Los Angeles. "We think there are two opportunities in Los Angeles and we are going to pursue both of them aggressively," Goodell said.

Neither Arizona nor Tampa received the required 24 of 32 votes on the first ballot Tuesday, meaning a simple majority was needed on the next vote.

The University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale got the nod, prompting screams of joy from the Arizona committee.

"Everyone pulled together throughout the Phoenix area to put together a terrific package where we were able to present

to the owners," Arizona Cardinals President Michael Bidwill said. "We are delighted."

It's difficult to be critical of the choice weather-wise: average temperature in early February in Glendale is about 60 degrees.

In East Rutherford, N.J., site of the 2014 game, the average is a slightly chillier 31 degrees.

The NFL also set Feb. 2, 2014, as the date of the Super Bowl in New Jersey; that date will not conflict with the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. "It's historically warmer on Feb. 2," Giants owner John Mara said with a smile. He didn't mention the possibility of snow, freezing rain, blustery winds and all the accompanying elements.

That will not be a factor in Arizona. The NFL has seemed eager to return to the Valley of the Sun since the Giants' upset of the then-unbeaten Patriots on Feb.

3, 2008. Tempe, Ariz., was the 1996 host, with Dallas defeating Pittsburgh 27-17.

"This is huge for Arizona," bid leader Mike Kennedy said. "It feels really satisfying."

Tampa hosted the game in 1984, 1991, 2001 and 2009.

"Both cities are great sites for the Super Bowl and both had impressive bids," added Mara, whose team has won championships in both places.

"They've each been to the altar a few times recently and were denied. They both deserve to host a game again."

Next year's game is indoors in Indianapolis, followed by New Orleans in 2013 and then the Big (possibly frozen) Apple.

Goodell spoke with the Tampa Bay group immediately after it lost the bidding.

"Anytime we are invited to participate, we will do so," said Paul Catoe, outgoing CEO of

Tampa Bay & Co. Bidwill said the estimated economic impact in Arizona in 2008 was more than \$500 million, and he expects it to be higher in 2015. While that number seems high because subsequent Super Bowls didn't reach that level, it's still a major boon to local business.

Also Tuesday, owners approved a resolution to play regular-season games in Britain for at least five more seasons. Teams can volunteer to play at least one regular-season home game per year in Britain for up to five years. Goodell said several teams have expressed interest and there are financial incentives for hosting games overseas. Visiting teams can play abroad only once in five years.

Tampa Bay will host Chicago on Oct. 23 in London, the fifth straight year the NFL has held an October game there.

The Buccaneers will

be making their second London appearance in three years; they lost to New England 35-7 in 2009.

Several teams that struggle to sell out home games, such as the Jaguars, Raiders, Bengals and Chargers, could be in line for more frequent trips overseas. Houston Texans owner Robert McNair said he'd be interested in a trip to Britain as the visiting team.

No specifics on venues, dates or teams for future games have been set, but Goodell made it clear more games in London are coming, perhaps two as soon as next season.

"We are very pleased with the reception to the game and the way our business has grown over there," he said. "Can it be sustained for multiple games?"

The meetings began with a five-minute NFL Films tribute to Al Davis after the Oakland Raiders owner died on Saturday.

RANGERS

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homer in the seventh.

Jhonny Peralta also went deep for the Tigers and Austin Jackson broke out of his post-season slump with three hits, including an RBI single.

Texas right-hander Colby

Lewis, who entered 4-0 in five postseason starts, allowed four runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out six and walked two.

"He throws strikes and every now and then he's going to give up some long balls. I thought it was a pretty good ballgame," Rangers manager Ron Washington

said. "He kept us in the ballgame. It was Fister that did the job out there tonight." Stung by Nelson Cruz's game-ending grand slam Monday, the Tigers returned

home hoping to shake out of their offensive funk. They fell behind 1-0 when Fister allowed three consecutive singles to start the game, but the 6-foot-8 right-hander held the Rangers in check after that, even striking out Cruz for the third out of the seventh as the towel-waving crowd at Comerica Park roared its approval.

After leaving 22 runners on base in the first two games, the Tigers struggled early on against Lewis. Detroit had two on with one out in the second, but Alex Avila and Ryan Raburn both struck out.

Lewis struck out five in the first three innings, but Martinez led off the fourth with a homer to right.

Martinez, who hit .330 this season despite groin, knee and back problems, labored slowly around the bases after the ball cleared the wall.

When he returned to the dugout, his head still down, he slammed

the designated hitter — would be able to continue. But he was back in the fifth, standing near the on-deck circle with Cabrera at the plate.

With runners at first and third and two outs, Texas decided to pitch to Cabrera, and his line drive down the right-field line on an 0-2 count stayed fair for a double to drive in a run.

Martinez drew a walk, loading the bases for Don Kelly, who hit a check-swing grounder to third. Beltre fielded the ball, then paused and waited to tag Cabrera.

When the Detroit baserunner froze in his tracks, Beltre finally backpedaled toward the bag for the force to end the inning.

Detroit added two runs in the sixth. Peralta led off with a homer, and Jackson's RBI single made it 4-1. It was an encouraging night for Jackson, who entered 3 for 25 in the postseason with 14 strikeouts.

Cabrera's homer in the seventh, which stayed fair down the left-field line, was his second of the playoffs. It also came on an 0-2 pitch.

Detroit provided more than enough offense for Fister, who was terrific down the stretch after the Tigers acquired him in a trade with Seattle shortly before the July 31 deadline. He retired his final batter Tuesday on an unassisted putout.

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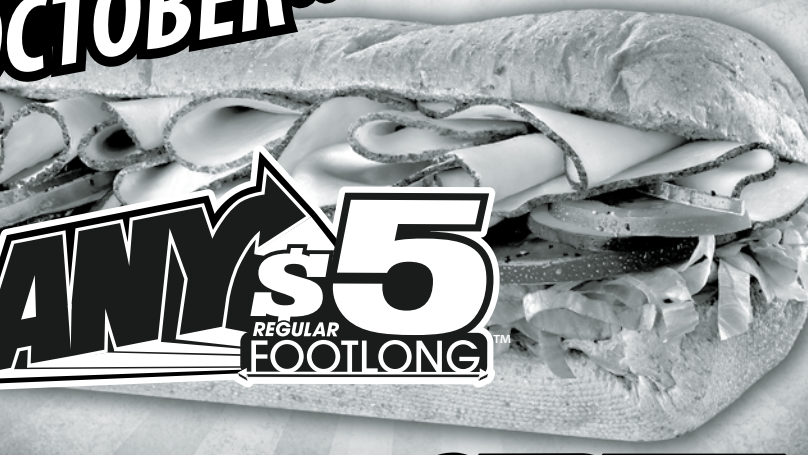
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You like to tell the same story to different people and then note the various reactions you get. Those reactions tell more about the other person than they do about your story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're not quite as accommodating as usual, it's only because there are those around you who seem to be taking your good graces for granted. You'll be inclined to withdraw so others understand the true value of your gifts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You learn the most by noting your mistakes, as uncomfortable as that may be. Privately review your missteps. You'll discover a pattern — one that can be easily broken.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your talent, good looks and drive are undeniable, and yet they will have no bearing on the outcome of the day's events. Your success will depend entirely on your ability to get along with others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are remarkably self-directed. It is very rare that you find yourself looking around and wondering what exactly to do with yourself. Rare, but it does happen, as you'll note today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You simply cannot relate to something a person you love goes on and on (and on) about. Maybe you just don't want to. Either way, you'll love the messenger while you craftily dodge the message.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be drawn to artistic people, and you have a wonderful way of relating to them. The kind of encouragement you offer will be like an energy drink for the soul.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An image from long ago pops to mind. Rest assured, you are stronger and wiser than you were when that happened. Should a similar scene ever occur, you would handle things much differently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have the confidence and energy to take on the activity you've been avoiding. Your mood will lighten immediately afterward. You'll feel happy and relieved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are careful to include everyone who should be included in your projects and communications. This is no easy task, and it does require that you think things through and keep notes and a list.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your change will occur with practical

action. In other words, you'll have to get on the plane to conquer a fear of flying, and getting fit requires that you adopt a different approach to eating.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not obsessive by nature, but today a remarkably sticky thought comes to mind. Hopefully, it also happens to be bright and lovely — worthy of your dwelling on it again and again.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 12). Your birthday releases you into a new stage of life. You'll enjoy greater freedom and control over your environment. Your passions grow. January brings a roller coaster of lovely emotion. You'll nab a prime position with perks in February. Your good deed boomerangs in April. Investments pay off nicely. Scorpio and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 1, 24, 10 and 39.

THE MAJOR ARCANA OF THE TAROT — THE DEVIL XV: Unlike drawing the Death card, which in spite of its ominous appearance can be interpreted easily as a sign of hope, new life and opportunity, drawing card 15 of the tarot deck is pretty much what it seems: devilish, evil, greedy, an indication of trouble and temptation ahead. The saving grace, if there is one, is that at least these problems are stemming from the same source — which is to say the ego. The real problems of humankind can be traced to the need to be better than the next guy — special, richer,

more cunning and better at getting the attention and external trappings we want.

Though this card is certainly not a favorite card of the deck, it can be quite useful if you think about it with rational maturity. Instead of thinking of the Devil card as a signal that there are negative and uncontrollable forces in the world, take responsibility for whatever forces are inside you that need to be checked and balanced. Are you relying on external things to make you happy? Are you feeling like life isn't giving you the things you deserve? Maybe it's really time for a humbler approach.

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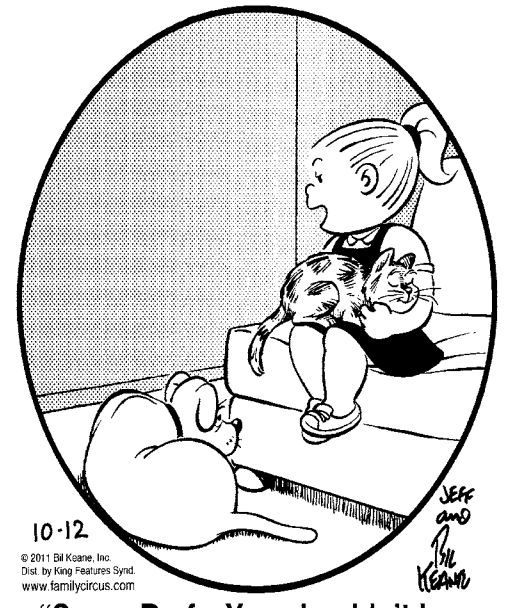
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8:PM	Family Happy	Fuerza-Des-tino	New Girl	Criminal Minds	Flor Salvaje (SS)	Harry's Law	Law & Order: SVU	NOVA (DVS)	Top Model	MythBusters	Penn & Teller	The Ultimate Fighter	Bones	Movie: The Perfect Holiday	Phineas	The Dotted Line	Atlanta Dream at Minnesota Lynx.	NFL Live
9:PM	Revenge	Protagonis-tas (SS)	Simpsons How I Met	CSI: Crime Scene	La Casa de al Lado	Law & Order: SVU	News	Bill Cloud	Charlie Rose	King	MythBusters	Blue	CSI: NY	Movie: The Perfect Holiday	Phineas	The Dotted Line	Atlanta Dream at Minnesota Lynx.	NFL Live
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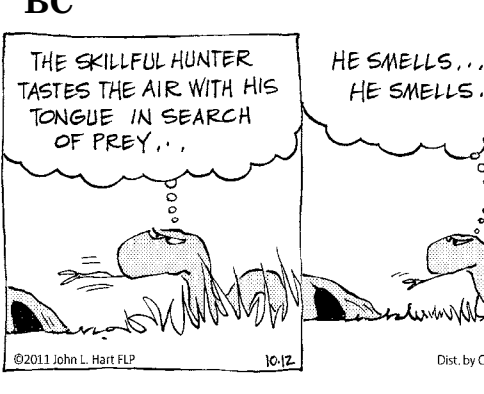
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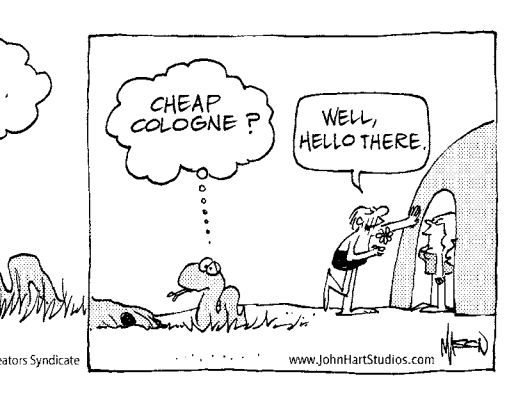
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 2011. There are 80 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 12, 1492 (according to the Old Style calendar), Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

On this date: In 1810, the German festival Oktoberfest was first held in Munich to celebrate the wedding of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Theresie of Saxe-Hildburghausen.

In 1861, the Confederate ironclad Manassas attacked the northern ship Richmond on the Mississippi River. (Both ships were badly damaged, but survived the battle.)

In 1870, General Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

In 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was executed by the Germans in occupied Belgium during World War I.

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

In 1942, during World War II, American naval forces defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance.

In 1971, the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Broadway.

In 1986, the superpower meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, ended in stalemate, with President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev unable to agree on arms control or a date for a full-fledged summit in the United States.

In 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

In 2002, a bomb blamed on Islamic militants destroyed a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, many of them foreign tourists.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Antonia Rey is 84. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 79. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 76. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 64.

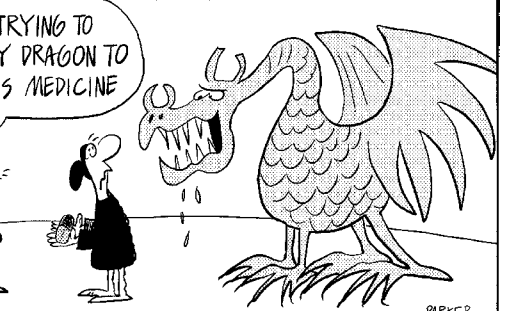
Actress-singer Susan Anton is 61. Rock singer-musician Pat DiNizio is 56. Jazz musician Chris Botti (BOH'-tee) is 49. Rock singer Bob Schneider is 46. Actor Hugh Jackman is 43. Actor Adam Rich is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Garfield Bright (Shai) is 42. Country musician Martie Maguire (The Dixie Chicks) is 42. Actor Kirk Cameron is 41. Actor Marcus T. Paulk ("Moesha") is 25. Actor Josh Hutcherson is 19.

Thought for Today: "The want of logic annoys. Too much logic bores. Life eludes logic, and everything that logic alone constructs remains artificial and forced." — Andre Gide, French author and critic (1869-1951).

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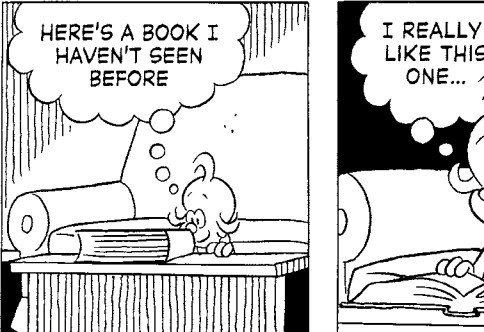
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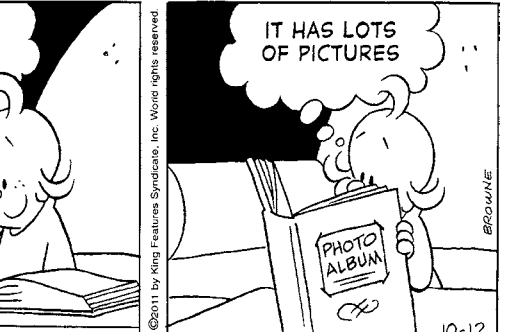
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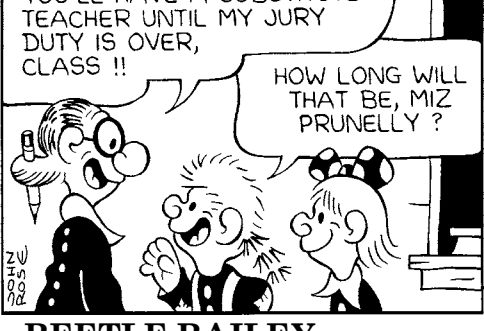
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- 6 ___ cheese dressing
- 10 Poke
- 14 Gates' Microsoft partner
- 15 Prevaricates
- 16 Peseta
- 17 British megalithic monument
- 19 Naughty kid
- 20 Drag along
- 21 Castle protector
- 22 Argue a question
- 24 Chess piece
- 25 Came to a standstill
- 26 Tan color
- 29 Routine job
- 30 Do winter plane preparation
- 31 Make a mess of
- 32 Brought up
- 36 Nightfall
- 37 Without help
- 38 Roof edge
- 39 Blueprint detail
- 40 Droops
- 41 "Mack the Knife" singer
- 42 Caravan stop
- 44 Actress Tyson
- 45 Space around the altar
- 48 Foot part
- 49 Joust weapons
- 50 Mean mood
- 51 Extremity
- 54 Green Gables girl
- 55 Deceitful one
- 58 Acidic-tasting
- 59 Aroma
- 60 Princess' headgear
- 61 River deposit
- 62 Choir garb
- 63 Provide funding for

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- 1 Ship pole
- 2 Choral range
- 3 Be radiant
- 4 Guys
- 5 Showy flower
- 6 Discouraging
- 7 Cloth fuzz
- 8 Med. scan
- 9 Once was
- 10 Town near Monterey
- 11 Bucolic
- 12 Talk
- 13 Spoiled, with "on"
- 18 Parka part
- 23 Aural organ
- 24 College auditorium event
- 25 Avoids on purpose
- 26 Sums up
- 27 Abrupt transition
- 28 Swampland
- 29 Wooden shoes
- 31 Thrash about
- 33 Very uncommon
- 34 Diabolical
- 35 Declare false
- 37 Local tax official
- 41 Give orders
- 43 Expert
- 44 Corn container
- 45 Social stratum
- 46 Southeast Asian capital
- 47 Render invalid
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- 50 Nose-in-air type
- 51 Old oath
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- 53 Bring in
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