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Sadler: Experience is trump card in race

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 It's been a decade since Democrats have been much more than an afterthought in statewide races, but Paul Sadler believes he has the experience and the issues to buck that trend.
 Now all he needs is money and exposure.
 Sadler, the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senator, stopped in Big Spring during

a swing through West Texas Tuesday, and took the opportunity to explain why people should vote for him rather than his better-known opponent, Republican Ted Cruz.
 A South Texas native, Sadler touts his experience as a state representative as his biggest advantage over Cruz.
 Sadler was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 1990 and won re-election five times. During his tenure in

the state House of Representatives, he was named one of the "Ten Best Texas Legislators" on four occasions by Texas Monthly Magazine, twice received similar honors from the Dallas Morning News and received the John B. Connally Award for Excellence in Education by the Just For The Kids Foundation.
 He was chairman of the Public Education Committee and Select Committees

on State Revenue and Public School Finance and Public School Employee Health Insurance, while also serving
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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Paul Sadler, Democratic nominee in the upcoming U.S. Senate race, speaks to the media during a brief stop in Big Spring Tuesday.



BUFFS ARE COMING HOME



Courtesy photo
Homecoming queen nominees at Forsan High School are, from left, Shelby Roemer, Kayla Tilley, Miranda Jennings, Stephanie Duffer and Kelsey Westbrook. The queen will be crowned during halftime of Forsan's homecoming game vs. Stanton Friday night.

Forsan set to celebrate homecoming

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
FORSAN — Forsan High School students and exes will be donning their best black and white duds as the school celebrates homecoming this week.
 Few organized activities are planned for the celebration, although it is expected that several former classes will hold reunions throughout the week.
 At the school, various dress-up days were held this week. Friday, FHS will hold its annual "hall march" at 2:20 p.m., followed by the homecoming pep rally at 2:30

p.m. in the high school gymnasium.
 The school's 2012 celebration will be highlighted by the annual homecoming game against Stanton, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and the crowning of homecoming queen at halftime.
 This year's queen nominees are seniors Shelby Roemer, Kayla Tilley, Miranda Jennings, Stephanie Duffer and Kelsey Westbrook. Accompanying them during the ceremony will be duchesses Aliscia Martinez, a freshman, sophomore Jennie Steel and junior Miami Yamaya.

Float Fly to take off Saturday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Staff Writer
 Planes will take flight over Comanche Trail Lake this weekend.
 The 20th annual Don McKinney Float Fly will be coming

back this year from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday.
 Members of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association and other participants will be setting their planes out over the lake behind Dora Roberts Community Center.

"This is one of the ways we can honor Don McKinney, who was one of the founders of the BSMAA," Contest Director Robert Walker said. "He was a big inspiration to a lot of pilots. He even taught me how to fly."

Spectators are welcome. There is no admission fee. There will also be concessions available around lunchtime.
 "We want to encourage everyone to come out and watch our planes fly," Walker said.

To find out more, call Walker at 432-935-0464.
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ACS gearing up for new year

By AMANDA DUFORAT
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 Break time is over.
 The local chapter of the American Cancer Society is back in full force. Its first meeting of the 2012-2013 year took place this week.
 "Even though it was the first meeting and we are still getting back into the swing

of things, we were able to get some dates on the calendar already," Whitney Wine, ACS representative, said.
 Road to Recovery, a volunteer based transportation program, will be offering a training session Sept. 22 for 13 new volunteers. Three trainees will be coming in from across the state to train

the newcomers. At this point, the session is being planned to take place in Lubbock.
 Next month, efforts for Relay For Life will swing into gear with Blitz Day and Committee Kick Off taking place Oct. 23. Relay For Life committee members will be visiting area teams and sponsors from noon until 4 p.m. as part

of Blitz Day. The committee kick off will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 "We want to let people know that Relay is back and let people know that we don't just fundraise, but we appreciate them as well. This event wouldn't be
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Phone may have recorded scene of police shooting

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — Cellphone videos and pictures allegedly recorded at the scene where a police officer killed a suspect by firing more than 40 times are in the hands of investigators.

Garland police officer Patrick Tuter allegedly said he shot in self-defense at Michael Vincent Allen following a high-speed chase near Dallas last month. Authorities initially reported that the 25-year-old Allen struck the officer's cruiser with his truck, but a dashboard camera video showed Tuter's patrol car ramming Allen.

Investigators obtained a court order to confiscate the memory chip from a cellphone that may have taken more videos and photos. Mesquite police are handling the criminal investigation and did not immediately return a phone message Thursday.

Pilot dies in crash of small airplane

BULLARD, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a pilot has been killed in the crash of his small plane in an East Texas neighborhood.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Thursday identified the victim as 51-year-old Stephen Annis of Huntsville.

DPS says the plane went down Wednesday afternoon in a subdivision in the Bullard area, about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

Authorities say Annis was alone during the crash in a wooded area near Lake Palestine. Pieces of wreckage were scattered among the trees and on a road.

Service set for slain missionary

SUDAN, Texas (AP) — Services have been scheduled Saturday in West Texas for a Baptist missionary found slain in her apartment in Jordan.

Officials with First Baptist Church in Sudan say mourners will remember 55-year-old Cheryl Harvey.

A teenager was taken into custody following the Sept. 4 stabbing death of Harvey at her apartment in Barha, a town north of the Jordanian capital of Amman. Police say the youth attacked Harvey when she caught him trying to steal from her residence.

Harvey was a native of Sudan, a town of about 1,000 located 50 miles northwest of Lubbock. She had been teaching English in Jordan for 24 years.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Woman gets 50 years in deadly plot

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A North Texas woman has been sentenced to 50 years in prison in a plea deal over the 2007 killing of her estranged husband.

Vera Elizabeth Guthrie-Nail pleaded guilty Wednesday in McKinney to conspiracy to commit capital murder.

Guthrie-Nail was on trial on charges of capital murder and solicitation for capital murder. She could have received life in prison without parole if convicted.

The case involves the fatal shooting of Craig Nail at the Frisco home the couple once shared. Nail's girlfriend was wounded. The Nails were divorcing and in a custody dispute over their daughter.

The man charged with killing Nail pleaded guilty last year to capital murder. Mark Lyle Bell was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Guthrie-Nail's plea deal came as Bell testified in her trial.

Texas senators to examine longer school day, year

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Top education leaders in the Texas Senate are examining ways to improve classroom learning, including extending school days and school years.

Democratic Sen. Royce West of Dallas is filing in as chairman Thursday for a Senate Education Committee meeting. Members will also discuss ways to improve learning within the normal parameters of the school day and year.

They will hear testimony on after-school programs and their effects on student academic performance, school attendance and behavior, as well as drop-out rates among high schoolers.

The meeting will also focus on building school-community partnerships to foster learning opportunities outside the classroom.

The committee's Chairwoman, Republican Sen. Florence Shapiro of Plano, is retiring and thus al-

lowing other members to run meetings ahead of the start of the legislative session in January.

Man who fled Texas rape trial to be back in court

LIBERTY, Texas (AP) — A man convicted in the repeated group sexual assault of an 11-year-old girl returns to court after fleeing a trial a day before his conviction.

Eric McGowen was a fugitive for nearly two weeks after fleeing the Liberty County Courthouse in Liberty. He returns to the same courtroom he fled on Thursday to be formally sentenced.

The 20-year-old wasn't in court on Aug. 30 when a jury sentenced him to 99 years in prison. McGowen had been free on bail when he failed to return from a court recess.

The trial went on without him. He was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child and sentenced in absentia.

McGowen was arrested Tuesday in a Houston apartment.

Excessive pollution reported at Baytown refinery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Exxon Mobil has reported inadvertent emissions of large amounts of pollutants at its flagship refinery near Houston.

Officials at the Baytown refinery reported a leak in a heat exchanger tube on Tuesday prompted them to shut down a flexicoking unit that separates heavy oils into fuels.

In their report to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the officials reported that the shutdowns resulted in releases of hydrogen sulfide, nitrous oxide, sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide exceeding the plant's permit limits.

Military trainer acquitted of wrongful sex contact

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A military jury sentenced an Air Force basic training instructor to a year in prison Wednesday after he pleaded guilty to having sex with a trainee.

The San Antonio Express-News (<http://bit.ly/RK0dFp>) reported the jury also sentenced Staff Sgt. Kwinton Estacio on Wednesday to reduction in rank to airman and a dishonorable discharge.

He could have received up to 14 years in prison for the guilty plea he made on Monday at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

The sentencing came hours after the jury acquitted Estacio of wrongful sexual contact with a trainee. That charge was presented to the jury at Lackland earlier Wednesday, one day after a military judge ruled there was insufficient evidence to support a sexual assault charge.

The acquittals spared Estacio sentences of up to 43 years in prison.

Estacio was swept up in a sex scandal at Lackland, where all American airmen receive basic training.

The issue of consent was central to the prosecution's case. Prosecutors tried to show that Estacio pressured the trainee into having sex.

The defense, however, reminded jurors of the trainee's testimony that she had flirted with Estacio in a series of text messages and called him "sweetheart" and "darling."

State steps up pressure to check dead voter rolls

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A standoff over whether Texas' largest county will check if 9,000 voters are actually dead before the November elections escalated Wednesday when the state warned election officials in Houston that funding could be stripped if they don't comply.

The Harris County Attorney's Office accused the state of levying threats and refused to budge. Some Texans, meanwhile, continued receiving letters in the mail asking them to essentially prove they're alive in order to remain a registered voter.

The Social Security Administration has flagged about 81,000 Texas voters who are potentially dead. A new state law requires voter rolls to be checked against the federal agency's death master file but Harris County officials say it's up to the state to check for accuracy.

"They shouldn't complain if we don't do their work for them," said Douglas Ray, county assistant attorney.

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in the Judiciary, Pensions and Investments and Health and Human Services committees.

Sadler returned to his private law practice in 2003. In 2008, he became the executive director for the Wind Coalition, a regional trade group of wind power producers that advocates for increased wind resources in Texas.

Earlier this year, he defeated Grady Yarbrough in a runoff election to earn the Democratic Senate nomination.

Sadler said his experience in state office easily trumps that of Cruz.

"(Cruz's) biggest accomplishment is being named Solicitor General of Texas," Sadler said. "That implies some kind of elected office ... but in reality, the office wasn't even created until 1999, when the state Attorney General appointed one of his staff lawyers as Solicitor General, who handles appeals for the AG's office. Voters have been hoodwinked into believing this is some sort of great office."

Sadler's stance on the issues include:

- Education — He supports decreasing the federal government's influence on public education, while increasing the importance of local school boards and parents. "The federal government should support our schools, not run them," Sadler said.

- Energy — His experience with the Wind Coalition has convinced Sadler of the importance of developing alternative and renewable sources of energy, while decreasing the United States' dependence on Middle Eastern oil.

- Military — Sadler said he will fight to make sure the U.S. armed forces remain the best trained and most well-equipped in the world. He supports increased funding for the Veteran's Administration, and job training to help young veterans transition to the civilian workforce.

- Healthcare — Sadler said he will oppose efforts to allow insurance companies to deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions and to drop policy-holders who get sick. And he supports the right of parents to keep their children insured until age 26.

Despite facing a better-known and better-

financed candidate, Sadler said he is conceding nothing in the upcoming election.

"His name identification is higher than mine, but if I can raise the money to raise my name identification to the same level he has ... I simply have to inform the voters on our stances on the issues, then I'll be the leader."

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possible if it wasn't for all those who contribute and we want to make sure they know they are all appreciated," Wine said.

Community kick off will take place Nov. 13 at Garrett Hall and Relay For Life 2013 is scheduled April 19 at Blankenship Field.

"Our goal this year is to bring Relay back to what it once was," Wine said. "We want to get the entire community involved."

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Elesha Thompson, 31, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. this afternoon at Hermligh Cemetery.

Elvira Cantu, 88, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Ackerly Cemetery.

Velma Campbell, 82, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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By Eddy Pitchford

The Christian is called to a life of commitment. Commitment to Jesus Christ should become an ever-growing passion as His will is sought for motives, attitudes, words, choices and relationships. Commitment to Jesus is to be stronger than devotion to family, work, recreation and pleasure.

When Christianity encounters a freedom-based culture, there should be an unlimited display of commitment to Christ. There should be deliberate outpouring of salt, light and leaven into a culture that seeks to use freedom as an excuse for selfishness and sin.

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Another fun-filled weekend is soon to be before us

Summer may be over, but there are still plenty of activities to keep you busy on the weekends.

Comanche Trail Park will be buzzing again this weekend, with the 20th annual Don McKinney Memorial Float Fly and the 2012 Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Both events will start around 9 a.m. in the park.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place at the Haynes pavilion near Kid Zone. There will be a short introduction ceremony before walkers head out into the park. Registration will also take place that morning before the walk.

On the other side of the park at Comanche Trail Lake, members of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association will be preparing their model airplanes to take flight.

Spectators can come out anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to watch the airplanes fly around the lake. There is no admission for spectators and a concession area will be available during lunch time, as well.

Planes will be launched from behind the Dora Roberts Community Center. Those flying will have to be licensed in order to comply with regulations.

The annual event is one of the ways, the late Don McKinney, one of the founders of the BSMMA, is honored each year. According to Robert Walker, event coordinator, McKinney was not only an inspiration to many pilots, but also taught many of them how to fly the planes.

Youth soccer leagues have also started playing at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex on Saturdays.

The weather is starting to turn cooler and there are plenty of reasons to get outside and enjoy it.

Take the time to show support to area organizations and community youth programs.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, will change our life for the better.

Amen

Dems: Obama man of steel

I wrote a few days ago that if the Democrats could maintain the enthusiasm they showed on the first day of their convention for all three days, Mitt Romney would be in serious trouble.

They did, and he is.

If this is not what the polls currently show, try to remember that polls are not destiny. And you should not let them shape it.

Democratic enthusiasm — real fire-in-the-belly enthusiasm — is a killer for Romney for one big reason: There is no sizeable pro-Romney movement in this country. There has been a sizeable anti-Obama movement.

There are relatively few Republicans deeply in love with Romney. (I except his family, friends and paid staff.)

There never has been. Romney won his nomination by being the most electable general election candidate in a weak and whacky primary field.

He won, in other words, not by devotion, but by default.

His campaign is fueled by dislike for and disappointment with Barack Obama. That dislike and disappointment is real.

In 1996, the last time a Democratic president ran for re-election, there was a significant anti-Bill Clinton movement in this country. This was before the Monica Lewinsky scandal. But a lot of right-wingers hated Bill Clinton and felt he was guilty of unspeakable crimes like murder and drug-trafficking. That didn't mean there was a significant pro-Bob Dole movement, however. And Clinton won easily by 8.5 percentage points.

This is not 1996. The economy

is bad, the cast of characters has changed, and nobody is going to win by 8.5 percentage points. But the dynamic is the same: It is harder to turn out a vote against someone than a vote for someone.

Anger is not a movement. Disappointment is not a cause. And passionate support is an antidote to both.

Except for a very sloppy bobble over their platform, the Democrats staged a masterful convention. It went from Michelle to Bill to Biden and Barack. The emotion built every night, and something very unusual was revealed.

There has been a shocking transformation in the American political landscape. As Jeff Zeleny of The New York Times tweeted Thursday night: "A striking difference between conventions: Military service, patriotism are center stage at Democratic convention and nearly absent at GOP."

Virtually overnight, the Democrats have become the party of strength and loyalty to country.

This is a huge role reversal.

And Mitt Romney gave the Democrats an opening by what he said — or, rather, failed to say — in his acceptance speech in Tampa, Fla., last week.

As Sen. John Kerry, Democrat from Massachusetts, said in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday night: "No nominee for president should ever fail in the midst of a war to pay tribute to our troops overseas in his acceptance speech. They are on the front lines every day defending America, and they deserve our thanks."

The Democrats have also elevated the killing of Osama bin Laden to an actual difference between the two candidates.

Joe Biden said: "When (Romney) was asked about bin Laden in 2007, he said, and I quote, 'It's

not worth moving heaven and earth, and spending billions of dollars, just trying to catch one person.' He was wrong."

Biden said that "Barack understood that the search for bin Laden was about a lot more than taking a monstrous leader off the battlefield." It was about sending a message "to terrorists around the world — if you attack innocent Americans, we will follow you to the ends of the earth!"

Love and toughness, those were the two themes the Democrats ended their convention with.

"This man has courage in his soul, compassion in his heart, and steel in his spine," Biden said of Obama.

And when it came time for Obama to speak, he made clear that toughness meant facing up to a tough road ahead. He even dared a restatement of John F. Kennedy's famous "ask not" line.

"America is not about what can be done for us, but what can be done by us," Obama said.

"I won't pretend the path I'm offering is quick or easy," he continued. "I never have. ... And the truth is, it will take more than a few years for us to solve challenges that have built up over decades."

Obama, like the other speakers, portrayed the Republicans as doomsayers who were selling short the strength and resolve of the American people.

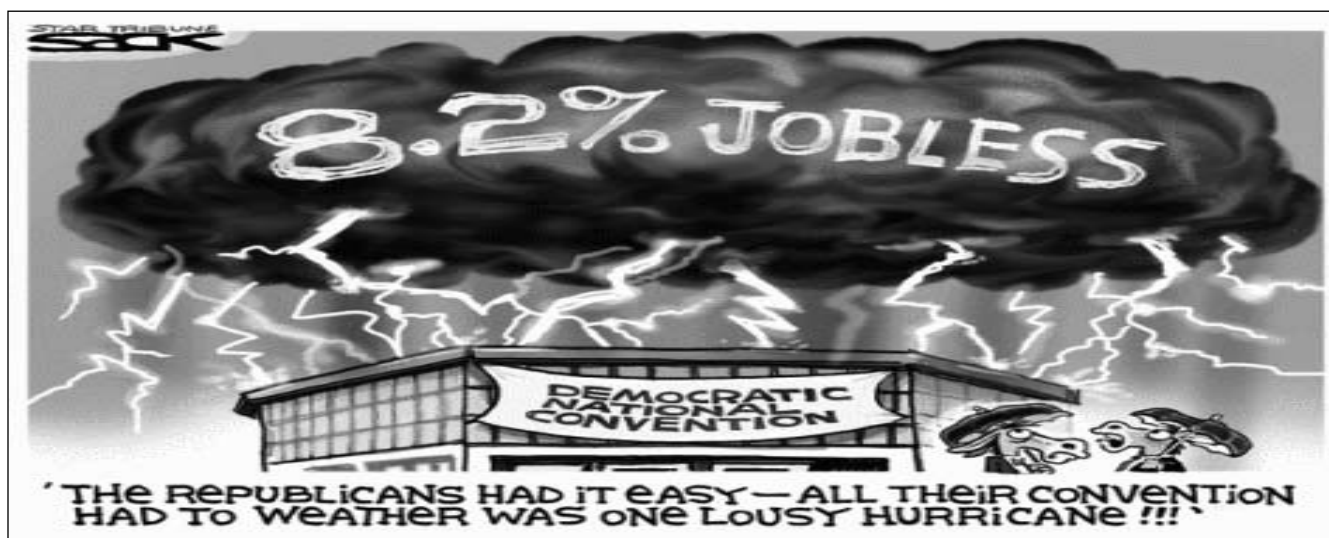
"Our problems can be solved," Obama said. "Our challenges can be met. The path we offer may be harder, but it leads to a better place."

It leads, he hopes, to four more years in the White House.

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U.S. media outlets tend to report Haiti strictly as a land of tragedy. Its hapless citizens seem endlessly beset with earthquakes, floods, cholera, hunger, and bad government. Unfortunately, our press isn't making that up.

But what the media fails to explain are the underlying causes of that devastation. Awkwardly, it has much to do with Uncle Sam — although France, Canada, and the International Monetary Fund have all pitched in.

Haiti twice enjoyed a moment of decent leadership under President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. But after his first election, we soon supported the Haitian army in overthrowing him. Later, in a brief about-face under Bill Clinton, we gave him a hand in running a second time. After Aristide won that election, and disbanded the army, we quickly soured and sent in our own troops to remove him from office once more. Since then, we have backed each successive, submissive government in disallowing him from ever even running

again. We recently went so far as to unsuccessfully oppose his return from foreign exile.

All this mucking around in Haiti's affairs hasn't helped its economy either. Thanks to reporters writing in the Nation after finding secret State Department cables revealed by WikiLeaks, we know that Washington used its political and business influence to hold Haiti's minimum wage for workers at export-oriented assembly factories at \$3.13 per day. American apparel companies like Fruit of the Loom, Hanes, and Levi's lobbied hard to prevent the workers employed by their garment manufacturing contractors from getting a raise that boosted the rest of the country's minimum wage to a "high five bucks per day" from the previous — and unbelievably measly — \$1.75 per day rate.

U.S. rice exporters love Haiti too. In the 1980s, our government muscled the ruling junta to lower tariffs on U.S. products. Soon America's cheaper, subsidized rice dominated the market, driving many local producers out of business.

The 2010 earthquake helped our farmers too. USAID bought shiploads of U.S. rice, which it sent to Haiti as "food aid." This glut of rice is driving many Haitian farmers into bankruptcy.

The most valuable assistance to Haiti, both before and after the earthquake, has come from

Venezuela. Following the big earthquake, Caracas increased its shipments of oil and helped reopen damaged power plants.

In contrast, Washington shipped in soldiers — 20,000 of them — along with an armada of the same shady contractors who contributed to the messes in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These basic economic and political realities, writ so large in Haiti, merely reprise two phenomena the world has come to call neocolonialism and neoliberalism.

They work like this: The International Monetary Fund and Western nations pressure poor (often corrupt) governments to squeeze small farmers and manufacturers by cutting tariffs on imports, thus allowing their markets to be flooded by foreign products.

Foreign-owned plantations and sweatshops get incentives, such as tax-free zones, to produce cheap goods for Western consumption. Efforts to make the local economy more sustainable and self-sufficient get short shrift. These rules are enforced by the local military, which the United States trains and subsidizes.

And Haiti is a particularly extreme example of this malevolent system.

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WILLIAM COLLINS

News in brief

Protesters angered by an anti-Islam film storm U.S. Embassy in Yemen

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Chanting “death to America,” hundreds of protesters angered by an anti-Islam film stormed the U.S. Embassy compound in Yemen’s capital and burned the American flag on Thursday, the latest in a series of attacks on American diplomatic missions in the Middle East.

The protesters breached the usually tight security around the embassy and reached the compound grounds but did not enter the main building housing the offices. Once inside the compound, they brought down the U.S. flag, burned it and replaced it with a black banner bearing Islam’s declaration of faith — “There is no God but Allah.”

Before storming the grounds, demonstrators removed the embassy’s sign on the outer wall, set tires ablaze and pelted the compound with rocks.

It was similar to an attack on the U.S. Embassy in the Egyptian capital of Cairo on Tuesday night. A mob of Libyans also attacked the U.S. consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi on Tuesday, killing American Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

In Egypt, protesters were clashing with police near the U.S. Embassy in the capital Cairo for the third day in a row.

Fallout of deadly attacks injects foreign policy into presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama are trading tough words over the handling of foreign attacks on U.S. diplomatic missions in the Middle East, injecting foreign policy into a presidential campaign that has focused on a sour economy.

Romney accused the Obama administration of showing weakness in the attack that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, and three American members of his staff. Romney blasted the initial statement from the U.S. Embassy in Cairo as disgraceful and “akin to apology,” adding later, “It’s never too early for the United States government to condemn attacks on Americans and to defend our values.”

However, the embassy statement came before the protesters had breached the embassy’s walls and was not an apology but an affirmation of the American policy of religious tolerance and respect. A statement by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton minutes before Romney’s was released condemned the attack in Libya and said there was no justification for such violent acts.

Obama made a somber statement in the Rose Garden condemning the attacks and announcing plans to deploy additional Marines at diplomatic posts overseas. In an interview with CBS News’ “60 Minutes” later in the day, Obama said the episode showed Romney’s penchant for having “a tendency to shoot first and aim later.”

“It appears that Gov. Romney didn’t have his facts right,” Obama said. That night, during a rally in Las Vegas, the president said he had a message for the rest of the world: “No act of terror will dim the light of the values that we proudly shine on the rest of the world, and no act of violence will shake the resolve of the United States of America.”

House to pass 6-month spending bill averting government shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — As its last major act before leaving Washington for the fall campaign, the House is voting to put the government on auto-pilot for six months.

The temporary spending bill is needed to avert a government shutdown when the current budget year expires Sept. 30. At issue are the day-to-day operating budgets of Cabinet agencies that are funded annually by Congress through 12 appropriations bills.

Thursday’s vote represents a retreat by tea party House Republicans, since the stopgap measure permits spending at a pace that’s \$19 billion above the stringent budget plan authored by GOP vice presidential nominee Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

Instead, the measure permits spending at the higher budget “caps”

permitted under last summer’s hard-fought budget and debt deal between President Barack Obama and Capitol Hill Republicans. Typically, short-term spending bills freeze agency budgets at existing levels, but Thursday’s measure actually would permit an across-the-board 0.6 percent increase in keeping with the budget deal.

Ryan was scheduled Thursday to make his first appearance at the Capitol since being named to the GOP ticket. He’ll vote in favor of the measure.

Asia builds wave of casinos to draw region’s new rich

MACAU (AP) — In the Philippines, a \$4-billion casino will soon rise from reclaimed land on Manila Bay. In South Korea, foreign investors are expected to break ground next year on a clutch of casino resorts offshore. And on the eastern edge of Russia, authorities plan a resort zone aimed at drawing Chinese high-rollers.

The projects are part of a casino building boom rolling across Asia, where governments are trying to develop their tourism markets to capture increasingly affluent Asians with a penchant for gambling. They’re building glitzy, upscale Las Vegas-style resorts in a bid to copy the runaway success of Asian gambling hubs Macau, which rapidly became the world’s biggest casino market after ending a monopoly, and Singapore, where the city-state’s first two casinos raked in an estimated \$6 billion a year after their 2010 openings.

The casino boom highlights how the gambling industry is being propelled by the region’s rapid economic growth, with millions entering the middle class thanks to rising incomes that allow them to spend more on travel and leisure pursuits. But it has also intensified debate over the social ills and perceived economic benefits of the gambling industry.

“Definitely, the success of Macau has set off a chain reaction in what is happening in the region,” said Francis Lui, vice chairman of Macau casino operator Galaxy Entertainment Group. “After the success of Macau and Singapore, of course you see more countries now assessing the pros and cons of having gaming as a driving engine for bigger economic growth.”

“In the future the region is going to have more casinos.”

Many expect bold action to try to boost economy and reduce unemployment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve ends a two-day meeting Thursday with expectations high for some new action to jolt the lackluster U.S. economy.

Many investors hope the Fed will take the bold step of launching a third bond-buying program. The goal would be to try to lower long-term interest rates and spur borrowing and spending.

Further bond purchases could also boost stock prices. Higher stock prices increase wealth and typically lead individuals and businesses to spend more.

Some economists think the Fed might put off any new bond buying but extend its timetable for any increase in its benchmark short-term rate. The Fed’s current target for any rate increase is late 2014 at the earliest.

Fed officials began their discussions Wednesday and will conclude with an announcement Thursday afternoon. The Fed will later release updated projections for economic growth, unemployment and inflation. And Chairman Ben Bernanke will hold a news conference.

Proposal to crack down on super-sized sodas goes to vote Thursday

NEW YORK (AP) — One of New York City’s most ambitious efforts to prod residents to live healthier appears poised to pass as a health panel takes up a plan to cut down sales of big sodas and other sugary soft drinks.

The Board of Health was set to vote Thursday on the proposal, which would bar sales of sugar-heavy drinks in more than 16-ounce cups or bottles in restaurants, movie theaters and some other settings.

The plan was expected to pass what could be a final vote, but it may not be the final word on a proposal that has drawn intense public interest.

The Health Department has received more than 38,000 oral and written comments about the cola crackdown, proposed less than four months ago.

Championed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the unprecedented regulation would follow other ambitious health moves on his watch. Some have proven to be national pacesetters, such as making chain restaurants post calorie counts; McDonald’s announced Wednesday that it would start displaying the information nationwide next week, before a federal requirement that could force all major chains to do so next year. New York City also has barred artificial trans fats from restaurant food and taken aggressive steps to discourage smoking. Starting this month, dozens of city hospitals are asking mothers of newborns to listen to talks about why they should breast-feed instead of using formula.

Bloomberg and other advocates for the soda plan — who include a roster of doctors and such food figures as chef Jamie Oliver — see it as another pioneering step for public health.

Strike latest fight about judging teachers by their students’ performance

CHICAGO (AP) — Educators in Los Angeles just signed a new contract with the city’s school district. So, too, did teachers in Boston. Both require performance evaluations based in part on how well students succeed, a system that’s making its debut in Cleveland.

So what’s the problem in Chicago, where 25,000 teachers in the nation’s third-largest district have responded to an impatient mayor’s demand that teacher evaluations be tied to student performance by walking off the job for the first time in 25 years?

To start, while Chicago’s teachers have drawn the hardest line in recent memory against using student test scores to rate teacher performance, contract agreements in other cities — including those reached this week in

Boston and Los Angeles — have hardly come quickly or with ease. They were often signed grudgingly, at the direction of a court or following negotiations that took years. And mayors and school officials have also won over reluctant teachers by promising to first launch pilot projects aimed at proving a concept many believe is inherently unfair.

“It has been a very tough issue across the country,” said Rob Weil, a director at the American Federation of Teachers, one of the nation’s two largest teachers unions. “Teachers in many places believe that they see administrations and state legislatures creating language and policies that’s nothing more than a mousetrap.”

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is pushing hard to implement the new evaluations, and that is one of the main points of contention in a nasty negotiation between the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Teachers Union, which president Karen Lewis has called “a fight for the very soul of public education.”

The strike entered its fourth day Thursday.

New computer, straight out of the box, infected with malicious software

WASHINGTON (AP) — A customer in Shenzhen, China, took a brand new laptop out of its box and booted it up for the first time. But as the screen lit up, the computer began taking on a life of its own. The machine, triggered by a virus hidden in its hard drive, began searching across the Internet for another computer.

The laptop, supposedly in pristine, super-fast, direct-from-the-factory condition, had instantly become part of an illegal, global network capable of attacking websites, looting bank accounts and stealing personal data.

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Big Spring's Max Pappajohn closes in on a Midland Christian ball carrier during the Steers' 17-12 win over the Mustangs on Friday. Big Spring will travel to San Angelo Lake View this Friday where they will try to post a 3-0 record.

Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

Football

- Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.
- Stanton at Forsan, 7:30 p.m.
- Grady at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball

- Seminole/Andrews/Water Valley/ Sterling City at Big Spring (F, JV, V), dual match, games begin at 10 a.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

Big Spring looks to stay perfect against Lake View

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

So far, the Big Spring Steers have shown they are a force to be reckoned with. A week one road trip to Fort Stockton set the tone, as the Steers blew out the Panthers by a score of 49-0.

Last week, Big Spring welcomed defending TAPPS 4A state champs Midland Christian to Memorial Stadium and came away with a hard-fought, 17-12 victory.

Steer fans seem to have already erased the memories of last season's dismal 0-10 record, but according to Head Coach Phillip Ritchey, Friday's game against San Angelo Lake View could determine what his squad is really made of.

Not because Lake View is a perennial powerhouse — the Chiefs recently ended their own losing streak dating back to last year after defeating Fort Stockton 32-19. The win came on the heels of a season opening, 55-41 loss to Andrews.

"We will have to play well," Ritchey said. "They are coming off of a big win with Midland Christian and we have to stay focused. This game could potentially tell us what we're made of more than last week."

Another issue the Steers have to deal with is the possibility that senior Devin Roberson — who has turned in stellar performances for the Steers on both

offense and defense — may be sidelined due to a minor leg injury sustained during an extra point attempt against the Mustangs.

"It is likely either a tiny bone fracture or a bone bruise," Ritchey said. "I think he's going to be able to play, but we don't know how much. We will see how he feels Friday."

Ritchey's team has a lot to prove this year. Prior to the start of the season, Ritchey said he hopes to have "the greatest turnaround in Texas high school football history."

Ritchey and his staff are off to a good start.

Sophomore quarterback Tobby Tannehill has looked good under pressure, making accurate throws as well as utilizing the option when running back Michael Oliva isn't pounding the ball up the middle. Containing Lake View's offense and getting wide receiver and safety Roberson back in the game could be the keys to victory for the Steers.

"The defense has been solid," Ritchey added. "They have been physical. We just need the offense to execute, but I think we will match up well against (Lake View)."

The Steers are slated to take the field in San Angelo on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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It's Buffaloes vs. Buffaloes as Forsan welcomes Stanton

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

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Forsan opened its season when the Buffaloes met Howard County rivals—the Coahoma Bulldogs — at ASCO Football Madness at Grand Stadium in Midland. After a wild game entailing 120 degree heat, power outages, dehydration and cramping; the Buffs were the victors, narrowly defeating Coahoma 30-27 and earning bragging rights until next year.

They followed the win — Head Coach Jason Phillips' first over the Bulldogs — with a 14-0 shutout of the Plains Cowboys last Friday.

This week, Forsan welcomes the other area Buffaloes — Stanton's to be precise — and hopes

to keep its win streak alive against a formidable Stanton team, who has gone 1-1 on the season thus far.

"It's definitely a rivalry," Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "They are probably our second biggest rivals after Coahoma. The kids know each other and have played with each other since they were little."

Stanton Head Coach John Peterson agrees, but like Phillips, is treating the event as if it were just another game.

"We have to go out and execute," Peterson said. "The guys don't get too high or low — they stay even-keeled no matter who they are playing. We want to beat (Forsan) for sure. We are also excited about playing

someone closer to home."

Peterson and company are coming off a 34-14 win at Morton, but lost its opener to Denver City.

As for Phillips, he hopes to utilize his squad's speed.

"They have a size advantage," Phillips said of Stanton. "We think we have the overall advantage speed-wise. The defense will have to control the line of scrimmage. Offensively, we want to use our speed and the open space."

Forsan is the site of this rivalry match. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Coahoma to square off against Colorado City in I-20 showdown

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

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It was a tough one to swallow — a narrow, three-point loss to rival Forsan in front of a large crowd at ASCO Football Madness in Midland. Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner could have blamed the defeat on a number of elements plaguing his squad that day — extreme heat, manual time keeping — you name it, it went wrong as the Bulldogs lost to the Buffaloes to begin their season.

Coahoma wasn't too discouraged. After all, it was a classic, anyone-can-win rivalry game and the Bulldogs rebounded by pounding Coleman 27-8 in last week's road game.

Gardner found a weakness and exploited it.

"I think the whole stadium knew what we were going to do during the second half," Gardner explained. "We just rotated three or four different guys — that's what we wanted to do — we really ran to the tight side of the line, which is all seniors. If you find something that works, you stick with it."

That's not to say Coahoma is a one-trick pony. Quarterback rotation has also helped keep

opposing defenses guessing. Running the ball is primarily what Gardner's Wing-T offense is geared toward, but the Bulldogs will take to the air.

Tanner Ruiz — the explosive senior runningback — and sometimes quarterback — has ran for 81-yards and 91-yards respectively in each of the first two games.

"Anytime (Ruiz) gets the ball, he can make a big play," Gardner said. "We have seen it time and again."

Gardner is preparing for Colorado City — which is a rival just down the highway on Interstate 20 from Coahoma — as he would anyone else.

"It's the same ol', same ol'," Gardner added. "We just need our game plan in place and we need to control the ball. We will try to keep the defense focused on taking the big plays out. That's a big part of our plan every week." Coahoma is on the road this week against the 1-1 Wolves. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

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Hamilton, Beltre homer to power Rangers past Cleveland

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Josh Hamilton and Adrian Beltre didn't need to play the entire game to make their mark Wednesday night.

The Rangers will now wait and see if their top two sluggers will be sidelined. Hamilton and Beltre homered before each left the game with injuries, and Texas beat the slumping Cleveland Indians 5-2.

Hamilton left in the eighth with left knee soreness and Beltre exited in the fifth with a strained left shoulder. Beltre had an MRI on Wednesday night and the results won't be known until Thursday. Texas manager Ron Washington said taking Hamilton out of the game was precautionary and he didn't consider the injury serious.

"Hopefully, things won't last long with those guys," Washington said. "But we

certainly can't stop the season, so we're going to play with what we've got and we're going to expect to win."

Beltre injured his shoulder when he made a diving stop of Russ Canzler's grounder in the second.

Mike Olt, who replaced Beltre at third, left the game in the bottom of the seventh with plantar fasciitis in his right foot. Olt, who will have an MRI Thursday, was limping just before he reached first beating out an infield single.

Ian Kinsler moved to third base for the first time in his career in the top of the eighth, and Jurickson Profar took over for Kinsler at second base.

"Hopefully it's just precautionary," Kinsler said of his teammates' injuries.

Beltre hit a two-run

homer in the first, his 13th in his last 20 games, and Hamilton added a solo shot in the third to help Ryan Dempster win his fifth straight start.

Dempster (11-6) improved to 6-1 since he was acquired by the Rangers on July 31. The right-hander allowed two runs and struck out eight in seven innings.

"I just try to do my job the same way, try to execute and make as many pitches as possible," Dempster said.

Carlos Santana and Casey Kotchman each had an RBI for Cleveland, which led the AL Central on June 23 but is 15-43 since the All-Star break.

Cleveland starter Jeanmar Gomez (5-8) allowed five runs and six hits in four innings. Gomez, who won his prior two starts against Texas

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Leo moon suggests you eat like the lion king, as though you have your pick of any morsel in the jungle. The Virgo sun says it's not healthy. The Leo moon invites you to kick back and take a nap while someone else handles the work. The Virgo sun says, "No way. Get up. Move." And they bicker like that all the livelong day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your loved ones may be more touchy than usual as

relationships enter a sensitive phase. Refrain from comment. Also, romantic decisions don't have to be made today. Better to put it off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll feel compelled to put yourself in the hot seat, though you're unsure of how you'll take the heat. This is the way to improvement. Whatever happens, you'll



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be admired for your courage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What matters to you is the feeling you get inside, not external validation. That's why you'll put as much effort into assembling your breakfast privately as you'll put into important and public work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may not always act like the most confident person in the room, but that's because you don't have to. You know your value, and you often don't feel like convincing the types who can't readily see it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The saying "choose your battles" implies that it's unwise to pick all of them. But in the case of your current issue, your plan is only going to work if you don't give in on any front.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like what you know, and you know what you like. The only problem is that you haven't seen it all yet. Expand into what you might like; give it a chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It feels like the good ideas are getting snatched up around you. Untrue. They were snatched up long ago. Now they're just being rewritten. So why don't you snatch up something from antiquity

and rewrite it, too?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Usually, the excellent qualities of "the one who got away" are mythically exaggerated. If that one didn't get away, it might have been a whole lot of trouble. Today you'll be rather glad you let go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have tremendous wells of courage, intelligence and ambition. The degree to which you should highlight these qualities (which will attract some and threaten others) will be your main decision today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you get a touch moody (and who doesn't from time to time?), the best thing to do is to serve the people you care about. Service has a way of surging your personal power — and your mood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your gift for teaching will be highlighted. You have a highly effective and original style. So it's better to teach your own methods or adapt the methods of another for your own purposes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some people beat pillows to release their anger. Others yell in the confines of their cars. Today, you just close your eyes and exhale. Everything that needs to

go will be released.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 13). You have amazing stamina and heart this year, especially concerning your pet project. You go when you feel like stopping. Keep plugging away, and you'll win a prize in October. Shared experience in November bonds you with an admired someone. Schooling in February leads to financial improvements. Capricorn and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 7 and 19.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My friend says that when she dreams, she goes to the astral plane and has an entirely different life there. What is the astral plane? Am I going there, too?"

Before the advent of the telescope, many cultures around the world believed that the space between Earth and the heavens was populated by angels, spirits, gods and the like. Plato and Aristotle wrote that the human psyche is made out of the same matter as the heavens and the stars — a material that did not coincide with the four classical earthly elements of fire, air, earth and water. The fifth element, called aether, was believed to have no physical qualities. More

subtle than light, it is the element that makes up the astral plane.

There are many beliefs about what can happen there and who is involved. You can think of the astral plane as another dimension, or you can think of it as simply imagination. There is no physical proof that it exists or doesn't exist, and yet your visits there could have a profound effect on your life and the lives of others, because many things that happen on the earthly plane begin first in the land of imagination.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Someone has to play the villain, and Tom Felton does this particularly well despite his generous and affable off-screen personality. Famous for playing the Slytherin bully Draco Malfoy in the "Harry Potter" series, in real life, the well-liked Felton has raised considerable money for charities around the world. His sun, moon and Mars in Virgo shows a helpful and hardworking nature.

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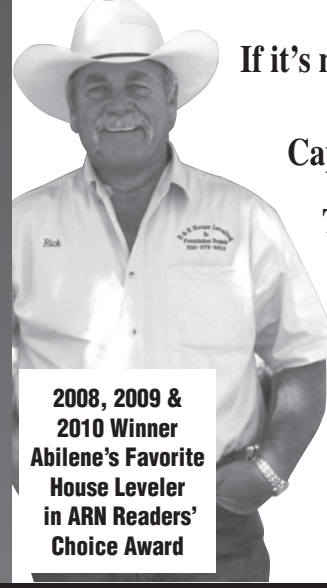
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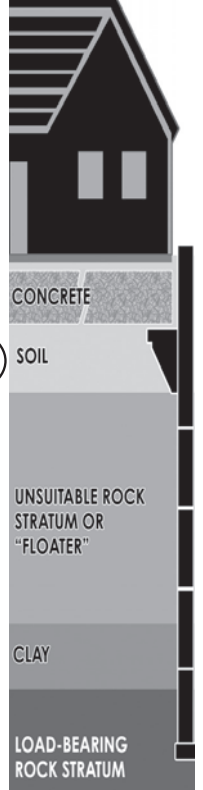
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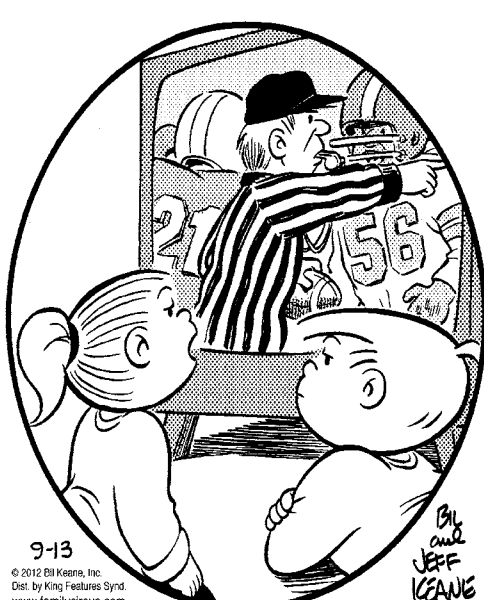
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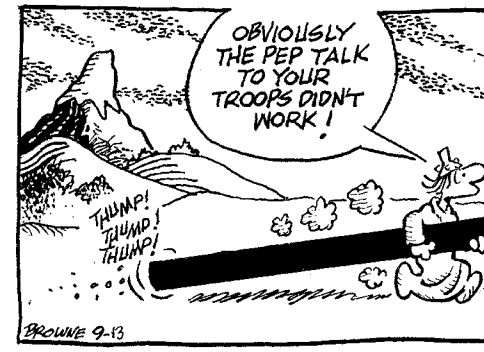
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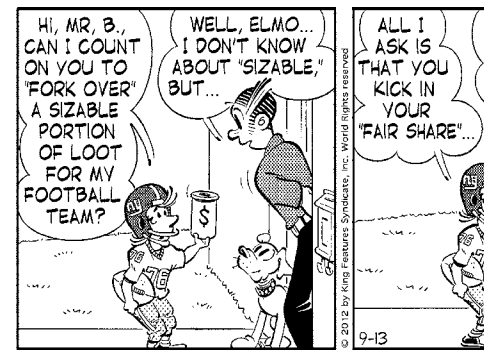


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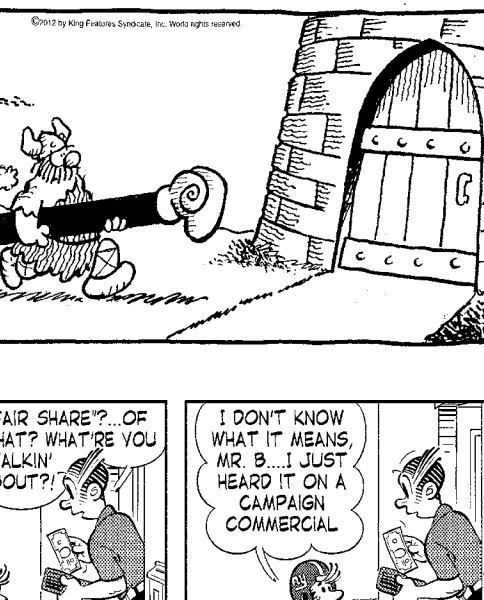
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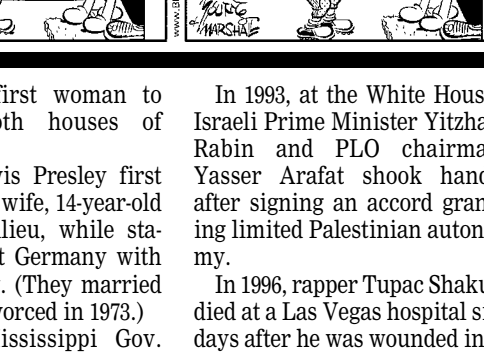
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 13, the 257th day of 2012. There are 109 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 13, 1997, funeral services were held in Calcutta, India, for Nobel peace laureate Mother Teresa.

On this date:

In 1759, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.

In 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

In 1803, Commodore John Barry, considered by many the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia.

In 1912, a state funeral was held in Japan for Emperor Meiji.

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate; she

became the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

In 1959, Elvis Presley first met his future wife, 14-year-old Priscilla Beaulieu, while stationed in West Germany with the U.S. Army. (They married in 1967, but divorced in 1973.)

In 1962, Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's order for the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith, a black student, declaring in a televised address, "We will not drink from the cup of genocide."

In 1970, the first New York City Marathon was held; winner Gary Muhrcke finished the 26.2-mile run, which took place entirely inside Central Park, in 2:31:38.

In 1971, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in western New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed the lives of 32 inmates and 11 employees.

In 1989, Fay Vincent was elected commissioner of Major League Baseball, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti (juh-MAH'-tee).

In 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

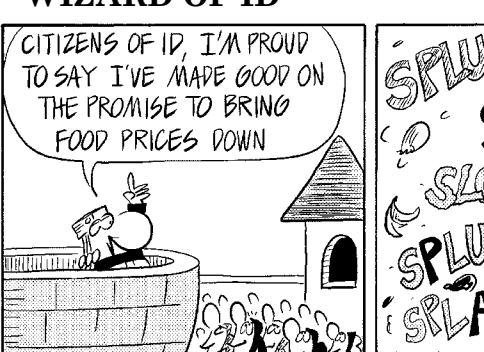
In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur died at a Las Vegas hospital six days after he was wounded in a drive-by shooting; he was 25.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Bain is 81. Actress Eileen Fulton ("As the World Turns") is 79. TV producer Fred Silverman is 75. Former White House spokesman Larry Speakes is 73. Actor Richard Kiel is 73. Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 71. Actress Jacqueline Bisset is 68.

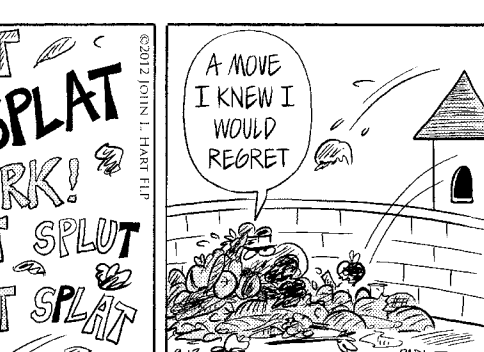
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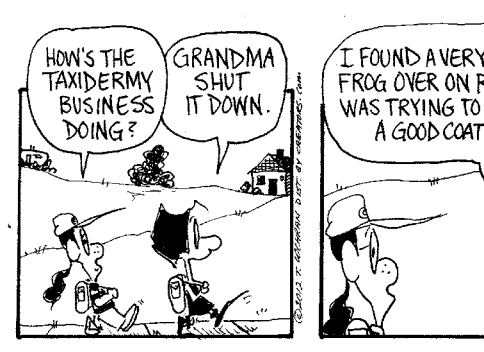
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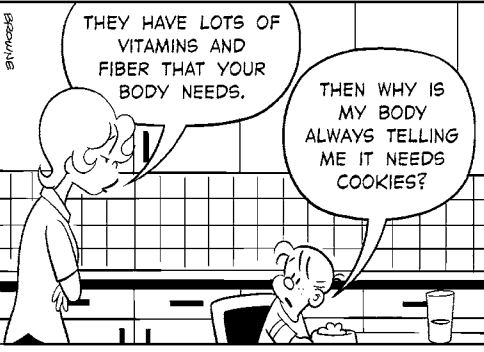
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 - 19 Former mayor Giuliani
 - 20 Wolf Blitzer's occupation
 - 23 Bubblehead
 - 26 Evaluation
 - 27 Oater crew
 - 28 In this way
 - 30 Cast forth
 - 32 Prophetic observation
 - 33 Chess piece that takes another
 - 36 Plea at sea
 - 39 Fox Mulder, on *The X-Files*
 - 42 Yellowish brown
 - 43 Cyclops claim to fame
 - 44 Ancient Peruvian
 - 45 Served up a whopper
 - 46 Government official abroad
 - 48 Betting everything
 - 51 Pronto
 - 53 Sushi serving
 - 54 Duane "Dog" Chapman, on an A&E series
 - 58 Fuss over, with "on"
 - 59 Spanish muralist
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 - 2 Have remorse about
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 - 6 Spanish snacks
 - 7 Leonardo's director in *J. Edgar*
 - 8 Pear type
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 - 10 Bone tissue
 - 11 Homecoming attendees
 - 12 Musical closings
 - 13 *Funny Girl* composer
 - 21 Early geologic period
 - 22 La Scala production
 - 23 In flight
 - 24 *Lion King* protagonist
 - 25 Yarn quantity
 - 29 USN officer
 - 30 Spend some time
 - 31 Malodorous mammal
 - 34 Breezed through
 - 35 Quiche, essentially
 - 36 Have a feeling
 - 37 When directed
 - 38 Drag one's feet
 - 40 Gist
 - 41 Bar staple
 - 45 Cruise ships
 - 47 "Lemme in!"
 - 48 Former *American Idol* judge
 - 49 At large
 - 50 Minstrels' strings
 - 51 Of hearing
 - 52 Immaculate
 - 55 Community service org.
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 - 61 Caltech rival
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 - 63 Reluctant to mingle

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Soriano, Wood lift Cubs over Astros

HOUSTON (AP)—Travis Wood has bounced back from eight straight losses to win his last two. Now he wants to keep that going the rest of the season.

Alfonso Soriano finished a triple shy of the cycle and drove in two runs and Travis Wood allowed one run in 7 2-3 innings to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 5-1 win over the Houston Astros Wednesday night.

"The ball is coming out good," Wood said.

"I have been able to locate pitches. I just want to finish the season strong and show that I can handle a full season."

Wood (6-11) gave up four hits and struck out six. Wood, who didn't allow a base runner until Justin Maxwell's single to lead off the fifth, said his backdoor cutter was working against the Astros and he was able to keep Houston off balance.

Manager Dale Sveum said Wood, who was acquired in the offseason by Chicago, pitched "a heck of a game."

"When we got him, we knew he had some arm strength and arm speed and could do some things," Sveum said.

"Obviously, a lot of that one way pitching was getting him in trouble. Now, he has learned to pitch to his arm side."

Fernando Abad (0-4) gave up a run on four hits in 3 1-3 innings with two strikeouts and three walks.

In his four starts this season, Abad has not lasted longer than 4 1-3 innings. Houston manager Tony DeFrancesco said he had seen enough of Abad.

"We're trying to win a ballgame, and we want to win as many as we can," DeFrancesco said. "If Abad was throwing strikes early, he might have had a chance of getting out of it, but at that point, I felt it was time to move on."

In a scary moment, Houston reliever Mickey Storey left the game with a contusion to his right hand and the right side of his jaw after being hit in the side of face by a Sappelt line drive in the top of the eighth inning. Sappelt's liner appeared to have glanced off Storey's right shoulder before hitting him in his jaw.

Storey fell to a knee and grabbed his jaw area as Astros personnel rushed to check on him.

Notre Dame to the ACC: Why, when and how much?

Notre Dame loves its house, but thought its neighborhood was becoming run down. So it picked up its house and moved it to a new neighborhood.

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It's a big move. Here's the why, when and how much.

What's in it for Notre Dame?

Scheduling stability in football and a more desirable home for its other sports.

Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick realized the coming four-team major college football playoff and related changes to the postseason, as well as conference realignment, will make it more difficult for Notre Dame to thrive as an independent.

The Fighting Irish don't want to play FCS teams, and want to avoid scheduling more than the occasional Mid-American Conference school.

Now with five ACC opponents on the schedule every season, along with traditional rivals such as Southern California, Navy, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Navy and Stanford, the Irish don't have to worry about scrambling for quality opponents, especially with more leagues going to nine-game conference schedules.

The move also gives Notre Dame access to all the bowls contracted to take ACC teams. Why is that important? This season if Notre Dame doesn't go to the BCS, it could end up with no bowl spot at all.

What's in it for the ACC?

Five football games per year for its members against Notre Dame

might not sound like much, but add that to the ACC's current football inventory and it could boost the conference's television revenue.

The ACC just signed a deal with ESPN that will pay its members \$17.1 million per year through 2027.

The Notre Dame deal will give the ACC the rights to two or three Fighting Irish football games per year — it will alternate from year to year. Though the value of those games is hard to determine, it's likely they will add to the bottom line.

Also, as much as these things are always driven by football, the other sports do matter — at least a little. Notre Dame has strong basketball programs, both men's and women's, as well as soccer, baseball and lacrosse.

Plus, if Notre Dame ever does decide to put its valuable football program in a conference, the ACC is first in line. That alone was enough for the league to welcome a partial member.

What about the Big East?

Losing Notre Dame hurts the public perception of the beleaguered Big East more than the product on the field. But perception is important in the business of college sports and the Big East's brand has taken a beating over the last year.

Notre Dame's departure, on the heels of West Virginia, Pittsburgh and Syracuse bailing on the league, makes the conference look unstable and disorganized as it tries to land a new television contract.

However, Big East Commissioner Mike Aresco is right when he says Notre Dame's departure doesn't affect the league's plans. The Big East will live or die on whether it can sell the idea of the

Dame?

The Big Ten courted Notre Dame, football and all, more than a decade ago. The Irish said no. The Big Ten wasn't about to get turned down again, and wanted nothing to do with a football-less Notre Dame.

The Big 12 was interested in making a deal similar to the one the ACC made with Notre Dame, but the ACC is a better fit for the Irish. Sure South Bend, Ind., is about 720 miles from Tobacco Road in North Carolina, but the Fighting Irish have a huge following up and down the East Coast. Plus, the small private schools in the ACC are a better academic and cultural match for Notre Dame — and that does matter when university presidents are making the decisions.

When will this happen?

Unclear. The Big East requires departing members to give 24 months' notice and pay a \$5 million exit fee.

That would mean Notre Dame wouldn't begin competing in the ACC until 2015. That scenario seems unlikely since the Big East doesn't need Notre Dame to fill out a football schedule and will still have 17 basketball members without the Irish.

It cost Syracuse and Pittsburgh \$7.5 million to leave a year early for the ACC and West Virginia \$20 million to join the Big 12 this season.

Bank on the Big East and Notre Dame making a deal and the Irish competing in the ACC by 2014 at the latest.

Will Notre Dame football eventually become part of the ACC?

Years down the road, when the playoff expands to eight, 12 or 16 teams, and major college football consists of four super conferences, then, yes, Notre Dame will probably end up in some version of the ACC.

Until then, Notre Dame has everything it wants and needs, and no reason to be anything but independent in football.

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Why the ACC for Notre

RANGERS

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this season, has not pitched more than six innings in his last nine starts.

"(Gomez) didn't have good stuff and couldn't locate his pitches," Cleveland manager Manny Acta said. "They took advantage of it."

Joe Nathan, who has converted his last 31 save opportunities, pitched the ninth for his 33rd save of the season.

First-place Texas maintained a three-game lead in the AL West over Oakland, which beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-1.

Kinsler led off the bottom of the first with a double and scored on Hamilton's groundout to set the stage for a surging Beltre. Beltre hit a 1-0 pitch from Gomez over the fence in left to give the Rangers a 3-0 lead. It was his seventh home run in September.

Hamilton's 434-foot blast landed several rows deep in the upper deck in right field. He leads the majors with 41 home runs and 121 RBIs.

That was plenty of support for Dempster, who retired the last nine batters he faced. Dempster has a 1.91 ERA over his last five starts. His eight strikeouts were his most since joining the Rangers.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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2♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
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Tomorrow: Test your play.
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