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## BSISD: District to seek waiver

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School district officials are asking for a do-over, at least where state-mandated student-teacher ratios are concerned.

BSISD trustees are expected to seek a waiver of the ratio requirement when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

The state mandate, which applies to grades kindergarten through fourth, requires that school districts have at least one teacher per 22 students at each of the grade levels. But an influx of students this year has forced BSISD to exceed that ratio, particularly in kindergarten classes.

The district has 59 more students enrolled kindergarten classes than this time last year. Overall elementary enrollment stands at 2,163 students, up 121 from a year ago.

BSISD is looking for teachers to bring class sizes back into compliance with state regulations, but it is competing with several other area school districts

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
**State Senator Kel Seliger addresses the audience during a town hall meeting at the Hall Center for the Arts Tuesday afternoon.**

## Education top focus of meeting

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The future of higher education in the Lone Star State topped the agenda Tuesday during a town hall meeting held by District 31 State Senator Kel Seliger, who said more funding may not equal a cure for recent cuts in education spending.

Seliger — who was recently named the chairman of the state Higher Education Committee — said the upcoming legislative session set for 2013 should be an interesting one.

"There's going to be more money in the state coffers; however, we have some past due bills that have to be paid in Medicaid and public education carryovers," Seliger said. "We're going to have to address those issues. At the end of the day I'd like to think we'll have some more money to put into public education and higher education."

"It's a big committee with a very, very important subject: community colleges and universities in the state of Texas. This is where we prepare our workforce, both academically and in technical skills, primarily in the community college. It's where we provide the opportunities for young people as they get older and go to school."

Seliger said putting a stop to the current trend in budget cuts effecting community colleges in the state is no easy task.

"It's tax revenue. We depend profoundly on sales tax in the local area and the taxing districts for property tax, as well as fees and fines and things like that," Seliger said. "We depend

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## Film society to screen 'Batman' Saturday

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

If popcorn and a movie sounds like a good way to spend Saturday evening, the Big Spring Film Society has the show for you, as the local organization gets ready to present 1989 classic "Batman" in the downtown area.

Set to begin at 8 p.m. in the lot located near the intersection of S. Main and E. Second Street — the same lot the film society used last year to screen "Ghostbusters" — Film Society Chairman Brandon Johnson said the screening should be a good time for everyone in the family.



Johnson

"I've been looking forward to this screening all summer," Johnson said. "We screened the original 'Superman' film earlier this year and it just seemed like a good idea to wrap up the season with the Batman film that really started it all for the Dark Knight."

Johnson said concessions will be provided on-site, with movie-goers only needing to bring a few things to make the evening a fun time.

"The main thing people are going to need to bring is a law chair," Johnson said. "Some folks may also want to bring

*"There's just something about seeing your favorite movies outdoors, with all of your friends and family around that makes it a really good time."*

Brandon Johnson  
 Big Spring Film Society

"For a lot of parents and their children, these screenings will become memories they will carry with them into the future. Not only will the kids remember the film and being able to watch it outside, but they will also remember their friends and family and what a good time they had. That's really important, in my opinion."

At a time when the Batman franchise's popularity is at an all-time high — thanks largely to the success of Christopher Nolan's chapter in the life of the Dark Knight — Johnson said choosing the 1989 film was a definite no-brainer.

"With 'The Dark Knight Rises' coming out this year, choosing the 1989 'Batman' just seemed like the next logical step," Johnson said. "I can remember when 'Batman' hit theaters, everyone was just so excited. There's still so much to be said for that film and the performances from the cast."

Batman was first introduced to the world in May 1939, appearing in Detective Comics No. 27. The character garnered a number of nicknames, ranging from "the world's greatest detective" and "caped crusader" to today's more recognizable "Dark Knight." The comic version of Bruce Wayne's crime-fighting alter-ego was first developed by artist

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## Obituaries

## Edna M. Hughes



Edna M. Hughes, 78, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Billy Guy officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 15, 1934, in Graham, Texas, and married Glen Hughes on Nov. 28, 1968, in El Paso, Texas.

Edna attended Big Spring schools. She owned and operated A Little Extra Boutique and was co-owner of Glen Hughes Construction and West Texas Dolphin Pools. She had served on the board of directors at the YMCA and was a member of Full Gospel Fellowship Church and was extremely active in church activities. Edna loved being a mom and grandmom.

Survivors include her husband, Glen Hughes of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen and Andy Coots and Debbie and Stanley Gregory, all of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Debbie Rutherford of Austin and Robert and Audra Hughes of Frisco; 10 grandchildren, Becki and Mike Holt, James S. Coots, Will and Heather Rutherford, Laura and Hal Dunbar, Lori and Eddie Gonzales, Jason and Stephanie Mundell, Shelly and Gab Stone, Josh and Hilary Hughes, Amanda Hughes and Megan Hughes; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.C. and Geneva Fay West.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Charles Roy 'Chuck' Campanella



Charles Roy "Chuck" Campanella was born Nov. 23, 1943, in Midland, Texas. He passed away Oct. 4, 2012, at his home in Big Spring, Texas.

He is preceded in his death by both of his parents, Charles Peter and Mary Campanella of Midland, Texas; his maternal grandparents, Wallace and Eva Roy of Midland, Texas; and paternal grandparents, Liborio and Sebastiana Campanella, of Boston, Mass.

He graduated from Midland High School in 1961. He then enlisted in the Army in 1966 and was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. He attained the rank of commanding officer with the Charlie Company, 1st Battalion 12th Airborne Division, U.S. Army, during the combat operation in the Republic of Vietnam. He earned several medals, including two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Star medals, a Silver Star and three Air Medals.

He leaves behind six children, Scott Campanella and Sande Shuffield, both of Mathiston, Miss., Kristen Campanella of Starkville, Miss., Renea Campanella of Englewood, Colo., Katie C. Mann (Jerry) of Coahoma, Texas, Bonnie Burchett (Drew) of Paducah, Ken.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, 2012, where he will be laid to rest at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations in his honor be made to Disabled American Veterans, 2405 Carleton Dr., Big Spring, TX 79720 or woundedwarriorproject.org

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

## Michael Oscar Yanez



Michael Oscar Yanez, 39, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born Dec. 15, 1972, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Terry Miears on July 4, 1995, in Big Spring.

Michael graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991. He loved art and poetry and was known for his tattoo artistry. He loved everyone and was always smiling.

Survivors include his wife, Terry Yanez of Big Spring; two stepsons, 1st Airman James Brandon Ferguson and wife Lacey of Fort Davis, Calif., and Sgt. Christopher Ryan Ferguson and wife Shantae of Fort Riley, Kan.; his parents, Oscar and Mary Lou Yanez of Big Spring; three brothers, Joseph Yanez, and wife Lindsay and their daughter, Bentley, all of Lubbock, Timmothy Yanez and his sons, Joshua and Lazarus and Randy Virgil Yanez, all of Big Spring; his grandparents, Luis and Erlinda Flores of Big Spring; one granddaughter; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Clarence Puente Yanez; a niece, Audrianna Yanez; and several aunts and uncles.

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

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## Police blotter

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

- JACOB DANIEL PETROWSKI, 23, of 2803 Apache Dr., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- PAULA JOLLEY BUTLER, 43, of 1606 E. Sixth St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

- JACKIE LOYD MURPHREE, 19, of 402 N. Moss Lake Rd., was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault – family violence, interfering with an emergency phone call, prohibited weapon – switchblade/knuckles, unlawful restraint and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

- MARTIN SILGUERO, 48, of 405 W. Fifth St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and abandoning/jeopardizing a child – criminal negligence.

- VERONICA RIOS, 30, of El Paso, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hindering apprehension/prosecution.

- VICTOR FERNANDEZ, 21, of Odom, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (two counts).

- JOHN DEE ROMAN, 42, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

- THEFT was reported:

- In the 3600 block of the N. Service Road. Near the intersection of County Road 34 and FM 669.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.

- FORGERY was reported in the 700 block of S. Scurry.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- MARTIN SILGUERO, 48, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, abandoning/jeopardizing a child – criminal negligence, an Ector County warrant for kidnapping and an Austin warrant for violation of parole.

- VERONICA RIOS, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of hindering apprehension or prosecution.

- JOHN DEE ROMAN, 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for expired driver's license and failure to appear.

- STEPHANIE R. WILLIAMS, 23, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.

- PAULA JOLLY BUTLER, 43, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for city ordinance – excessive noise, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

- JACKIE MURPHREE JR., 19, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of assault – family violence, interfering with an emergency phone call, prohibited

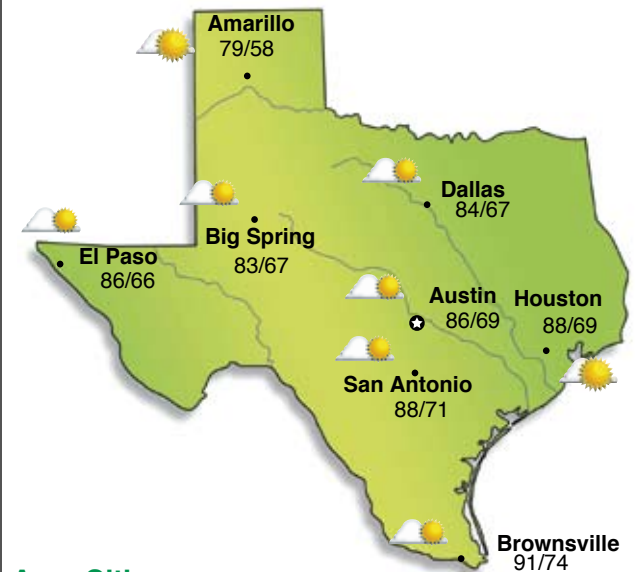
## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 10/12	Sat 10/13	Sun 10/14	Mon 10/15	Tue 10/16
<b>83/67</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>82/66</b> Windy with times of sun and clouds.	<b>84/63</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>80/61</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>81/60</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:47 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:18 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:48 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:16 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:49 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:15 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:49 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:14 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:13 PM



## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	83	67	pt sunny	Kingsville	92	73	pt sunny
Amarillo	79	58	mst sunny	Livingston	88	64	pt sunny
Austin	86	69	pt sunny	Longview	84	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	67	pt sunny	Lubbock	80	61	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	74	pt sunny	Lufkin	88	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	87	66	pt sunny	Midland	84	68	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	89	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	93	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	65	pt sunny	Rosenberg	88	68	pt sunny
Dallas	84	67	pt sunny	San Antonio	88	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	73	windy	San Marcos	87	68	pt sunny
El Paso	86	66	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	67	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	88	66	pt sunny	Sweetwater	82	67	pt sunny
Gainesville	81	65	pt sunny	Tyler	85	66	pt sunny
Greenville	83	64	pt sunny	Weatherford	82	64	pt sunny
Houston	88	69	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	82	65	pt sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	48	sunny	Minneapolis	51	30	pt sunny
Boston	60	45	sunny	New York	60	48	sunny
Chicago	64	41	mst sunny	Phoenix	86	61	mst sunny
Dallas	84	67	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	55	pt sunny
Denver	70	42	pt sunny	Seattle	66	49	pt sunny
Houston	88	69	mst sunny	St. Louis	63	50	pt sunny
Los Angeles	69	57	rain	Washington, DC	63	47	sunny
Miami	85	73	sunny				

## Moon Phases



weapon – switchblade/knuckles, unlawful restraint and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

- JACOB DANIEL PETROWSKI, 23, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N. Gregg Street. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350.

- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 800 block of E. FM 700.

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# Take note

- St. Mary's Episcopal Church has canceled its courtyard sale set for Oct. 20. The sale will be rescheduled for the spring.
- An account has been set up at Western Bank for Kristen Lasater and family, who lost their home to a house fire Monday afternoon. The account number, for those wanting to make a donation, is 1004597.
- Jo Anna Bailey, an aide for many years at Washington Elementary School, has been diagnosed with cancer. A medical donation account has been established for her at the Big Spring Education Credit Union, located at 1110 Benton. Your generosity will enable her to have much-needed tests and treatment.
- Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be having the third annual "Pink" pep rally in honor of breast cancer awareness month at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Steer Gym. They would like to invite all breast cancer survivors, or those still battling this disease, to the pep rally. There will be a special section for them to sit in. All proceeds will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
- Big Spring Health Department will be administering flu shots from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B. Five dollar donations are welcomed, however, no one will be turned away for inability to play. Medicare patients, Medicare pays for flu shots and their administration so remember to bring your card. For information, call 432-263-9775.

- The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic have teamed up for a fundraiser to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Saturday, from 8 a.m. until noon, your dog or cat can have a parvo, distemper shot for a donation of \$10 or a rabies shot for a donation of \$5 or both for a donation of \$15. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. The benefit will be held at the Humane Society, 5710 IH 20 West.
- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main. Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.
- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.
- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ustad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will

- be appreciated.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. 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.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## SELIGER

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to a very great degree on petroleum revenues, because that's what goes into the Permanent University Fund and the Permanent School Fund.

"We're not any different from any other state in that an awful lot of the issues — not all of them, but most of them — are going to be fiscal issues. We live in a state that's averse to taxes, as people who work hard for their money should be and want to keep it once they earn it. We've created our own problems by taxing at about the 47<sup>th</sup> or 48<sup>th</sup> most in the United States. But with more tax revenues, it will allow us to distribute more of them."

Approaching the 2013 legislative session will be two-fold for many elected officials in Austin; according to Seliger, however, he will not be

among those splitting their attention between where they are and where they want to be.

"My agenda is to see to it we have a well-prepared workforce and public education and community colleges are absolutely indispensable to that roll and we need to provide for them on a limited budget," Seliger said. "Because you all provide that budget and insist that it be limited. That's what we have to deal with."

"When we convene in 2013 there are going to be a lot of realities, not all of them the harsh types of reality. One of those realities is 2013 is going to be very much about the politics of 2014. Every single statewide office holder is aiming for something else and that's the nature of the political game. They are very concerned about the bills we will address and how it effects them. All of us have to run for re-election, including

myself. However, for somebody like me who has the job they want, the biggest thing to me is how I represent this community and the communities around the Panhandle. Nobody else in the state of Texas is going to send me anywhere except in the 37 counties I represent in this district. This district includes six community college districts and two universities."

Another area Seliger said he sees playing a large role in next year's legislature is transportation and state roadways.

"Transportation in critical. We currently spend about \$8 billion a year, however, we need more roadways," he said. "In this part of the state, in all honesty, what we mainly need to address are repair and maintenance issues. I don't hear much from (County Judge Mark Barr) about all the new highways he wants, but he certainly wants the

ones the state is responsible for maintained so they can be used. Commerce depends on it and our economy is based on products and commodities and you have to move them.

"Also, people need to be able to move around. They have to be able to get from out of town into town, from home to work. There's nothing mysterious there. We have new leadership at the Texas Department of Transportation and I'm very enthusiastic about that ... The one area where I think we're going to try to raise some money is increases in vehicle registrations. I don't think that's a bad idea, however, I do think all of that money needs to go to highway construction. If 30 percent of it is going to stay in Travis County so TX-DoT can do whatever it is they do, I'm opposed to it."

As always, Seliger also showed a keen eye for water issues in the

Crossroads area.

"I never talk anywhere without talking about water and this is a great place to talk about water," Seliger said. "You've seen some of the best, most comprehensive planning anywhere in the state of Texas. You may ask, if the planning is so great, why do we have all these water problems? The reason is because a lot of the viability of the planning in this area relies upon rain and the water shed of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, which is exactly how it should be."

"Then again, the things that have been done in the way of ground water development and recycling are essential to the future. You may be breaking new ground here that everyone will have to do. Wastewater coming out of wastewater treatment plants and going down creeks and being given away for agricul-

tural use, those days are over. We will some of that water go to agriculture, however, as a waste product? No. Absolutely not."

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## BSISD

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in the same situation.

"We're still looking for (teachers)," Executive Director of Instruction and Personnel Anne McClarty said last month. "But it's a hard chore — we're in the same boat as everyone else. We'll probably have to wait for December and the (college) graduates who will be available then."

The district also has

had to shuffle teachers from one campus to the next — McClarty said teachers had to be transferred from Moss Elementary to Marcy Elementary to deal with increased enrollment at the latter campus.

ring Christian Bale. You'll hear people argue constantly about who played which character better and which version of the story line was better thought out. However, there's one point that's hard for anyone to argue. It's almost impossible to imagine the Christopher Nolan films of today being made if the 1989 'Batman' doesn't get made first."

For more information on volunteering or being a sponsor, contact John-

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## BATMAN

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Bob Kane and writer Bill Finger and has remained one of the longest running characters for DC Comics.

The Dark Knight's first trip to the silver screen was in 1966, when actors Adam West and Burt Ward brought Batman and Robin to life for the first time. The same year, the dynamic duo began their run on television, as well, beginning a three-season march on ABC which ended when the show was cancelled.

The 1989 film re-launched the famed comic book character onto the silver screen after more than 20 years on the shelf, boasting an all-star cast which

included Hollywood heavy hitters Michael Keaton, Jack Nicholson, Kim Basinger and director Tim Burton at the helm.

"To see the evolution of the characters, especially over a 23-year leap, was pretty amazing," Johnson said. "The 1966 film and television show was pretty campy, pretty goofy. It was still a lot of fun, especially for those of us who grew up with Batman, but the 1989 film was able to do something different. It still held on to some of that fun, but it also developed a more serious side to the Batman character."

"If you get Batman fans talking these days, it's inevitable there will be comparisons between the earlier films and the more recent films star-

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# Putting on our thinking caps

Being the optimistic fun-loving guy that I am requires that I work hard to keep from becoming negative or cynical about things, but I have to confess that it's getting more and more difficult to maintain a positive and optimistic outlook about some critically important issues facing us as a nation and a society.

There are so many ridiculous things going on in our world today that the average mind can't wrap itself around half of the information and data it is bombarded with on a daily basis. It honestly can be overwhelming, and even frightening, to see things happening at mind-boggling speed all over the world, much of it with direct implications on America's security and stability.

There appears to be a tendency by the general public to look to Washington for answers, thinking if we just can keep this President, or elect a new one, everything will level out and all will be well. If we could just clean up Congress and get the right folks sitting on the Supreme Court we would see brighter days and everything would just magically be fine.

To some minimal degree, people who subscribe to that school of thought are right. It is important who sits in the Oval Office, the Halls of Congress and the Courts of our land, but it's time for a wake-up call to where the substantial and genuine answers are going to come from.

The kind of help we really need isn't going to come from a bunch of men and women whose highest priority in life is to do anything necessary, with total disregard to truth and integrity, to get their way and accomplish their personal agenda.

Politicians are just politicians and it is very naïve to expect anything honest and forthright to come from them.

While I am certain there has always been corruption in

government dealings the state of politics in America today reminds me of a modern day version of the Chicago gangsters of the 30s.

They were ruthless and cared about nothing or no one except themselves and their pursuits and if someone or something was a hindrance to them reaching their goal, they just eliminated the threat.

Those guys would open fire with machine guns on a crowded restaurant to wipe out their rivals who happened to be ingesting pasta at the moment of their demise. Don't get all bent out of shape right here because, I'm not actually equating or portraying today's beloved politicians as gangsters who have their enemies "wiped out," but I am unapologetically representing many of them as egotistical and self-serving scoundrels who I wouldn't trust to watch out for the security and well-being of my dog (if I had one), much less the future of my nation.

This generation of politicians doesn't use Tommy Guns and 45s, at least as far as I know. They just unleash their attack teams on people's families and businesses and do whatever is necessary to destroy their image and reputation in the eyes of the populace.

Because of its obvious worldwide power and influence, the news media of our generation has been used much more effectively to eliminate one's political enemies than the Thompson Submachine Gun ever did for Mr. Capone's conquests.

As my elementary teachers used to say, "Let's put on our thinking caps", (which honestly conjured up strange and scary mental images for me of a Frankenstein-style helmet with wires attached to a mind-altering machine).

Americans desperately need to get their thinking straight.

It's so easy to be swayed by rhetoric or charismatic personalities but those are very low standards by which to measure something as significant as truth and our future. It's time to think about the things that really matter in the long run, such as

trustworthiness and respect for our nation and its people.

Have you ever thought about how the parallels between today's political figures and the prophets of the Bible? That's probably a more stunning thought to ponder than my former reference to politicians and gangsters, but think about it.

The Hebrew word for prophet is "nabi," meaning "one who is called." In biblical times, it was God who called prophets to deliver a message and according to the law, if the prophecy came to pass, the prophet was authentic. Those individuals exposed as false prophets were executed.

Politicians obviously aren't sent out by God as were the Old Testament prophets. They are sent out by voters who listen to their "prophesies" about what they will do when they are elected. Politicians today better be thankful that execution stuff is no longer applicable when "prophecies" turn out to be false.

I labor under no foolish illusion that any one man or woman elected to public office, at any level, is going to single-handedly change the course of history or solve even a small percentage of our problems. What I do believe, like Edmund Burke, is that evil will prevail to a much greater degree when good people sit idly by and do nothing.

So I submit for your consideration that is high time for Americans who care about the things that matter the most to put those proverbial thinking caps on and weigh the issues and the potential consequences of following a false prophet.

Jesus said that when the blind lead the blind, they both end up in the ditch.

That's not where I want to spend the rest of my life, and I hope and pray there are enough folks like me to have open eyes to what's happening.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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# How 'masterful' was Romney?

It can't be by accident that Obama campaign adviser Robert Gibbs made the Sunday talk-show rounds using the word "masterful" to describe Mitt Romney's performance at the presidential debate. True, President Obama looked tired, while Romney was brimming with old ideas.

But Romney's master-of-the-universe act was not universally admired. It will be turned on him.

Romney's trampling on moderator Jim Lehrer's gentle requests to observe the debate rules reminded many of the Bain Capital raptor who made a fortune off a strip-and-flip strategy that sent companies into oblivion after cheating workers of their pensions and even stiffing the guys delivering the coffee. Off his game last Thursday, Obama didn't make such connections. No doubt he will next time.

Obama also seemed unprepared for the new Romney tactic of flinging crumbs of compassion to the peasantry.

After the cameras went off, the Romney staff took some of the crumbs back, particularly the ones seeming to support more health-coverage security for workers — but how many noticed?

In a related divide-and-conquer strategy, Romney made a point of reassuring Americans 55 and older that their generous Medicare-as-we-know-it benefits were

safe. In the real world, it won't be. The idea that Americans born after 1957 (who will become more numerous as time goes on) will meekly pay taxes to support a benefit level far above what they will get is most unrealistic.

The centerpiece of the debate was Romney's plan for \$5 trillion in tax cuts.

The Republican held that they would not add to deficits because any lost revenues would be covered by closing various tax loopholes and deductions. When Obama noted that Romney had refused to name a single example, Romney brushed aside the impertinence.

With all the self-assurance of George W. Bush, he insisted that the revenues would appear and that was that.

In a new ad, Romney says in his take-charge way, "There's no economist that can say Mitt Romney's tax plan adds \$5 trillion if I say I will not add to the deficit with my tax plan."

As Igor would say, "Yes, mahster."

But forgive a non-economist for taking the liberty to ask: If you are specific about cutting marginal rates by 20 percent, ending the estate tax and lowering corporate income taxes, and you insist those lost revenues will be made up by closing loopholes and deductions, aren't you a teensy bit obligated — though master you may be — to reveal what loopholes and deductions would go?

"Meet the Press" addressed Romney's silence on these details.

Republican strategist Mike Murphy volunteered that Rom-

ney has talked about the mortgage-interest deduction.

This is a tax deduction that, actually, doesn't make much economic sense, but is beloved by many middle-class homeowners.

If Romney wanted to shrink or end it in service of cutting deficits, he would deserve credit for a politically courageous proposal.

But his plan is to shrink the loopholes and deductions not to lower deficits, but to cover additional tax cuts for the rich.

And no, his numbers don't work.

To make the tax cut revenue-neutral, he'd have to break his vow to maintain the wealthy's overall tax burden.

The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center says you can't cut rich people's tax rates by 20 percent and make up for the lost revenues without collecting more taxes from the middle class.

Team Romney was understandably bucked up by Obama's failure to punch back.

But Obama and his people eventually will.

When they do, the master-of-the-universe bit will get taken apart — and in a masterful way.

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FROMA HARROP



# Why not check this out at the library?

This is positively the last few days of the Friends of the Library book sale. The Friends will be packing up the books beginning the week of Oct. 15, so there are only a few more days to find some bargains. The sale has been consolidated in the Children's room down in the basement of the library — there are also some tables set up in the front lobby just as you come in, too.



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Here is an audio book just in time for Halloween listening. "Mummy Dearest" (AUCD F HES J) by Joan Hess stars Claire Malloy, Arkansas bookseller and widowed mother who has finally said "yes" to Lt. Peter Rosen. On their honeymoon to Luxor, Egypt, Claire is accompanied by her teenage daughter, Caron, and her best friend, Inez (some honeymoon).

It is a spooky honeymoon with Peter off on mysterious doings, with Caron and Inez being chased down Souk's Alley by persons unknown and a student of their acquaintance is kidnapped by two young men on horseback, just like in a Valentino movie!

New York Times best-selling author Jane Smiley produced her version of a Hollywood novel: Writer/director Max wakes up the day after the 2003 Academy Awards feeling distinctly groggy from the previous evening's festivities. But he has no time to lounge and chat his way through his hangover — he has a houseful of guests to worry about and they all need his attention. "Ten Days in the Hills" (AUCD F SMI J) is a story only Smiley can tell — full of sex, politics, war, love and stories people tell.

We have the large print version of "No Easy Day: The Autobiography of a Navy Seal" (LP 958.104 OWE M) by Mark Owen, which purports to be the true, firsthand account of the mission in which Osama bin Laden was killed.

From the writing team of James Patterson and Maxine Paetro comes "Private #1 Suspect" (M PAT J). Private is Jack Morgan's investigation firm, sought out by the most famous and powerful to discreetly handle their most intimate problems. However, Jack comes under investigation himself when his former lover is found murdered in his bed and he becomes the prime suspect.

Under intense police scrutiny, Jack is strong-armed into two different directions at once; one of his most trusted colleagues is threatening to leave the firm and Jack realizes he is up against a very clever adversary.

While not the newest J.D. Robb, in "Celebrity in Death" (M ROB J), Eve and Peabody are up close and personal with the Hollywood stars who portray them in the movie "The I Love Agenda," based on one of their cases. At the star-studded party, the actress who played Peabody winds up dead in the penthouse pool. Now Eve has a real case to solve.

I am always amazed at how Jonathan Kellerman comes up with his book ideas. In his book published in 1999, "Monster" (M KEL J), Dr. Alex Delaware and Milo Sturgis face one of their most baffling and grisly mysteries of their careers — how can a nonfunctional psychotic locked up in a supposedly secure institution predict brutal murders in the outside world? Delaware and his friend and partner Milo must penetrate this enigma in order to stop the horrific killings.

I am not familiar with J.R. Ward, but evident-

ly he has been on the New York Times Best Seller List for some time. Evidently, this is more of the vampire stuff, so if you don't like that genre, please don't read the description. In "Lover Reborn" (F WAR J), a novel of the Black Dagger Brotherhood: Ever since the death of his mate, Tohrment has been a heartbroken shadow of the vampire leader he once was. Brought back

to the Brotherhood by a self-serving fallen angel, he fights again with ruthless vengeance.

However, he sees his beloved in his dreams, trapped in a cold, isolated netherworld and Tohr turns to the angel Lassiter to save his former mate. But there are always conditions, and you will have to check out the book to read and find out what he does to resolve his pain and anger.

Now for an amusing history book: "Out-houses: Flushing Out America's Hidden Treasures" (728.909 PAD L); photography is by Londie Garcia Padelsky and the text is written by Becky Prunty. In the foreword to the book, Padelsky wrote that people asked why she was photographing them, because it seemed rather strange.

I encourage you to check this neat book

out to see how people answered nature's call in a sanitary manner.

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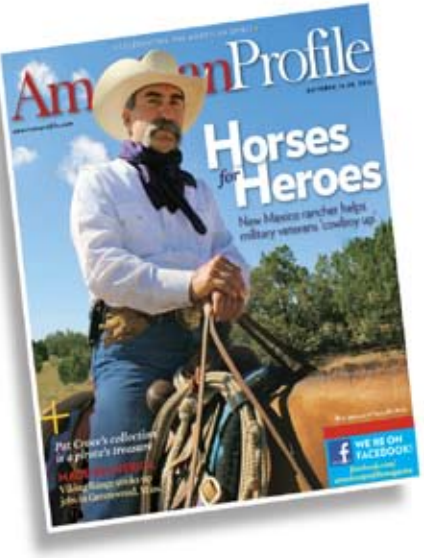


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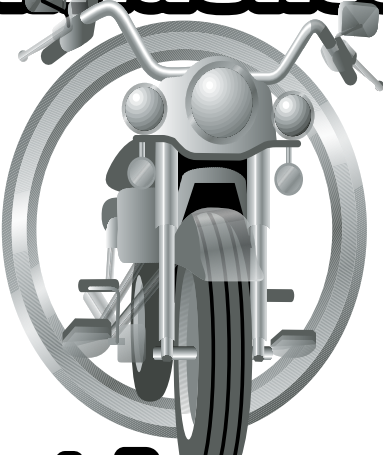
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# Steppin' out



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The Big Spring High School Marching Band is shown as it competes in the Denver City Tumbleweed Marching Contest this past weekend.

## Social media threat to greeting card makers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Say it's your birthday or you've just had a baby, maybe got engaged or bought your first house. If you're like many Americans, your friends are texting their congratulations, sending you an e-card or clicking "Like" on your Facebook wall.

But how many will send a paper greeting card?

Once a staple of birthdays and holidays, paper greeting cards are fewer and farther between — now seen as something special, instead of something that's required.

The cultural shift is a worrisome challenge for the nation's top card maker, Hallmark Cards Inc., which last week announced it will close a Kansas plant that made one-third of its greeting cards. In consolidating its Kansas operations, Kansas City-based Hallmark plans to shed 300 jobs.

Pete Burney, Hallmark's senior vice president who oversees production, says "competition in our industry is indeed formidable" and that "consumers do have more ways to connect digitally and online and through

social media."

Over the past decade, the number of greeting cards sold in the U.S. has dropped from 6 billion to 5 billion annually, by Hallmark's estimates. The Greeting Card Association, an industry trade group based in White Plains, N.Y., puts the overall sold figure at 7 billion.

Brian Sword, 34, of Kansas City, said he's "definitely" buying and receiving fewer printed cards than he did a decade ago, though he still prefers to send them to — and receive them from — a small group of close friends and family.

"I do think there are a lot of benefits and it does say more when it comes in a paper card format than when it comes even as an online greeting card," Sword said. "There's just something about receiving that card in the mail and opening it up and having it be a physical card."

Even the paper cards people buy have changed. Many people now use online photo sites to upload images and write their own greetings.

High-end paper stores are attracting customers who design

their own cards, sometimes using graphics software once available only to professionals.

"What Hallmark started with met the needs of the consumers in that early 20th century period to mass produce these personal greeting cards with art and poems and the only way you could communicate was by mail essentially," said Pam Danziger, who analyzes the industry as president of Stevens, Pa.-based Unity Marketing. "It's no surprise that in the 21st century with so many other communication vehicles available that the old idea of a greeting card being sent by mail just doesn't work anymore."

According to a U.S. Postal Service study, correspondence such as greeting cards fell 24 percent between 2002 and 2010. Invitations alone dropped nearly 25 percent just between 2008 and 2010. The survey attributed the decline to "changing demographics and new technologies," adding that younger households "both send and receive fewer pieces of correspondence mail because they tend to be early adopters of new and faster communication media."

## Freeze, drought take bite out of fall tourism

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Devastating spring freezes and a historic drought have stripped some charm from rustic fall destinations, leaving some corn too short to create mazes, orchards virtually devoid of apples and fall colors muted.

Extreme weather has forced agritourism ventures in the heart of the country to scramble to hold onto their share of an industry that generates hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Pat Schaefer, who runs Schaefer's Corn Maze near Lollie, Ark., hopes visitors to the farm's two mazes won't mind that the corn is just 6 to 8 feet this fall — up to 4 feet shorter than the wall of corn families and school groups normally pay to get lost and turned-around in.

"It's just not up to par," she said of the corn in her two mazes. "It's not anything like it's been in past years."

Yet Schaefer was one of the lucky ones. Even though the corn in her 30 acres of mazes is shorter than normal, she was able to open them for a seventh year thanks to a summerlong irrigation effort at the 1,000-acre farm she owns with her husband, Bob.

Sam Brown, who owns A-Maizeing-Farms in Mayfield, Ky., said the summer drought and 100-degree days ruined his farm's 20-acre corn maze, leaving stalks knee- to waist-high — far too short for use as a maze. Instead, he's offering a petting zoo, pedal cart races and hay rides.

"The object of our maze is to find hidden checkpoints, and our checkpoints literally would have been taller than the corn in some of the fields," he said. "It would have pretty much been pointless."

For many farms and orchards, autumn is the peak agritourism season as families seek out a taste of rural life with outings to explore corn mazes, take hay rides and pick their own apples or pumpkins.

Tourism generated about \$566 million for more than 23,000 U.S. farms in 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's most recent agriculture census — a survey conducted every five years.

But just like farming itself, agritourism can

be stung by the weather.

Apple orchards across the Midwest and New England suffered huge losses when blossoms lured into early bloom by a warm March were killed in April freezes.

Indiana apple growers have had one of their worst crops in eight decades.

Many orchards canceled their U-pick apple seasons and shipped in apples from out of state or traded varieties with other orchards to meet customers' demand, officials said.

Tuttle Orchards, a central Indiana farm with 30 acres of trees, lost all but about 10 percent of its apple crop in April. Mike Roney, who co-owns the orchard near Greenfield, Ind., said it might have been the worst freeze damage ever at the farm his family has owned for 84 years.

At Crane Orchards, a 120-acre top U-pick tourist destination in Fenwick, Mich., co-owner Rob Crane said just 5 percent of his apple crop survived the icy nights on his family's fifth-generation farm a few miles from Lake Michigan. With so few apples, its normal 60-day U-pick season shrank to a couple of weeks, and the last trees were picked clean before October.

Despite the lack of apples, Crane is hoping people still come to the farm for a hay ride along its lake and rolling hills, to navigate its corn maze or indulge in fruit pies and other homemade treats served at its restaurant.

"The fall is about making memories, family gatherings and outings to see the colors. It's that inner clock that's ticking that wants you to do that before winter," Crane said.

The colors won't be so bright in some places. Felicia Fairchild, executive director of the Saugatuck/Douglas Convention and Visitors Bureau in southwestern Michigan, said some drought-stressed trees in her area dropped their leaves early.

But despite a less brilliant landscape and lack of apples, she expected bustling fall business in an area often called the "Art Coast of Michigan" because of Saugatuck and Douglas' art galleries, shopping and bed and breakfast inns along Lake Michigan.

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## News in brief

### State Dept. now in sync with GOP, says it never concluded Libya attack was a protest gone awry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department says it never concluded that an attack that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya was simply a protest gone awry, a statement that places the Obama administration's own foreign policy arm in sync with Republicans.

That extraordinary message, appearing to question the administration's initial description of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, came in a department briefing Tuesday — a day before a hearing on diplomatic security in Libya was to be held by the Republican-led House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

The committee's chairman, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., has accused the State Department of turning aside pleas from its diplomats in Libya to increase security in the months and weeks before Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans died in the Sept. 11 attack in Benghazi. One scheduled witness Wednesday, Eric Nordstrom, is the former chief security officer for U.S. diplomats in Libya who told the committee his pleas for more security were ignored.

Briefing reporters Tuesday ahead of the hearing, department officials were asked about the administration's initial — and since retracted — explanation linking the violence to protests over an American-made anti-Muslim video circulating on the Internet. One official responded, "That was not our conclusion." He called it a question for "others" to answer, without specifying.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter, and provided no evidence that might suggest a case of spontaneous violence or angry protests that went too far.

### Feds: Boston man arrested at LA airport with weapons, gas mask, other suspicious items in bag

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Why would a man flying from Japan to Boston need to wear a bulletproof vest and travel with a suitcase full of weapons, leg irons, a smoke grenade, a gas mask and a biohazard suit?

That's what federal investigators are trying to figure out despite a lack of cooperation from 28-year-old Yongda Huang Harris, who was arrested during a stopover at Los Angeles International Airport, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Harris, who was taken into custody at the airport Friday wearing the vest and flame-resistant pants, was not cooperating with federal officials attempting to interview him, according to a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an open investigation.

The official said Harris is not believed to be linked to a terrorist organization, but his motive has not been determined.

Harris has been charged with one count of transporting hazardous materials, an offense that carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison. He made a brief court appearance Tuesday, but his arraignment was delayed until Friday and he was ordered held until then.

### California man behind anti-Muslim film expected to answer to alleged probation violation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California man with many aliases who was behind an anti-Muslim film that sparked violence in the Middle East is expected to be asked by a judge Wednesday whether he violated his probation for a 2010 bank fraud conviction.

Federal prosecutors said Mark Basseley Youssef, 55, had eight probation violations, including lying to his probation officer and using aliases. If Youssef denies those allegations, a judge will then likely schedule an evidentiary hearing.

Youssef has been in a federal detention center since Sept. 28 after he was arrested for the probation violations and deemed a flight risk by a magistrate judge.

He went into hiding after a 14-minute trailer for the movie "Innocence of Muslims" was posted on YouTube.

Angry protests stoked by the film broke out in Egypt and Libya and violence related to the film has spread, killing dozens. Enraged Muslims demanded punishment for Youssef, and a Pakistani cabinet minister has offered a \$100,000 bounty to anyone who kills him.

Federal authorities have said Youssef isn't behind bars because of the film or its content, which portrays Muhammad as a religious fraud, womanizer and

pedophile. They said Youssef hasn't been truthful about his identity, using different names after he was convicted in 2010 of bank fraud.

### Moscow court considering Pussy Riot's appeal of 2-year prison sentences for anti-Putin protest

MOSCOW (AP) — Three jailed members of the punk band Pussy Riot told a Moscow appeals court on Wednesday that they should not be imprisoned for their irreverent protest against President Vladimir Putin, insisting that their impromptu performance inside Moscow's main cathedral was political in nature and not an attack on religion.

Dressed in neon-colored miniskirts and tights, with homemade balaclavas on their heads, the women performed a "punk prayer" asking Virgin Mary to save Russia from Putin as he headed into a March election that would hand him a third term. They were convicted in August of hooliganism motivated by religious hatred and sentenced to two years in prison.

"We didn't mean to offend anyone," said Maria Alekhina, who along with Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Yekaterina Samutsevich spoke in court from inside a glass cage known colloquially as the "aquarium." She said they were protesting Putin and also the Russian Orthodox Church hierarchy for openly supporting his rule.

"We went to the cathedral to express our protest against the joining of the political and spiritual elites," Alekhina said.

The case has been condemned in the U.S. and Europe, where it has been seen as an illustration of Putin's intensifying crackdown on dissent after his return to the presidency after four years as prime minister.

### Momentum for miles ahead: Push for healthier truckers includes weight-loss challenges, gyms

DALLAS (AP) — In the months after Doug Robinson started driving a truck, he noticed his clothes were increasingly more snug-fitting. He was already overweight but soon realized that spending up to 11 hours behind the wheel, frequently eating fast food and not exercising was a poor combination.

When his employer, U.S. Xpress, took part in a weight-loss challenge sponsored by the Truckload Carriers Association, the 321-pound, 6-foot-1-inch Robinson signed up.

So far, he's about 40 pounds into his goal of dropping 100. His truck's refrigerator is stocked with chicken, tuna and vegetables. And after his day's drive, he walks — either on trails near rest stops or just circling his truck.

"I have asthma, so with the extra weight on there, it isn't good for me," said Robinson, a 30-year-old from Philadelphia. "When I started losing weight, instantly I was breathing better. I was sleeping better at night."

From trucking companies embracing wellness and weight-loss programs to gyms being installed at truck stops, momentum has picked up in recent years to help those who make their living driving big rigs get into shape.

### Romney making a renewed push in battleground Ohio as statewide poll shows tighter race

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney is making a fresh bid for Ohio voters, trying to use post-debate momentum to make up ground in a state that has been a mainstay of GOP presidential candidates and could help President Barack Obama hold onto the White House.

Romney planned events in communities north of Columbus and Dayton on Wednesday, intensifying his efforts in the state after a strong debate performance that has helped him close a deficit against

Obama in national polls.

"This economy is not creating the jobs it should. We've got to fix it," Romney said Tuesday in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he campaigned with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. "We're going to do it here in Ohio."

Ohio remained a focus for both campaigns, as Obama and Romney pushed for support on the last day of voter registration before Election Day. Obama returned to the White House following a fundraising trip through California and a stop Tuesday at Ohio State University, where he urged students to cast their ballots early.

"Don't wait. Do not be late. Go vote today," Obama said. "All right, Buckeyes, we need you." His campaign staged buses nearby, ready to ferry students or other supporters to registration centers. Obama was staying off the campaign trail on Wednesday and then heading to Florida on Thursday for events in the nation's largest battleground state.

### Luke Bryan leads American Country Awards nominees with 7

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Luke Bryan just keeps getting hotter.

The rising country music star is the lead nominee for this year's American Country Awards with seven. He beat out established stars like Taylor Swift and Lady Antebellum in a field announced early Wednesday.

Lady A and Zac Brown Band are next with six nominations apiece, while Swift and Eric Church took five nods each for the third annual fan-voted awards.

Bryan, Swift, Lady A, Zac Brown Band and Jason Aldean are up for the night's top honor, artist of the year. Bryan also has nominations in the male artist, album, single and video of the year categories.

Dierks Bentley's "Home," Church's "Chief," Lady A's "Own the Night" and Blake Shelton's "Red River Blue" join Bryan's "tailgates & tanlines" on the album of the year list. Hit song "I Don't Want This Night To End" nabbed Bryan single and video of the year nominations.

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
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East dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
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♥ 8 4 2  
♦ A 7  
♣ J 10 6

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

SOUTH  
♠ A Q J 4 2  
♥ K 9 6 5  
♦ 3  
♣ A 9 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 ♠ Dble 3 ♠  
4♦ 4♠

Opening lead — five of diamonds.  
Declarer may sometimes be able to disguise his overall plan of play, but on most occasions it should be easy for the defenders to see exactly what he is trying to do.

Assume you're East, defending against four spades, and your partner leads the five of diamonds. Declarer wins with dummy's ace and promptly ruffs a diamond. At this point, you should say to yourself that

South appears to be laying the groundwork for an endplay, since there can be no other good reason for him to trump a diamond at trick two.

South then draws two rounds of trumps and leads the jack of clubs from dummy. When you duck, your partner wins with the king and returns the club four. Declarer takes your seven with the nine, cashes the ace of clubs, enters dummy with a trump and returns a low heart.

It is not difficult to deduce at this stage what declarer is planning to do. He has clearly gone out of his way to eliminate all the clubs and diamonds from both his own hand and the dummy, and is now obviously hoping to endplay your distinguished partner.

Ordinarily, you would follow low to the heart lead, but under the given circumstances, you should play the queen. If you do, declarer loses three heart tricks and goes down one.

But if you fail to play the queen — blindly following the general rule of second-hand low — South is sure to make the contract. He will simply cover your seven with the nine, forcing West to win and return a heart or yield a ruff-and-discard. Either way, South finishes with 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Two wrongs make a right.

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# Lady Steers down Greenwood



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The Lady Steers' Erin Pollard passes the ball to a teammate during Tuesday's road victory over the Greenwood Rangerettes. Big Spring — who is ranked No. 18 in the state — will host No. 1 ranked Wylie for the second time this season Friday.

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — The Lady Steers volleyball squad had to battle the scrappy Rangerettes through five sets, but came away with another District 4-3A win after defeating Greenwood by scores of 25-27, 25-21, 21-25, 25-22 and 15-10.

**Individual statistics —**

**Setters:** Morgan Seaton: 25 assists, 5 kills, 3 aces, 6 digs, 2 blocks; Julianna Rodriguez: 12 assists, 2 kills, 5 digs; Kinsey Wash: 5 assists.

**Offense:** Ebony Zavala: 11 kills, 1 assist, 1 ace, 14 digs, 1 block; Clara Benavides: 11 kills, 1 assist, 1 ace, 16 digs, 1 block.

**Defense:** Carson Reibe: 14 digs, 2 kills, 1 assist.

Big Spring now boasts a 24-12 overall record with a 5-1 district record, having lost only to No. 1 ranked Abilene Wylie. The Lady Steers — who are ranked at No. 18 in the state — will have a chance to avenge their loss to the Lady Bulldogs on Friday.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

## Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

### Football

- \*Abilene Wylie (5-0) at Big Spring (5-0), Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- \*Forsan (4-2) at Haskell (3-3), 7:30 p.m.
- \*Stanton (2-3) at Coahoma (1-4), Bulldog Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- \*Grady (4-2) at Garden City (1-5), 7:30 p.m.
- \*Sands (4-2) at Klondike (4-2), 7:30 p.m.

### Volleyball

- \*Abilene Wylie (5-0) at Big Spring (5-1), varsity, freshmen, 5 p.m.; J.V., 6:30 p.m.

\*Denotes district game

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

## Sandusky heads to prison, but scandal at PSU persists

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) — Headed to prison for the rest of his life, Jerry Sandusky leaves behind a trail of human and legal wreckage that could take years to clear away.

Victims face a lifetime of healing. Penn State is laboring under severe NCAA penalties. And at least four civil lawsuits have been filed against a university shamed by scandal, with more likely to come.

If Sandusky felt any remorse or pity for anyone but himself, he didn't show it at his sentencing Tuesday. Instead, speaking in court for the first time since his arrest last No-

vember, the former Penn State assistant football coach delivered a disjointed and defiant monologue in which he denied committing "disgusting acts" against children and cast himself as the victim.

Sitting behind him were the actual victims — the young men who testified that Sandusky serially molested them when they were children, using his position of influence and authority to gain their trust and then violate their innocence.

"I am troubled with flashbacks of his naked body, something that will never be erased from my memo-

ry," said a victim who was 13 when Sandusky lured him into a Penn State shower and forced him to touch the ex-coach. Another victim told Sandusky he suffered from "deep painful wounds that you caused and had been buried in the garden of my heart for many years."

Sandusky, 68, was sentenced to at least 30 years in prison for sexually abusing 10 boys, a scandal that brought disgrace to Penn State and triggered the downfall of his former boss, Hall of Fame coach Joe Paterno.

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## For Rangers, strong season, bitter finish

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington knows one thing he'd change if he could: He'd make sure his everyday players got more rest during the season.

Or they might still be playing, and not already several days into what will be a long offseason.

"I could have looked at not having all my regulars play as many games as they played," Washington said Tuesday. "I think if I could have changed that, and got them some opportunity to get more rest, they'd be much fresher as we went down the stretch. It could have been a difference. I question myself for that."

After going to the last two World Series, Texas failed to win even one game this October. They lost 10 of their last 14 overall, including a sweep at Oakland to end the regular season before losing Friday to Baltimore in the first win-or-go-home AL wild-card card.

Not counting the postseason game, Texas had seven players who appeared in at least 147 games. Adrian Beltre, the 33-year-old third baseman who

just finished his 15th major league season, was among five Rangers who played in at least 156 games.

"Maybe I played them into the ground," Washington said.

The Rangers, who won 93 games, face some significant changes in their roster since eight players will be eligible for free agency.

The most notable is slugger Josh Hamilton, and general manager Jon Daniels said Tuesday that the team is "not going to make a kind of pre-emptive proposal at this point." The two sides put negotiations on hold earlier this year with the expectation that Hamilton would test the free-agent market.

"I think that effectively what we decided internally and agreed on with Josh and his representatives during the spring was that was the process," Daniels said. "We're going to let it play out. If you put yourself in his shoes, if you've got this far, you're going to test the market, find out

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## Usain Bolt says he may try soccer

TOKYO (AP) — Soccer may be in Usain Bolt's future.

The Olympic great said Wednesday he might try his hand at the global game once he retires from the track.

"I have said I wanted to try football," said Bolt, the world-record holder at both 100 and 200 meters. "I always wanted to try to play soccer. Maybe at the end of my career. It would be something that I would love to try."

"I watch it on TV and see these guy plays. I play it all the time with my friends. I played childhood matches in Jamaica and I did well. I think it is something I would like to try to do."

Two days after saying he would like to defend his 100 and 200 meter titles at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the 26-year-old Bolt said he may still branch out to other track events.

"To find something else to strive toward," he said. "I could always try the 400 meters — which I don't want to do. I could try to run faster over both my events. I could try another event, maybe the long jump or the 400 meters. There are a few things I would like to try in sports."

## Texan Cushing out for season

HOUSTON (AP) — Linebacker Brian Cushing is out for the season with a torn left knee ligament, leaving the unbeaten Houston Texans without their top tackler and one of their emotional leaders.

Cushing was hurt in the second quarter of the Texans' 23-17 win over the New York Jets on a low block by guard Matt Slauson. Cushing walked off the field on his own, but didn't return.

Coach Gary Kubiak said Tuesday that Cushing has a torn anterior cruciate ligament and will need surgery in two to three weeks, after the swelling subsides. Cushing was leading Houston in tackles (38) before Monday night's game.

## Pachall leaving TCU to enter rehab

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Suspended TCU quarterback Casey Pachall is leaving school for the rest of the semester and entering an inpatient rehabilitation facility.

Coach Gary Patterson made the announcement Tuesday, five days after the junior starter was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving in his second brush with the law in the past eight months.

"Hopefully, what our plan is that he (Pachall) gets himself right and keeps the door open for us as far as an opportunity for him to be able to come back here and enroll in the spring," Patterson said. "He would be able to graduate in two semesters, which is the ultimate goal for us. Also, we'd get a great kid and also a good quarterback back."

Pachall threw for 948 yards with 10 touchdowns and one interception in TCU's first four games this season.



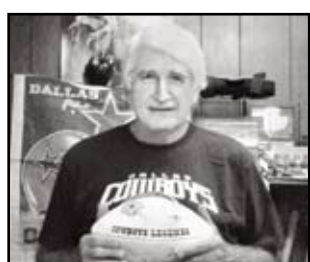
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**Rules:** Find this week's games between the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choices. The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50. You must be 18 to enter. *No Photo Copies Accepted.* In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. For the tie breaker, the entry with the correct team will win. If both entries have guessed the same team, the second tie breaker will be the one closest to the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees and family of *The Big Spring Herald* are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. Winners will be announced in the *Big Spring Herald* the Wednesday following the games.

### Pigskin Picks Entry Form

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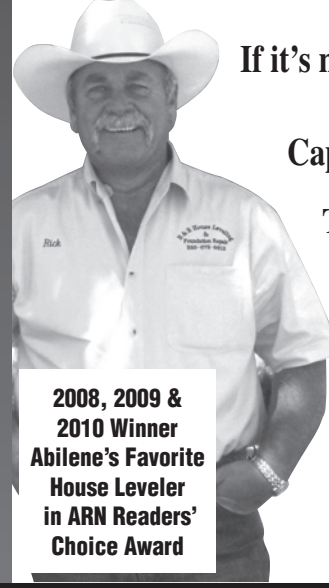
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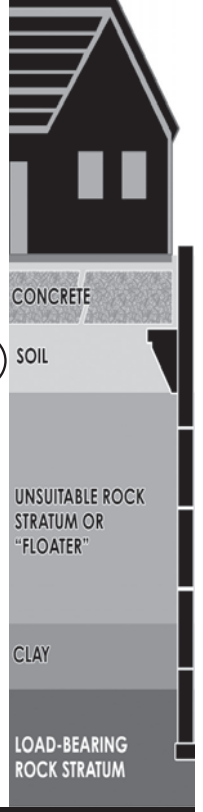
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/Grayburg formation. Steelsk SWD Well Number #1. The proposed disposal well is located 10 miles South of Garden City in the Spraberry (Trend Area), in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2200 to 5000 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792). #7540 October 10, 2012

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ACKERLY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**  
The City of Ackerly is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a 2013-2014 Texas Community Development Block grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$350,000.00 for water system improvements in Ackerly. The application is available for review at the City Hall during regular business hours.

Mayor  
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The City of Forsan is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a 2013-2014 Texas Community Development Block grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$350,000.00 for water system improvements in Forsan. The application is available for review at the City Hall during regular business hours.

Mayor  
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PET TALK

Feline Hyperthyroidism: Symptoms and Treatments

Is your middle-aged cat experiencing increased thirst, appetite, and urination? Is your furry friend losing weight or has a change in behavior? If so, your family cat may have hyperthyroidism.

This common disease is caused by an overproduction of thyroid hormones, called T3 and T4, due to dysfunction of the thyroid glands in the cat's neck.

There are two of these glands, on either side of the windpipe. Both glands are usually affected, but this is not always the case.

The symptoms mentioned previously are not the only signs of hyperthyroidism; other symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, and a matted or greasy coat.

These signs start slowly and many owners may not initially realize that something is wrong, said Dr. Audrey Cook, associate professor at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM).

"A drop in body weight is often the first clue that a cat is suffering from hyperthyroidism, which is one of the reasons why regular vet visits are so important in older cats," Cook said.

If a cat starts exhibiting the symptoms of hyperthyroidism, a trip to the veterinarian will confirm the diagnosis. The veterinarian will perform a physical examination, which will include careful examination of the neck. An enlarged thyroid gland may be palpated, but a normal exam does not rule out the possibility of hyperthyroidism. To confirm the disease, the animal's thyroid hormone level will be checked through blood work.

Since thyroid hormones affect most organs in the body, it is important to test a cat for the disease if it is suspected. If left untreated, secondary problems can arise such as the heart enlargement, with an elevated heart rate. Another problem resulting from untreated hyperthyroidism is hypertension, or high blood pressure. Both hypertension and heart disease caused by hyperthyroidism will resolve with proper treatment of the thyroid disease.

"Left untreated, the cardiac complications related to hyperthyroidism can be life-

threatening," Cook said.

Hyperthyroidism can be treated three ways: medication, radioactive-iodine, or surgery.

Traditionally, medication is the main way to treat the disease. For this option, an anti-thyroid medication is given to decrease the amount of the hormones released from the thyroid glands. This is relatively inexpensive, but the drug must be given once or twice daily for the rest of the cat's life. Also, side effects can include vomiting, anemia, lethargy and bone marrow suppression.

"Some owners have a hard time getting the medication in to their cat," Cook said. "We can get it reformulated in to a liquid if this is easier, and sometimes we use a product that is rubbed into the ear and absorbed that way."

Radioactive-iodine therapy is becoming increasingly popular when dealing with hyperthyroidism in cats. For this long-term treatment, the cat is injected with the radioactive iodine, which destroys the tissue of the overactive thyroid gland. Although this procedure is usually very effective, it is more expensive and requires the cat being confined to the hospital while the radioactivity decreases.

"This is one of the best ways to treat this disease, and the choice I made for my own cat when she was hyperthyroid," Cook said.

Surgical removal of the thyroid gland(s) is another option available for this disease.

Although the long-term success rate is good, there is a risk of damage to the parathyroid glands, located close to the thyroid gland. The parathyroid gland is responsible for maintaining proper calcium blood levels.

"We usually only recommend surgery if the gland is cancerous, which is very rare, or if medication or radiation are not a suitable choice," Cook said.

A veterinarian can help determine which treatment option is best for your animal. In general, the prognosis for a cat with hyperthyroidism is good. After treatment, long-term monitoring of the thyroid levels will help ensure the cat continues to live a happy life.

**ABOUT PET TALK**  
Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.

Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have a 20-year-old daughter, "Brianna." We pay for her private college tuition, as well as all of her expenses.

In August, Brianna was invited for a weeklong trip to Hawaii with her boyfriend's family. She decided to go without discussing it with us. We had made plans to get her a new apartment that week so she could move in prior to classes starting, and she totally blew us off.

I am so hurt by this. It seems disrespectful to us and to the commitment she has as a daughter. I have communicated very little with her since she left for school. How can I let her know this behavior is unacceptable?

I am also disappointed in her boyfriend, who has known us long enough to be more sensitive to our family. What should I do? — A Mom

**Dear Mom:** Yes, it was rude that Brianna did not discuss the change in plans with you, but she is trying to assert her independence, and we recommend you let her.

That means she should make more of her own decisions, and you need to stop paying for them. If Brianna receives a free trip to Hawaii and blows off apartment hunting, let her handle her own living arrangements. Don't do it for her or fret that she won't have a place to live. She'll manage. Let her find a part-time job to pay for

things you don't want to finance. Help her become a responsible, mature adult instead of a dependent child. You'll be grateful later.

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon in Leo is a showoff, an exaggerator and an occasional liar, but only when those lies make people laugh or keep them in suspense. The trine of Saturn and Neptune offers a warning to the Leo moon: The relationship between creativity and congratulations can be a precarious one. Too much of one sometimes ruins the other.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As you try to deal exclusively with a current circumstance, someone else is intent on bringing up the past in what appears to be a patently unhelpful way.

**CONFLICT resolution** will depend on an unemotional approach. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Regarding certain teachings that have been passed to you, you seriously doubt the correctness of your parents and other ancestors. And yet you respect them enough to carry out the tradition in some small way today.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Wishing someone else happiness is a kind of gift. That the gift can't be seen doesn't lessen its value, especially considering today's relationship between your guiding planet and Pluto.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll have to work hard at something — i.e., you'll have to commit, challenge yourself and change in some way. You're ready for this, and so the work will be pleasure, too.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in the know in every way you need to be. When the facts aren't on the tip of your tongue, you'll have them at your fingertips. Share judiciously with only those who ask.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you can't say what the meaning of something is, does that make it any less meaningful? You will have a strong feeling and a connection to a physical item. It's OK to be unsure as to why.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will find it easy to focus on what you want and ignore what you don't, namely because what you want will be in full bloom in front of you, shiny, enticing and overshadowing all else.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll put your family first, and this will shape your day. There will still be a small amount of time to devote to a project, and you'll succeed best following a step-by-step plan.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You enjoy studying nature and will find it interesting, beautiful, unnerving and forever insistent that there is always more to be discovered.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Those who believe in the power of serendipity seem to experience a greater number of fateful encounters than others. But even if you don't believe, today's instance of kismet is undeniably remarkable.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may feel happy to go along with things the way they are, but a seemingly small incident this afternoon makes it impossible to do so. This shapes the future you in some small way.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You adore another person and want to give everything you have to the relationship. You do not wish to be dependent on the other person for anything, though, not even for love.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 10). You'll like who enters your world this year, attracted by your remarkable drive. Stay aware. You'll follow a subtle signal to a major opportunity next month. You fit right in with a fun crowd, and by December, you'll be leading it. Your investment in education pays you back in May and again in July. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 3, 23, 18 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "For years I was a driven person. Then I got married, had two children and woke up one day to find that my drive was gone. Now I want to get back into the workforce, but I am not the same person. I don't know what I want to do, and I don't feel motivated by anything except the fact that we need the money. I love my family, but for some reason, the loss of my former self is devastating to me these days. What advice do you have for a Capricorn who doesn't act like one?"

Your ruling planet, Saturn, is in an excellent position to dreamy Neptune until November 2, making this a perfect time to explore. Answer these questions: Who do you envy? It could be someone you know, or even someone famous or dead. Who do you like? Who do you wish you could be more like? What piece of work do you wish you had contributed to the world? As you study and revel in the lives and accomplishments of others, you will get closer to unearthing a passion. Also, know that it's normal to mourn who you used to be, but don't dwell there. Someday you'll mourn the person you are now, too.

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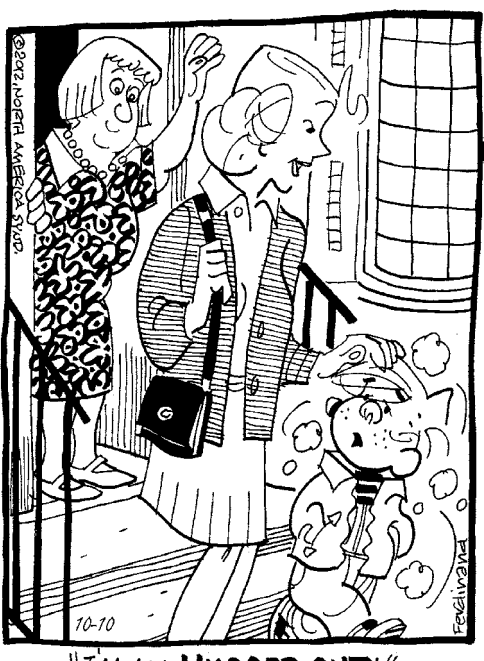
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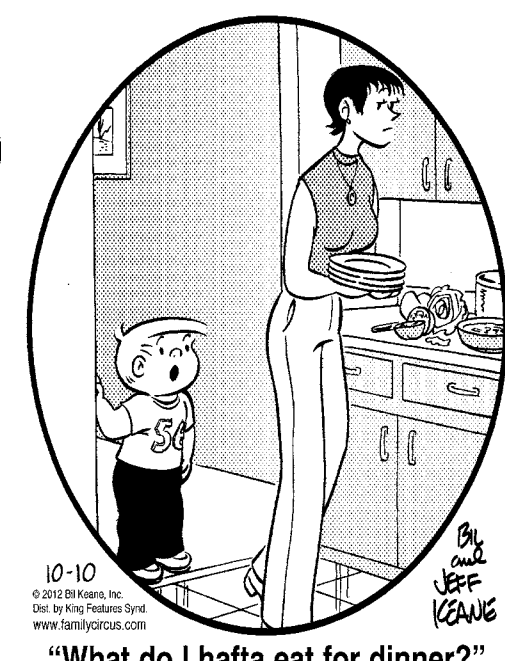


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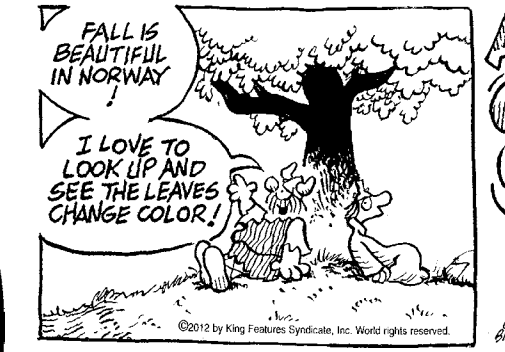
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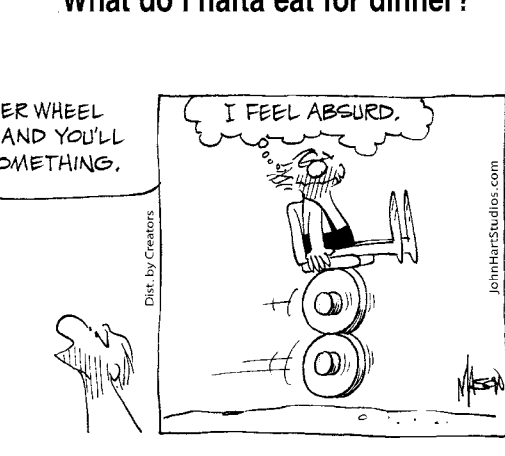
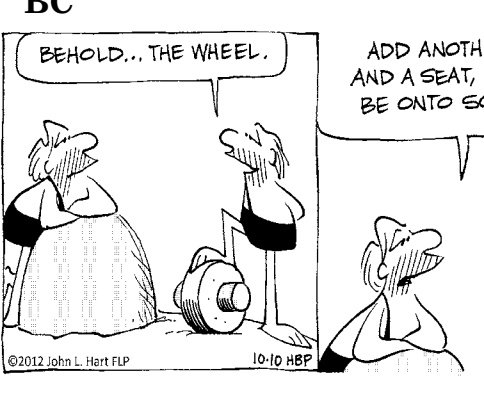
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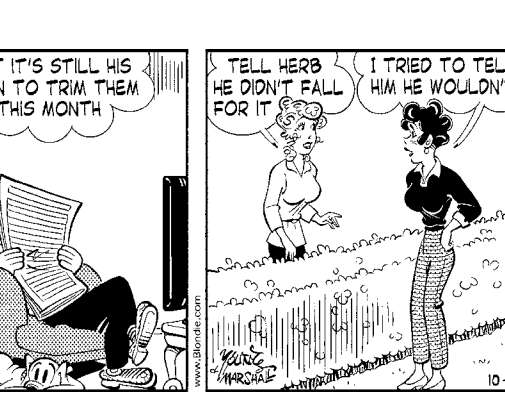
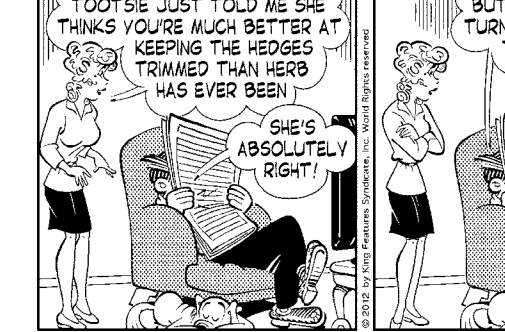
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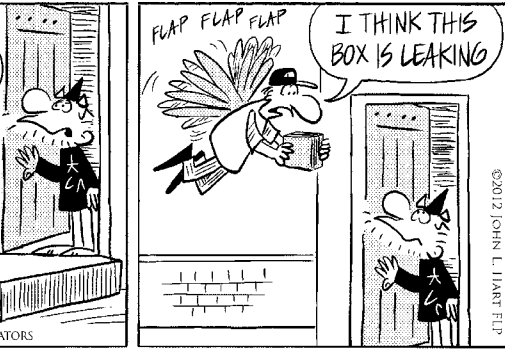
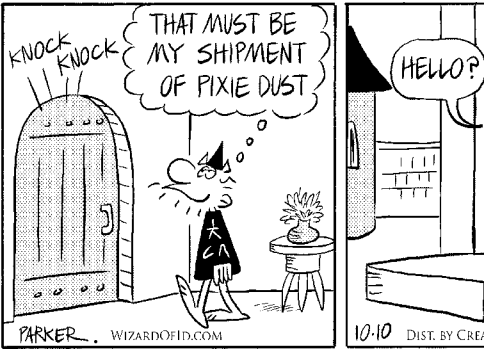
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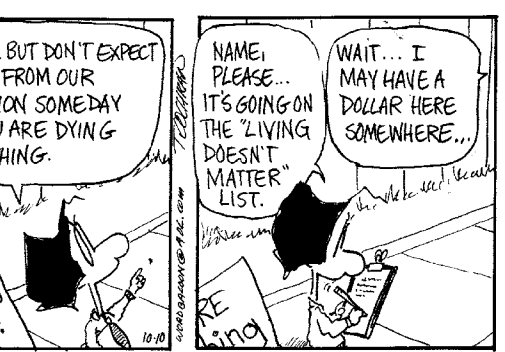
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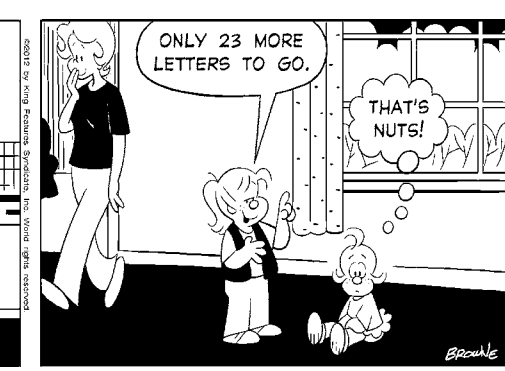
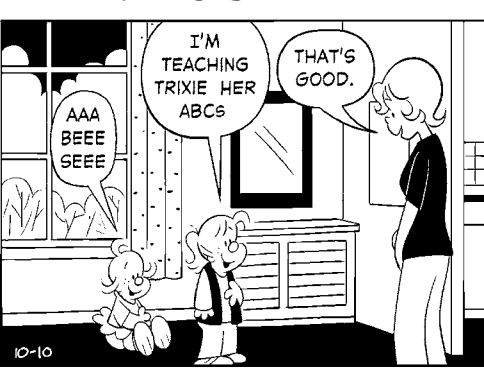
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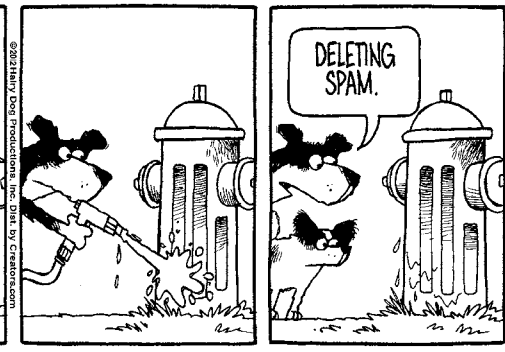
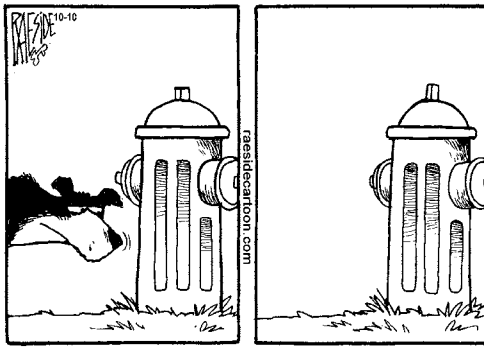
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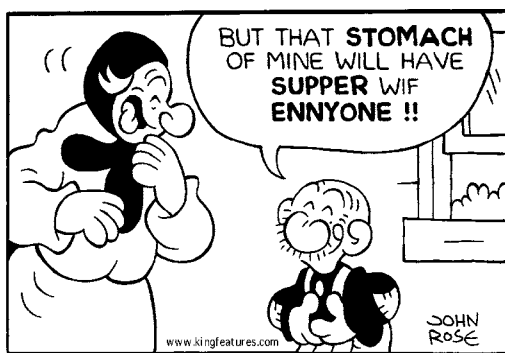
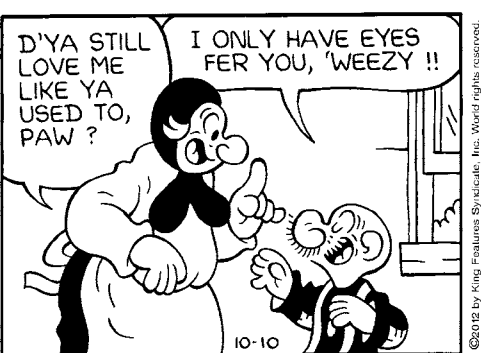
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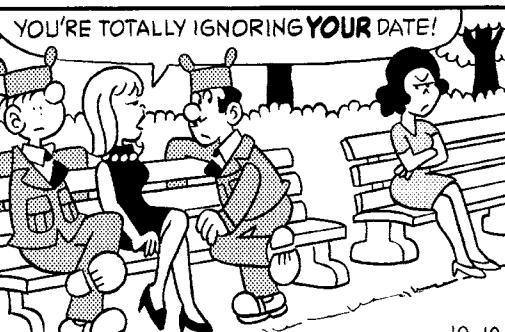
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**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 10, the 284th day of 2012. There are 82 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 10, 1962, President John F. Kennedy, responding to the Thalidomide birth defects crisis, signed an amendment to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act requiring pharmaceutical companies to prove that their products were safe and effective prior to marketing.

On this date:

In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy was established in Annapolis, Md.

In 1911, Chinese revolutionaries launched an uprising which led to the collapse of the Qing (or Manchu) Dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China. California voters approved Proposition 4, giving women the right to vote, and Proposition 7, which established the initiative process for proposing and enacting new

laws.

In 1913, the Panama Canal was effectively completed as President Woodrow Wilson sent a signal from the White House by telegraph, setting off explosives that destroyed a section of the Gamboa dike.

In 1935, the George Gershwin opera "Porgy and Bess," featuring an all-black cast, opened on Broadway; it ran for 124 performances.

In 1938, Nazi Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland (soo-DAYT'-uh-land).

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologized to the finance minister of Ghana, Komla Agbeli Gbedemah, after the official was refused seating in a Howard Johnson's restaurant near Dover, Del.

In 1967, the Outer Space Treaty, prohibiting the placing of weapons of mass destruction on the moon or elsewhere in space, entered into force.

In 1970, Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte was kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. (Laporte's

body was found a week later.)

Fiji became independent after nearly a century of British rule.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

In 1982, Father Maximilian Kolbe, who died in the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp, was canonized by Pope John Paul II.

In 1985, U.S. fighter jets forced an Egyptian plane carrying the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) to land in Italy, where the gunmen were taken into custody.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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## Players lash out at new bounty discipline

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jonathan Vilma, Will Smith and the NFL players union left little doubt they remain determined to challenge Commissioner Roger Goodell's authority to suspend players in connection with the league's bounty investigation of the New Orleans Saints.

Goodell ruled Tuesday that Vilma, a linebacker, would remain suspended for the season, while Smith, a defensive end, still would face a four-game ban. The two players, among four who've been wrangling for months with the league, scoffed at the commissioner's latest decision.

Vilma said on Twitter that the

new ruling "is not news to me pride won't let him admit he's wrong." Smith issued a statement saying he will continue to explore his appeal options.

Vilma's attorney, Peter Ginsberg, said in a statement that Goodell's new ruling "continues his previous grossly misplaced interpretation of the 'evidence.' What the Commissioner did today is not justice, nor just. The suspension has the fingerprints of lawyers trying to fit a square peg into a round hole."

The stakes are now somewhat lower for defensive tackle Anthony Hargrove and Cleveland linebacker Scott Fujita. Hargrove's

suspension effectively stands at two games after Goodell reduced his eight-game ban to seven and gave him credit for five games missed while he was a free agent. Goodell lowered Fujita's suspension from three games to one.

Hargrove and Fujita did not respond to requests for comment, but the NFL Players Association, which has been representing them, remained critical of Goodell's decision to punish the players and the process by which he reached his decisions.

"For more than six months, the NFL has ignored the facts,

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## NASCAR tests '13 cars

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — NASCAR is having its first multi-car test with the 2013 Sprint Cup models and new aero package.

The two-day test at Texas started Tuesday, with 100 pounds removed off the right side and 60 pounds off the left side of the cars.

It is also part of a test with Goodyear tires built specifically for the new cars to optimize grip.

Robin Pemberton, NASCAR vice presi-

dent of competition, says the cars were built to get more mechanical grip and reduce the aero dependency.

Juan Pablo Montoya was "happily surprised" with the reduced downforce. He says the car slid around a little bit, but wasn't unpredictable and didn't do anything strange.

The new Cup cars for Chevrolet, Ford and Toyota look more like their passenger car counterparts.

## SCANDAL

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While the criminal case against Sandusky is over, the fallout will persist. With Penn State facing enormous civil liability, the university has said it wants to "privately, expeditiously and fairly" settle with Sandusky's victims.

Ben Androozzi, an attorney for one of them, said Tuesday the university will need to do more: "It's important they understand before we get into serious discussions about money, that there are other, noneconomic issues. We need apologies. We need changes in policy. This isn't just about money."

An investigation commissioned by Penn State

and led by former FBI Director Louis Freeh concluded that Paterno and other top officials covered up allegations against Sandusky for more than a decade to avoid bad publicity.

After the report came out last summer, the NCAA fined Penn State a record \$60 million, barred the football team from postseason play for four years, cut the number of scholarships it can award, and erased 14 years of victories for Paterno, stripping him of his standing as the winningest coach in the history of big-time college football.

Two university administrators, Gary Schultz and Tim Curley, are awaiting trial in January on charges they failed to properly report suspicions about

Sandusky and lied to the grand jury that investigated him.

Given the chance to speak before learning his sentence, Sandusky chose to focus on himself.

"In my heart I did not do these alleged disgusting acts," he said.

He described instances in which he helped children and did good works in the community, adding: "I've forgiven, I've been forgiven. I've comforted others, I've been comforted. I've been kissed by dogs, I've been bit by dogs. I've conformed, I've also been different. I've been me. I've been loved, I've been hated."

About the only thing that didn't come out of his mouth was an

apology. Mental health professionals say it's not unusual for sex offenders to avoid taking responsibility, either in a bid to get out of legal trouble or because they're in psychological denial. Prosecutor Joe McGettigan dismissed Sandusky's comments as "a masterpiece of banal self-delusion, completely untethered from reality."

Sandusky had easy access to children through The Second Mile, the charity for troubled youths he founded in the 1970s. One question left unanswered is how many more possible victims have come forward since Sandusky's arrest last November — and how many have kept quiet.

Mitchell Garabedian, a Boston attorney who represents a 40-year-old man who says he was molested by Sandusky as a 16-year-old high school football player, said he believes Sandusky's pedophilia goes back decades, and urged the attorney general's office to consider another criminal prosecution.

"In all probability, he sexually molested hundreds of children over the course of decades," Garabedian said. "He was cunning, clever and conniving."

A spokesman for state Attorney General Linda Kelly declined comment on whether Sandusky could face additional charges, citing an ongoing grand jury investigation. But the statute

of limitations would likely bar prosecutors from going after Sandusky for older crimes. Current Pennsylvania law allows them to file charges until a child victim's 50th birthday — but only for cases involving victims born Aug. 27, 1984 or later.

With Sandusky's lawyers preparing an appeal of his conviction and sentence, it might be wise for prosecutors to line up additional alleged victims — but only if they are willing to go through a high-profile trial, said Kristen Houser of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.

"This case looks like it's over as of today, but you never know where things will take a turn," she said.

## RANGERS

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what's out there. I think that's understandable."

The Rangers were division leaders for a majors-best 178 games this season, taking the AL West lead four games into the season and staying there alone until they were caught by Oakland in the 161st game. They then lost the division crown on the final day of the regular season, 12-5 to the A's after having a 5-1 lead.

That made the Rangers a wild card, and they lost 5-1 at home to Baltimore on Friday night.

"Bottom line it was a very good year, it was a very disappointing finish," Daniels said.

"I think we're all on the same page that we want to build on that and get back to where we want to be, which is contending year in, year out for a world championship."

That was the consensus feeling among team president Nolan Ryan, Daniels and Washington during a season-ending news conference, which came on the same day the Rangers would have been playing Game 3 of the AL division series had Texas won the AL West title.

Instead of batting practice at Rangers Ballpark, stadium workers were stripping away the grass in foul territory between the third-base line and the visitor dugout.

The Rangers payroll this year topped \$120 million. Ryan, who is also part of the team's ownership group, said there have been numerous discussions about team's budget for 2013 that will not be affected by the lack of revenue-generating home playoff games.

"Overall, we're prob-

ably all pretty much in agreement of where we're headed and how we're doing as organization," Ryan said, without getting into specifics. "I think that we all have thoughts and opinions on how we can improve our ballclub, and those will be expressed obviously during meetings going forward. But overall I think everybody's on the same page."

Aside from Hamilton and catcher Mike Napoli, the other potential free agents are pitchers.

Ryan Dempster came from the Chicago Cubs in a July 31 trade, and the Rangers will not pick up a \$9 million option on Scott Feldman, who will get a \$600,000 buyout instead. The others are relievers Mike Adams, Koji Uehara, Mark Lowe and Roy Oswalt, the three-time All-Star added midseason who wound up in the bullpen after Dempster was acquired.

Hamilton hit a career-high 43 homers and drove in 128 runs but was lustily booed by Rangers fans while going 0-for-4 against the Orioles, the same team he hit four homers against on May 8.

There was also the dropped routine popup in the regular-season finale, a two-out tiebreaking miscue that allowed the A's to score two runs and go ahead to stay. He missed five games on a September trip because of a cornea problem he said was caused by too much caffeine and energy drinks.

"Obviously I think Josh probably would have liked to finish stronger and we would have liked to see him finish stronger," Ryan said. "Will it impact our position as far as going forward? No, I don't think so."

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**BOUNTIES**

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and failed to produce evidence that the players intended to injure anyone, ever," the said in a written statement. "The only evidence that exists is the League's gross violation of fair

due process, transparency and impartiality during this process. Truth and fairness have been the casualties of the league's refusal to admit that it might have made a mistake."

The players were implicated in what the NFL said was a bounty pool run by former Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams and paid improper cash bonuses for hits that injured opponents. The players have acknowledged a pool, but denied they intended to injure

anyone.

Williams, now with St. Louis, has been suspended indefinitely. Saints head coach Sean Payton is serving a full season suspension, while general manager Mickey Loomis is suspended eight games and assistant head coach Joe Vitt six. The Saints, a playoff team the past three seasons, have opened this season 1-4.

The players can delay their new suspensions by appealing again through their labor contract. They could also

ask a federal judge in New Orleans to revisit their earlier request for an injunction blocking the suspensions.

Goodell, meanwhile, stood by the substance of the investigation that began three years ago.

The panel that vacated Goodell's initial disciplinary decision did not address the merits of the league's investigation. It asked Goodell to clarify the extent to which his ruling involved conduct detrimental to the game, which he has the sole authority to handle, and salary cap violations resulting from bonus payments, which would have to be ruled upon by an arbitrator other than the commissioner.

"In my recent meetings with the players and their counsel, the players addressed the allegations and had an opportunity to tell their side of the story," Goodell wrote. "In those meetings, the players confirmed many of the key facts disclosed in our investigation, most particularly that the program offered cash rewards for 'cart-offs,' that players were encouraged to 'crank up the John Deere tractor' and have their opponents carted off the field, and that rewards were offered and paid for plays that resulted in players having to leave the field of play."

Only Smith and Fujita have played this season. Vilma has been recovering from offseason knee surgery and hopes to return in two weeks when the Saints play at Tampa Bay. Goodell's new ruling did make a financial concession to the Saints linebacker, saying he can be paid for the six weeks he is spending on the Saints' physically unable to perform list.

In a written statement, Smith said he remained frustrated "with the continued unilateral rulings by this commissioner as he continues to disregard the facts and assault my character."

"I never participated in a 'pay-to-injure program,' never took the field with intent to injure another player, and never contributed any money to hurt other players," Smith said. "It was my hope that those investigating would put their arrogance and agenda aside in order to comprehend the difference between a 'pay-for-performance program' and a 'pay-to-injure program,' but until that day, I will continue to pursue my appeal options through the NFLPA, and attempt to return to work for my family, teammates, fans and the city of New Orleans."


The players declined to meet with Goodell before he made his initial disciplinary rulings in early May or during the first appeal process.

"Commissioner Goodell has further damaged Jonathan's reputation, compromised his career, and cast an unfair cloud over a fine and decent man," Ginsberg said. "It is unfortunate that the process exhibited by the NFL has had no decency."

Vilma has indicated previously that he would be inclined to continue fighting his suspension before U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan. The judge has stated that she found the NFL's disciplinary process unfair and that she would be inclined to grant Vilma at least a temporary restraining order if she believed she had jurisdiction on the matter.

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