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## Heaters needed at Sally

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

As Crossroads residents turn up the heat and try to keep warm, the local Salvation Army is urging residents to think of the less fortunate.

Bessie Flores, social worker for the local Salvation Army, said the weather — from the heat of summer to the freezing winters — poses a very real problem for many low income residents, a problem that can turn deadly.

"Most people don't think anything of adjusting their thermostat. Whether it's a bit too cold or warm, you just give it a bump and you're ready to go," Flores said. "However, there are many low-income residents and families in the Howard County and Big Spring area who don't have that luxury."

"In the summer, they have to fight back the heat with fans, and, in the winter, they use space heaters and anything else they can find to keep their homes warm enough to live in. It's not something most of us want to think about, but it happens everyday."

Flores said the Salvation Army is holding a heater and blanket drive to gather space heaters and other items families can use to warm their homes and stave off the frigid temperatures this winter.

"We seem to go from sweltering heat to freezing cold in the blink of an eye here in West Texas," Flores said. "Many of these families can barely put food on their table. There's just no way they can afford something like a space heater."

Flores said donations can be made in the form of new or used heaters — although they do need to be in good working order — or monetary donations so the local charity can purchase the heaters and

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HERALD file photo

**There are always some colorful entries in the Herald Community Christmas Parade, set this year for Dec. 1. Deadline to enter the parade and still be eligible for prizes is Friday.**

## Community Christmas Parade plans are being finalized now

**Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Friday.**

### Herald Staff Report

Remember those tales mom and dad use to read to you at bedtime? It's time to recreate them for the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, themed "A Storybook Christmas."

The parade is Saturday, Dec. 1, but the deadline to enter and be eligible for prizes is Friday — as in tomorrow.

Entries will be judged in the following categories: Individual or family; civic group, church or school; commercial; industrial; and mounted.

The entry judged Best of Show (for best interpretation of the parade theme) will be awarded \$100. The Publisher's Award will bestow \$75 for the entry that exhibits the best use of lighting. And the Grand Marshal's Award and \$50 will be given to the entry with best costuming.

Entry forms are available at the Herald office and in most issues of the newspaper.

Keep in mind, you don't have to have an entry ready by Friday; you just need to let the Herald know you plan to participate and in what category. This is done early so the parade runs smoothly. It takes a dozen or more Herald and community volunteers to put the parade together, handle the judging, etc.

The parade, which first wound its

way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade.

Plans call for the route to begin lining up on side streets as it has traditionally done. The procession will begin at the intersection of 24th and Gregg Streets, proceed north on Gregg to Eighth Street, turn east one block before turning north past the Herald building (where the judges will be) and proceeding to Heart of the City Park on Scurry Street.

The parade is to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Dathan Jones, executive director of the Big Spring YMCA, will serve as parade grand marshal.

For more information, contact the Herald at 263-7331.

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## BP gets record fine in oil spill

*Two employees face manslaughter charges in oil rig explosion*

**MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**  
 The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Oil giant BP has agreed to pay the largest criminal penalty in U.S. history, totaling billions of dollars, for the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, a person familiar with the deal said Thursday.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record about the deal, also said two BP PLC employees face manslaughter charges over the death of 11 people in the explosion of the Deepwater Ho-

rizon oil rig that triggered the massive spill.

The person said BP will plead guilty to obstruction for lying to Congress about how much oil was pouring out of the ruptured well. The person declined to say exactly how much the fine in the billions of dollars would be.

The Deepwater Horizon rig, 50 miles off the Louisiana coast, sank after the April 20, 2010, explosion. The well on the sea floor spewed an estimated 206 million gallons of crude oil, soiling sensitive tidal estuaries and beaches, killing wildlife and shutting vast areas of the Gulf to com-

mercial fishing.

The spill exposed lax government oversight and led to a temporary ban on deep-water drilling while officials and the oil industry studied the risks, worked to make it safer and developed better disaster plans.

BP's environmentally-friendly image was tarnished, and independent gas station owners who fly the BP flag claimed they lost business from customers who were upset over the spill. BP chief executive Tony Hayward stepped down after the company's repeated gaffes, including his statement at the

height of the crisis: "I'd like my life back."

The cost of BP's spill far surpassed the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989. Exxon ultimately settled with the U.S. government for \$1 billion, which would be about \$1.8 billion today.

The government and plaintiffs' attorneys also sued Transocean Ltd., the rig's owner, and cement contractor Halliburton, but a string of pretrial rulings by a federal judge undermined BP's legal strategy to pin blame on them.

At the time of the explosion

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# Obituaries

## Glen E. Davis



Glen E. Davis, 64, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, in a Lubbock hospital. At his request, his body was donated to medical science. Memorial services will be held in conjunction with his father, O.A. Davis, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 16, 1948, in Brownwood, Texas. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1965. He resided in Plano for a number of years before returning to Big Spring. He worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 30 years.

He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

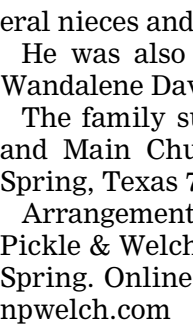
Survivors include his father, O.A. Davis of Big Spring; two sisters, Joann Davis of Lubbock and Janet Hilbers and husband Don of Idalou; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his mother, Wandalene Davis; and a great-great-niece.

The family suggests memorials be made to 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## O.A. Davis



O.A. Davis, 90, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at his daughters home in Lubbock. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born April 29, 1922, in Brown County, Texas, and married Wandalene Witty on June 11, 1948, in Coleman, Texas. She preceded him in death Sept. 9, 2008.

He grew up in Brown County and served in the United States Army during World War II. He came to Big Spring in 1950 and worked as a cook at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 35 years.

He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Joann Davis of Lubbock and Janet Hilbers and husband Don of Idalou; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one son, Glen Davis; one great-great-granddaughter; and by seven brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Frankie D. Chandler

Frankie D. Chandler, 67, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at his residence. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born Jan. 27, 1945, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Pauline (Tolls) and I.D. Chandler. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a Little Debbie Distributer for many years.

He is survived by two daughters, Kerri Thompson and husband Billy of North Richland Hills and Angela Fillpot and husband Jay of Fort Worth; one brother, Larry Chandler of Big Spring; two sisters, Wanda Howell and Mary Jo Chaney, both of Dallas; three grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

# Police blotter

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

- **SAMMY HERNANDEZ LIMON**, 30, of 1 Courtney Place, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- **MICHAEL SHANE ALLEN**, 38, of 3701 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **JASON LYNN NICHOLS**, 30, of Palestine, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- **TERELL HOUSTON**, 20, of 2609 Hunter, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **PIERRE JEAN GORDON**, 22, of 2638 Langley,

was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- **LEON DETRICK EDDINGTON**, 33, of 411 N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ**, 18, of 1501 Lincoln, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor (two counts) and possession of alcohol by a minor.
- **CHERYL ANN WILLIAMS**, 53, of 9604 Gail Highway, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- **BRANDON C. HAMNER**, 34, of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported: In the 4100 block of Dixon. In the 600 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.

# Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MELISSA DAWN CROW**, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of tampering with government records to defraud/harm.
- **CHERYL ANN WILLIAMS**, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on an Austin parole warrant.
- **LEON DETRICK EDDINGTON**, 33, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JASON LYNN NICHOLS**, 30, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on an Anderson County warrant for motion to revoke probation for enforcement support order.
- **TEREL DEVON HOUSTON**, 20, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **PIERRE JEAN GORDON**, 22, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III**, 18, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for minor in consumption of alcohol (two counts) and minor in possession of alcohol.
- **LARRY DALE KING**, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **BRANDON CLINTON HAMNER**, 34, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- **LAPAU ERIC SCAGGS**, 36, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on an indictment warrant for indecency with a child – sexual contact.

# Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of N.W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Avenue C. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Support Groups

**THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

**FRIDAY**

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

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 11/17	Sun 11/18	Mon 11/19	Tue 11/20	Wed 11/21
<b>67/48</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>71/52</b> Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>74/47</b> Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>72/48</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>73/49</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:45 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:44 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:19 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:44 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:43 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	67	48	pt sunny	Kingsville	75	57	pt sunny
Amarillo	64	42	windy	Livingston	68	38	pt sunny
Austin	67	46	pt sunny	Longview	63	38	sunny
Beaumont	69	43	sunny	Lubbock	64	43	pt sunny
Brownsville	76	60	pt sunny	Lufkin	69	40	mst sunny
Brownwood	68	45	pt sunny	Midland	68	49	cloudy
Corpus Christi	72	59	pt sunny	Raymondville	75	58	pt sunny
Corsicana	65	40	mst sunny	Rosenberg	70	45	mst sunny
Dallas	65	42	pt sunny	San Antonio	67	51	pt sunny
Del Rio	68	56	cloudy	San Marcos	68	45	pt sunny
El Paso	72	50	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	63	40	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	68	49	pt sunny	Sweetwater	65	48	pt sunny
Gainesville	63	39	pt sunny	Tyler	65	41	mst sunny
Greenville	63	38	mst sunny	Weatherford	64	40	mst sunny
Houston	70	45	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	65	41	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	40	sunny	Minneapolis	51	40	cloudy
Boston	48	34	sunny	New York	51	39	sunny
Chicago	51	34	pt sunny	Phoenix	76	53	sunny
Dallas	65	42	pt sunny	San Francisco	63	55	rain
Denver	58	35	mst sunny	Seattle	50	44	rain
Houston	70	45	pt sunny	St. Louis	57	34	sunny
Los Angeles	67	55	rain	Washington, DC	54	42	sunny
Miami	79	65	rain				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sat 11/17	Sun 11/18	Mon 11/19	Tue 11/20	Wed 11/21
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 11 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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# State briefs

## Dedication Friday for Houston park bike bridge

HOUSTON (AP) — If all 6 million of Hermann Park's annual visitors showed up at once, more than three people would occupy every square foot. An absurd scenario, to be sure, but still a testament to the popularity of central Houston's premier urban green space.

With its zoo, theatrical productions and proximity to art and science museums, Hermann Park, which will mark its centennial in 2014, may be the best-explored real estate in town.

Now, with Friday's dedication of the \$5 million Bill Coats Bike Bridge, visitors will, for the first time in decades, have easy access to 90 acres of parkland which may never have dreamed existed.

The land, flanking Brays Bayou and more or less in its natural state, will feature woodland trails, and, by next fall, a park for dogs. The site connects to a Brays Bayou pathway — part of the Harris County Flood Control District's \$535 million Project Brays — that eventually will follow the stream from Barker's Reservoir to the Houston Ship Channel.

"One thing our master plan is trying to achieve," Hermann Park Conservancy director Doreen Stoller said, "is to connect the wonderful formal center of the park with the more natural areas of bayou parkland. The bridge and its associated pedestrian underpass are the last two significant pieces to connect the park."

The 290-foot suspension bridge, designed by MC2, a Houston architectural firm, and named in honor of late Houston lawyer Coats, a park conservancy founder, features soaring, intersecting tubular arches reminiscent of bicycle wheels.

## Suspected illegal immigrants found in Houston van

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators say about two

dozen suspected illegal immigrants have been found packed into a van near a house in Houston.

Authorities say the individuals located early Thursday include adults and children. The immigrants were discovered by a Houston police officer who became suspicious about several people standing near the rental vehicle.

Officials with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials took custody of the immigrants. Further details were not immediately available.

## Houston man gets prison in human smuggling case

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A Houston man has been sentenced to more than six years in prison in a human smuggling case and wreck that left an illegal immigrant dead.

A federal judge in Corpus Christi on Wednesday sentenced 22-year-old Leonel Alvaro Abundis-Carreon. He pleaded guilty in August to conspiracy to transport 14 suspected illegal immigrants and to causing serious bodily injury to a person.

Border Patrol agents from Falfurrias (fal-FYOO'-ree-uhs) on Feb. 9 chased a pickup truck driven by Abundis-Carreon. Authorities say illegal immigrants were in the cab and the truck bed when the vehicle wrecked.

One passenger died. Several others were hurt. Abundis-Carreon must pay more than \$371,000 in total restitution to the family of the man who died and to several hospitals.

## Man to die for killing Houston girl, 15; boy, 3

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Condemned Texas prisoner Preston Hughes faces execution for the fatal stabbings of a teenage girl and her 3-year-old cousin in Houston 24 years ago.

The 46-year-old Hughes insists he's innocent of the slayings of 15-year-old Shandra Charles and her

cousin, Marcell Taylor.

Police say Charles was gravely wounded following the attack in a wooded field and told an officer at the scene that "Preston" had tried to rape her. Police went to a nearby apartment complex where Hughes was the only Preston among the residents. He'd already been on probation for sexual assault of a child.

Hughes and his attorneys had numerous appeals in the courts to block the punishment Thursday evening in Huntsville.

A San Antonio man was executed Wednesday evening for the 2001 rape-slaying of a woman.

## First ladies conference set at LBJ library

DALLAS (AP) — Barbara Pierce Bush and Jenna Bush Hager along with Steve Ford and Lynda Johnson Robb are set talk about life in the White House at a conference on first ladies that will be held Thursday at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in Austin.

The daylong conference is part of a series of presentations on first ladies presented by American University and the White House Historical Association that have been hosted by presidential libraries over the last two years.

"The Enduring Legacies of America's First Ladies" also will feature former first ladies Laura Bush and Barbara Bush, former White House staff members and historians.

Anita McBride, Laura Bush's chief of staff in the White House, says the series is a way to take a closer look at the role of the first lady. McBride, who is chairing the conferences, now teaches at American University.

Previous conferences have been hosted by the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station.

## HEATERS

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distribute them.

"Each heater costs an average of \$45," Flores said. "So, as you can imagine, they go pretty fast, especially when the

weather turns cold."

Flores said the heaters provide a second, very important purpose.

"When the temperature gets below freezing, people will do whatever they have to do to keep warm. It's not simply a matter of staying comfortable, it's a matter of

staying alive," she said. "Unfortunately, that sometimes leads people to very risky situations, such as using charcoal grills indoors or other heat sources without the proper ventilation.

"The carbon monoxide released by those heat sources can very

easily kill a person, or even an entire family. It can cause a house fire, as well, and then you have a family who already had very little left with nothing at all. Each of the heaters we provide will help people and families stay warm, but it can also do so

much more. In essence, it could help save lives and property."

For more information on the heater drive, contact Flores at 267-8239.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## BP

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sion, the Deepwater Horizon was drilling into BP's Macondo well. The rig sank two days later.

After several attempts failed, engineers finally were successful in capping the well on July 15, 2010, halting the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico after more than 85 days.

The disaster also created a new lexicon in American vocabulary — such as top kill and junk shot — as crews used innovative solutions to attempt to plug the spewing well with pieces of rubber. As people all over the world watched a live spill camera on the Internet and television, the Obama administration dealt with a political headache, in part because the government grossly underestimated how much crude was spilling into the Gulf.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier in New Orleans was assigned to oversee tens of thousands of court claims spawned by the explosion. A trial date was set, but Barbier postponed it so BP could hammer out a deal with attorneys for Gulf Coast

shrimpers, commercial fishermen, charter captains, property owners, environmental groups, restaurants, hotels and others who claim they suffered economic losses after the spill. Relatives of workers killed in the blast also sued.

Barbier gave his preliminary approval to that proposed settlement in May and scheduled a January trial for the remaining claims, including those by the federal government and Gulf states.

In a pretrial court filing, the Justice Department said it would argue that BP's actions and decisions leading up to the deadly blow-out amounted to gross negligence.

"We do not use words like 'gross negligence' and 'willful misconduct' lightly," a Justice Department attorney wrote. "But the fact remains that people died, many suffered injuries to their livelihood, and the Gulf's complex ecosystem was harmed as a result of BP and Transocean's bad acts or omissions."

One of Barbier's rulings possibly insulates Transocean and Halliburton from billions of dollars in liability. Barbier said Transocean

and Halliburton weren't obligated to pay for many pollution claims because of contracts they signed with BP.

The Justice Department opened a criminal investigation of the spill. The only person facing charges so far is former BP engineer Kurt Mix, who was arrested in Texas in April on obstruction of justice charges. Mix is accused of deleting text messages about the company's response to the spill, not what happened before the explosion.

The companies also sued each other, although some of those cases were settled last year. BP has sued Transocean for at least \$40 billion in damages.

And there are still other claims against BP from financial institutions, casinos and racetracks, insurance companies, local governments and losses caused by a government-imposed moratorium on

drilling after the spill.

None of those are covered by BP's proposed settlement with the private lawyers.

A series of government investigations have spread blame for the disaster.

In January 2011, a presidential commission found that the spill was caused by time-saving, cost-cutting decisions by BP, Halliburton and Transocean that created unacceptable risk. The panel didn't point blame at any one individual, concluding the mistakes were caused by systemic problems.

In September 2011, however, a team of Coast Guard officials and federal regulators issued a report that concluded BP bears ultimate responsibility for the spill. The report found BP violated federal regulations, ignored crucial warnings and made bad decisions during the cementing of the well a mile beneath the

Gulf of Mexico.

BP has repeatedly said it accepts some responsibility for the spill and will pay what it owes, while urging other companies to pay their share.

BP waived a \$75 million cap on its liability for certain economic damage claims under the 1990 Oil Pollution Act, though it denied any gross negligence.

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Apolonio "Hoppy" Hernandez, 77, died Sunday. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Abraham Espinoza, Jr., 74, died Monday. His vigil service will be at 7:00 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Frankie Chandler, 67, died Monday. Private services will be held at a later date.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we walk with You, Lord, we have a prosperous future.

Amen

# Petraeus dumb; she's dumber

David Petraeus never should have resigned as director of the Central Intelligence Agency because he was involved in a sex scandal.

Petraeus should have resigned because, if he were any more dimwitted, you would have had to water him.

I know this is not what we have been told for years about Petraeus. I know we have been told he is some kind of towering genius: West Point grad, Princeton PhD, four-star general. But add one other quality: block-head.

No, not because he committed adultery. Adultery is commonplace in our society. It may someday be mandatory.

And his paramour was perfect for him. Paula Broadwell — a name, as someone said, that could have come from a James Bond novel — is also a West Point grad, has a master's degree from Harvard and is a fitness freak with biceps that could crush walnuts.

Oh, yeah, one more thing: She is as smart as a bag of hammers.

Leaving aside the sordid, yet fascinating, details — as CIA director Petraeus demanded fresh pineapple be placed by his bedside every night — here is what did in these two soaring intellects:

Petraeus sends Broadwell sexually explicit messages through his Gmail account, messages so explicit that they leave no doubt in the minds of FBI investigators that the two are having an affair.

Got that? The head of the Central Intelligence Agency thinks Gmail accounts are secure and untraceable. What, he couldn't have checked with a tech-savvy 12-year-old first? (Which is about every 12-year-old in America.)

Still, Petraeus might have skated, kept the affair private, gone on to a life of running clandestine operations for his country during the day and consuming tropical fruits at night.

But no, Paula Broadwell sends a series of allegedly threatening messages to a woman she thinks might be a rival for Petraeus' affections. These messages apparently are so aggressive that the woman goes to the FBI. Oh, yeah, I am forgetting one thing: Broadwell sends these message from an email account she shares

with her husband.

Wow. I am surprised the spy-master and his Harvard-educated girlfriend didn't decide to conduct their affair by Podcast.

And just to add to the general weirdness of the story, the Wall Street Journal reported Monday evening that an FBI agent involved in the case is under investigation for allegedly sending shirtless photos of himself to the woman Broadwell was allegedly harassing. But this is collateral damaged.

Some see the main story as involving two brilliant people brought low by true love. I don't see it that way. Petraeus and Broadwell are not Abelard and Heloise. They are more like Dumb and Dumber.(cq)

When Bill Clinton was caught in a sex scandal, he acted sensibly: He lied through his teeth until they came up with the DNA.

Not Petraeus. He folded immediately when the FBI confronted him and admitted everything. Still, Petraeus did not have to resign.

The FBI determined he did not breach any security, nor had he committed any crime. Clinton gutted it out and today is one of the most popular figures in the world.

But fooling around always had been part of Clinton's good ole boy image. Not Petraeus. His image was so straitlaced that it was almost sexless. "I spent a lot of time with him, and I never heard him say, 'Wow, she was hot,?'" one former aide told the Washington Post. "I never recalled hearing him say anything crass or even mentioning the good looks of a person."

That was not the Petraeus way. He was intent on building his image and (mainly) seducing people who could help him climb to the top.

John McCain was dazzled by him. On a small plane from Cedar Rapids to Davenport, Iowa in February 2007, I taped an interview with McCain than included the following exchange:

McCain: By the way, did you have a chance to see Petraeus in action? He's very good. Very impressive. Most impressive guy I've met, seen in action in a long time.

Me: What do you mean by action?

McCain: Testifying, talking, interfacing.

Me: What is it that's he got?

McCain: Charisma, a lot of charisma.

Me: Obviously, charisma alone

# I'm not bitter — much

President Barack Obama's re-election puts Republicans on notice. No matter what we do, the media will portray us as extreme, venal, stupid or anti-woman — if not as individuals, then guilty by association. The GOP nominee must bear the burden of admittedly medieval statements on pregnancy and rape — uttered by Senate hopefuls Richard Mourdock in Indiana and Todd Akin of Missouri. Mitt Romney renounced the statements — and still they tarnished the GOP brand.

On the other side, all Democrats are moderates. Party bigs need never explain why Elizabeth Warren, senator-elect from Massachusetts, padded her credentials as an American Indian. Likewise, how Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. of Illinois coasted to re-election even though he says he is being treated for depression, hasn't worked since June and won't say when he plans to. The Democrats' bad actors not only don't stain the ticket but also win.

Voters might tell pollsters they're looking for moderates who are willing to work across the aisle. Ha. Massachusetts just fired Sen. Scott Brown, who, according to CQ Weekly, voted with the GOP 54 percent of the

time in 2011. By comparison, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., sided with his party in 96 percent of votes.

Democrats nag that Republicans must move to the center to win. Get it: Conservatives should not vote like conservatives, but liberals must be true to their core beliefs.

When is the last time you heard that a Democrat lost an election by moving too far to the left?

After losing office in 2010 because of his loose-cannon ways — he once called Federal Reserve adviser Linda Robertson a "K Street whore" and an opponent "Taliban Dan" — Alan Grayson of Florida has won a House seat again.

California voters finally ousted crazy-mouth Rep. Pete Stark, but only because the new top-two primary allowed them to replace him with Democrat Eric Swalwell.

I've long believed that elections reflect which side voters hate more. To the extent that's true, 50 percent of Americans hate Republicans, and 48 percent hate Democrats.

The polarization can only deepen. The media turned election reportage into a montage of Romney gaffes — "binders full of women," 47 percent of America "dependent on government," and "corporations are people."

What Romney said was more important than what Obama didn't do. There was little room for analysis on what Obama's

is not enough to make a difference [in Iraq].

McCain: One thing he did was he had a bag of money, and he would go around and say, "OK, build this irrigation ditch, buy yourself a generator."

This impressed me. Having started out as a columnist in Chicago, I knew the value of carrying around bags of money with which to dispense favors. But I was never convinced Petraeus was the savior of Iraq or of Afghanistan. (Have we saved either country?)

But many influential people were impressed by him and now blame Broadwell for seducing Petraeus and bringing him down.

Google the name "Paula Broadwell" — and I know you probably already have — and you find headlines like "Broadwell Depicted as Aggressive and Unhinged" with a link to a New York magazine column that appears with the more demure headline: "Paula Broadwell Depicted as Ambitious and Inappropriate." Most of her inappropriate behavior in public seems to have involved clothing. She wore "tight shirts and pants" in Afghanistan, according to the Washington Post, "where Western-style attire can offend local sensibilities."

Big deal. I say if we're going to spend \$1.7 trillion, nearly 20,000 casualties and 12 years conquering a country, we get to wear what we want and the locals get to wear what they want.

More ominously, however, the Post reported that, once back in the United States, Broadwell helped Petraeus "pick out a wardrobe of tailored suits he would wear at the CIA."

Ladies, here is a tip: If a buff, beautiful, younger woman helps your husband pick out his clothes, they are probably doing it.

But now the shopping trips are over. And the blazing star that could have landed David Petraeus in the White House has now landed him in the soup.

*A tragedy, his friends and acolytes say. An American tragedy.*

Me, I don't see that.

"Tragedy requires unmerited suffering," historian David Goldfield has written.

If you deserve the suffering, it isn't tragedy. It's justice.

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proposed tax increase would do to reduce the deficit (hardly anything), the president's fumbling of the "grand bargain" or his lack of a serious plan to revitalize the economy.

This is how partisans change a country. They convince the public that a viewpoint is not only wrong but, worse, illegitimate, and the battle is won. They get what they want and keep moving the bar.

As I write this, it appears that Democrats will control a supermajority of the California Assembly and Senate. The Dems have controlled the Legislature for years, albeit with the check that they have needed GOP votes to raise taxes.

I can see the future. State spending will rise. Sacramento will experience an insatiable appetite for other people's money. A few employers will leave; more will decide not to expand operations in-state.

With a tight job market, middle-class Californians will have to move to other states. And they'll bring their destructive politics with them.

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# News in brief

## Xi Jinping takes helm of rising power China

BEIJING (AP) — Xi Jinping succeeded Hu Jintao as China's leader Thursday, assuming the top posts in the Communist Party and the powerful military in a once-a-decade political transition unbowed by scandals, a slower economy and public demands for reforms.

Xi was formally appointed as general secretary after a morning meeting of senior communists that capped a weeklong congress, events that underlined the party's determination to remain firmly in power. Xi also was named chairman of the military commission after Hu stepped down, breaking with the recent tradition in which departing party leaders hung on to the military post to exert influence over their successors.

The moves give Xi a freer hand to consolidate his authority as first among equals in the Politburo Standing Committee, the apex of power. Immediately after the announcements, Xi strode onto a stage in the Great Hall of the People, leading the six other newly appointed committee members, all conservative technocrats dressed in dark suits.

"We shall do everything we can to live up to your trust and fulfill our mission," the 59-year-old, pudgy Xi said in remarks that were broadcast on state television and worldwide.

Standing beside him were Li Keqiang, the presumptive premier and chief economic official; Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang; Shanghai party secretary Yu Zhengsheng; Tianjin party secretary Zhang Gaoli; propaganda chief Liu Yunshan, who was appointed Thursday to run the party's executive secretariat; and Vice Premier Wang Qishan, once the leadership's top troubleshooter and now head of the party's internal watchdog panel.

## Palestinian militants kill 3 Israelis in rocket attack

JERUSALEM (AP) — Militants in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip killed three Israelis on Thursday in a rocket attack likely to deepen a bruising Israeli air, naval and artillery offensive, the most intense assault on the Palestinian territory in four years.

The casualties were the first in Israel since it launched its operation on Wednesday with the assassination of Hamas' top military commander, followed by an onslaught of airstrikes and shelling by tanks and naval gunboats.

Eleven Palestinians, including two children and seven militants, have been killed and more than 100 wounded in Gaza since the Israeli operation began.

Few in the Palestinian territory's largest urban area, Gaza City, came out following the call for dawn prayers on Thursday, and the only vehicles plying the streets were ambulances and media cars.

About 400 angry mourners braved the streets, however, to bury Hamas mastermind Ahmed Jabari, whose body was draped in the green flag of the Islamic militant Hamas movement. Some fired guns in the air and chanted, "God is Great, the revenge is coming." When the body was brought into a mosque for funeral prayers, some tried to touch or kiss it. Others cried.

"This crime will not weaken us. It will make us stronger and more determined to continue the path

of jihad and resistance," Hamas lawmaker Mushir al-Masri said in a eulogy. "The enemy opened the battle and shall bear the consequences."

## A single spiteful email unlocks a Pandora's box, ruins a general's career, threatens others

WASHINGTON (AP) — It started in May with a spiteful email to the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. An anonymous writer warned Gen. John Allen that a friend with whom he was meeting in Washington the following week was trouble and he should stay away from her.

Allen thought the email was a joke because he didn't know how anybody else would know about his personal plans with his friend, Florida socialite Jill Kelley, a person close to Kelley said.

That email started a chain of events that led to the downfall of CIA Director David Petraeus, put Allen's career on hold and landed a decorated FBI agent in hot water for talking about an ongoing investigation. The FBI traced that email and others of a similar vein to Paula Broadwell, Petraeus' biographer, who agents would soon learn had also been his lover.

The fast-moving scandal broke just days after President Barack Obama was elected to a second term in office. Obama's administration had been on the defensive for weeks because of a terror attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that left four Americans dead. Briefings on the attack had been postponed until after the election and are now focused more immediately on Petraeus' love life than on how terrorists were able to attack the poorly defended consulate.

Obama said Wednesday he's seen no evidence that national security was damaged by the revelations that ended his CIA director's career and imperil that of his Afghanistan war commander.

## Amid political storm, Obama heads to New York to view Sandy recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the midst of a political tempest that has engulfed his former CIA director and his top military commander in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama is traveling to New York City to view recovery efforts from the massive East Coast storm Sandy.

While there Thursday, Obama will meet with affected families, local officials and first responders who have been dealing with the deadly storm, which slammed into New York, New Jersey and other East Coast states late month, killing more than 100 people and leaving millions without power.

Obama traveled to New Jersey on Oct. 31 to meet with Gov. Chris Christie and view recovery efforts in coastal communities.

## LCP to present 'Shontina' on stage

Special to the Herald

LAMESA — Lamesa Community Players is pleased to welcome Tina Vernon back to the LCP stage.

Shontina, as she is known, made her stage debut on the LCP stage as a child and will be in concert at Lamesa Community Players theatre Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9.

There is reserved seating for the production. The box office is located at 214 N. Austin Avenue in Lamesa. Box office hours are 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and the telephone number is 806-872-2705. The concert will consist of a combination of blues, jazz, country and gospel.

A Lamesa native, Tina Vernon is a writer, noted playwright, actor, performer, songwriter and singer. She also has experience in the television entertainment industry.

While living in New York City she performed her original award-winning one-woman biographical play "Wanted" Off-Broadway. She presented the musical production of "Wanted" at Lamesa Community Players in 2010 and has also performed the play on the west coast and in at least two foreign countries. Tina has a diverse style of performance and music and is enjoying a growing musical and recording experience.

## 'Xanadu' performs during Art Walk at Sul Ross

Special to the Herald

ALPINE — The Sul Ross Theatre and Music programs will present the Broadway musical "Xanadu", a stage spoof of the 1980s movie about a painter and his muse who find love at a roller disco in Los Angeles, as part of this year's Art Walk.

"Xanadu" is a musical comedy with a book by Douglas Carter Beane and music and lyrics by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar. The musical opened on Broadway in 2007 and ran for more than 500 performances. It earned an Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical and a Drama Desk Award for Best Book. It was also nominated for Tony Awards for Best Musical and Best Book.

Dona W. Roman directs the Sul Ross production with musical direction by Donald Callen Freed and Lana Potts and choreography by Kyle Peebles. With scenic design by Carol Fairlie and costume design by Dona Roman, "Xanadu" spins the tale of nine Greek muses, led by their sister Clio, who strives to help struggling mural artist Sonny Malone realize his dream of opening a Roller Disco.

Featuring the music of the Electric Light Orchestra, "Xanadu" showcases local musicians Steve Bennack, Carol Wallace, JD Leyva and Lana Potts as we raise the roof of the Studio Theatre this weekend. "Xanadu" will run Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for general admission and \$7 for seniors and children under 12. Advanced tickets can be purchased online: www.sulross.edu/theatre or by calling 432-837-8218.

# sudoku

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

4	2	8			5			1
	7	9	4			2	6	
1				2	5			
				4	6	9	8	
			7		2			
	5	4	1	9				
		7		1				9
	9	1			3	6	5	
3			8			1	7	2

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Ultrasane Insanity

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ K 8 7 2  
 ♦ A K Q 10 9 3  
 ♣ 10 7 4

**WEST**  
 ♠ K Q 10 6 2  
 ♥ 9 6 4  
 ♦ 8 5 2  
 ♣ Q 3

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

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 9 7 4  
 ♥ A Q J 5 3  
 ♦ J 6  
 ♣ A J 2

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♥ Pass 3♠(!) Pass  
 4♣ Pass 5NT(!) Pass  
 7♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

Without an explanation, the bidding by North on this deal suggests that he may have taken leave of his senses, but nobody would criticize the final contract, which is laydown. It just goes to show that crazy-looking bids are sometimes very successful, even though they don't mean what they seem to say.

A number of years ago, some genius (according to the Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, it was

Dorothy Hayden Truscott) came up with the idea that a jump-shift response one level higher than necessary indicates a void or a singleton in the suit bid, adequate support for partner's last-bid suit and sufficient values for at least a game, with a reasonable potential for slam. That accounts for North's three-spade bid, commonly called a "splinter" bid.

Certainly the North hand is ideally suited for such a convention. The moment partner opens one heart, North should start thinking in terms of a slam. From North's viewpoint, the key to the slam is South's holding in spades and clubs. South could have spade strength and three club losers, or, ideally, club strength and three spade losers.

The three-spade bid thus encourages South, who has no wasted values in spades, to cooperate by cue-bidding the ace of clubs.

North is delighted to hear this bid, leaving South's trump holding the only question remaining to be resolved. Accordingly, North next invokes the "grand slam force" convention by leaping to five notrump. This commands South to bid seven hearts if he holds two of the top three trump honors.

So South dutifully bids the grand slam, with full confidence that North has not gone completely berserk.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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# sudoku

ANSWERS

4	2	8	6	3	5	7	9	1
5	7	9	4	8	1	2	6	3
1	3	6	9	2	7	5	4	8
7	1	2	3	4	6	9	8	5
9	8	3	7	5	2	4	1	6
6	5	4	1	9	8	3	2	7
2	6	7	5	1	4	8	3	9
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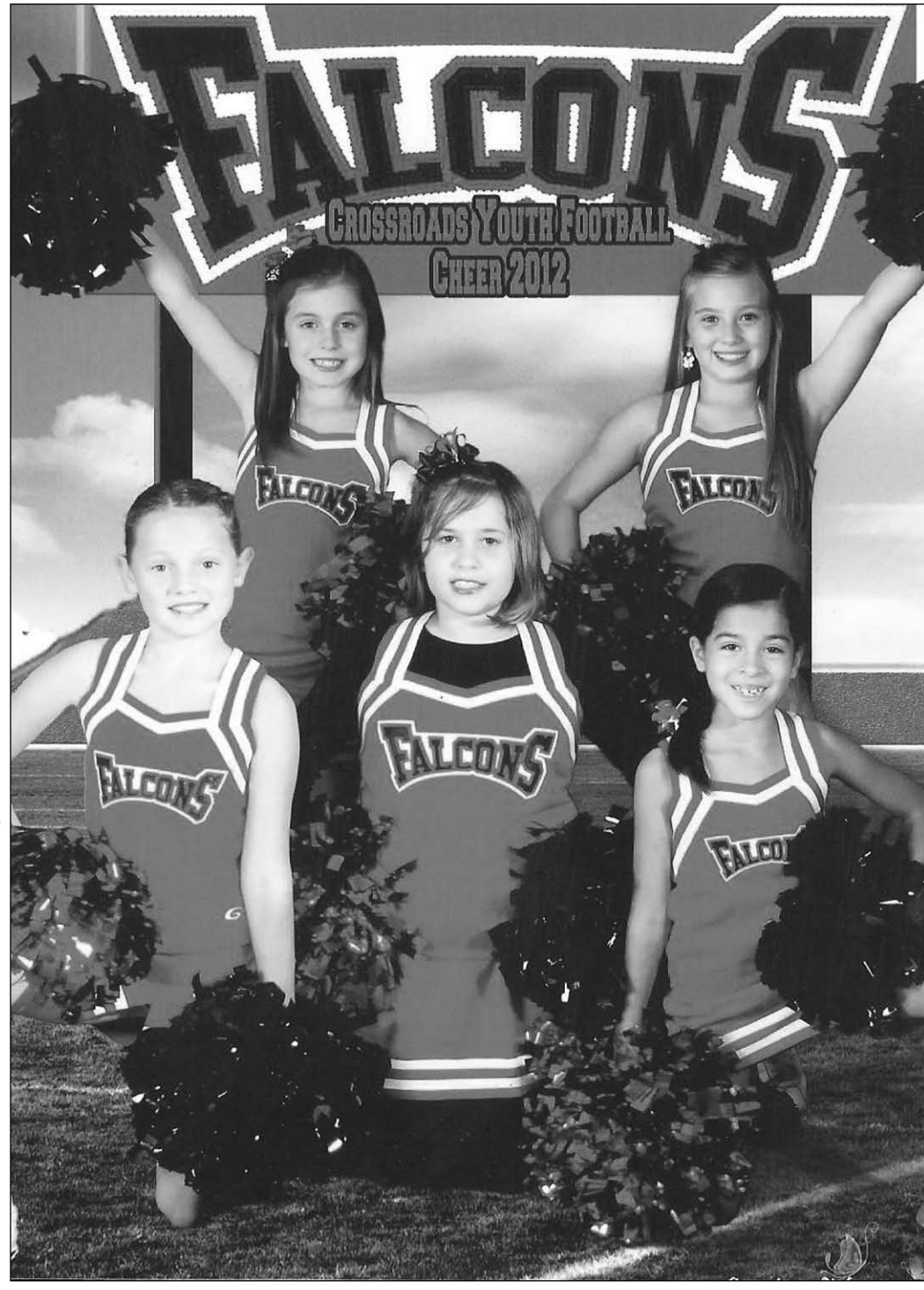
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### Crossroads Youth Football Association 2012 cheer squads



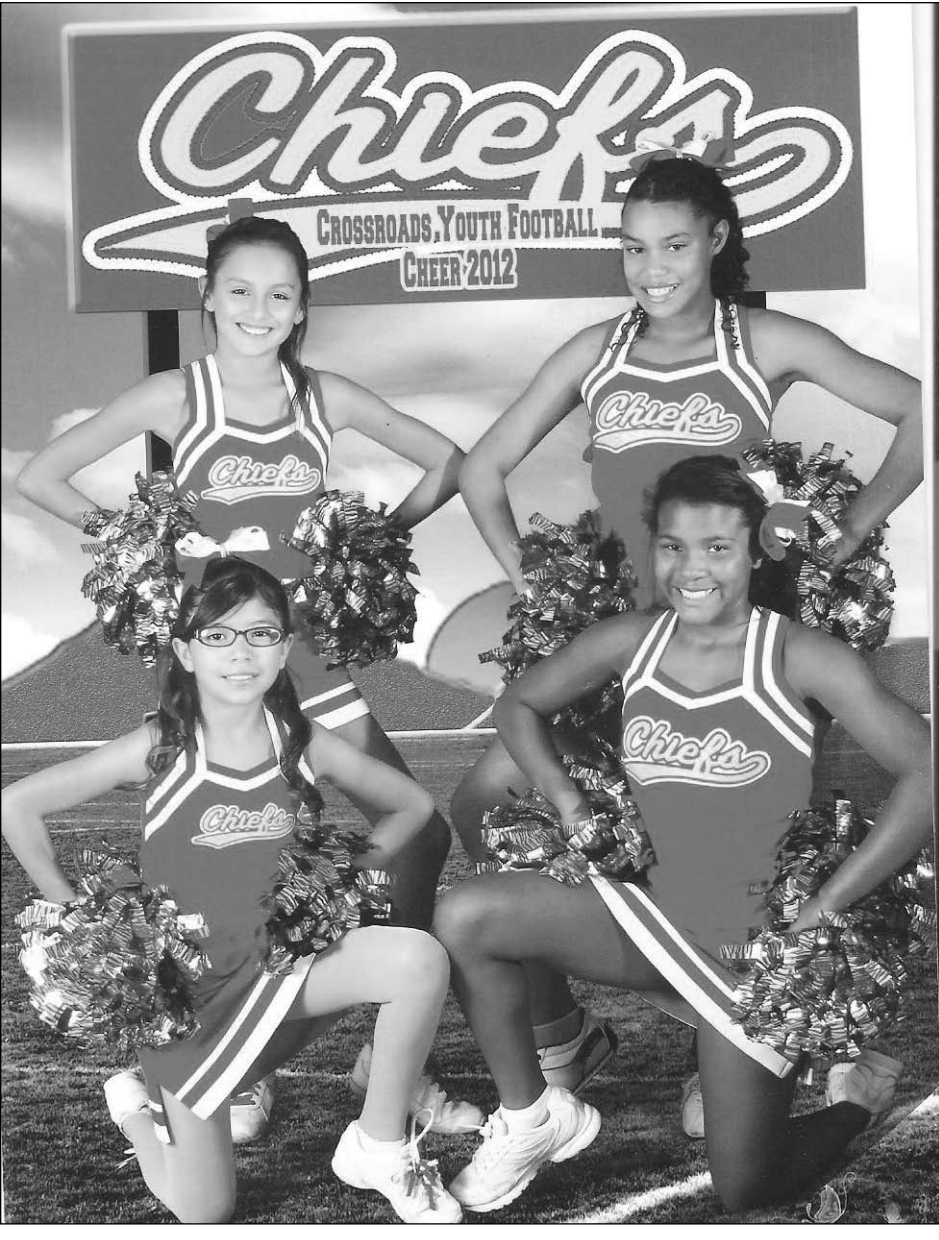
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The flag division Cowboys cheer squad. (Top row, from left) Gabriella Vasquez, Rebecca Rodriguez and Aracella Lopez. (Bottom row, from left) Audrie Reyes, Abigail Diaz and Lillianna Rose. Not pictured is Coach Jessica Diaz.



Courtesy photo

The Division I Falcons cheer squad is coached by Lyndi Spivey (not pictured) and are comprised of (in no particular order) Taryn Spivey, Annie Zubiata, Bailey Smith, Zadie Andrews and Rachel Blackshear.



Courtesy photo

The Division II Chiefs cheerleaders are (in no particular order) Natori Morin, Maggie Mendez, Luxie Evans and Jessica Pancho. The Chiefettes are coached by Angela Mendez (not pictured).



Courtesy photo

The Chargers flag division cheer squad is (in no particular order) Cambree Wright, Holly Hodges, Alexis Rodriguez, Laneigh Rushing and Mkenzie Calderon. The Chargers cheer team is coached by Tamera Averett (not pictured).

### Sports Calendar

#### TODAY

**Mens Basketball**  
• Howard College at Lubbock Christian University J.V., 7:30 p.m.

**Football**  
• Garden City (3-7) vs. Water Valley (10-0) at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**Boys Basketball**  
• Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View, 6:30 p.m.  
• Monahans at Forsan, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls Basketball**  
• Big Spring at Lamesa, 6 p.m.  
• Coahoma at Grape Creek, TBA.

**Football**  
• Forsan (6-4) vs. Quanah (7-3) at Clyde, 7 p.m.  
• Grady (7-3) vs. Ropes (7-3) at Ackerly, 7:30 p.m.

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### Dickey, Price win Cy Young awards

NEW YORK (AP) — R.A. Dickey languished in the minors for 14 years, bouncing from one team to another before finally perfecting that perplexing knuckleball that made him a major league star.

David Price was the top pick in the draft and an ace by age 25, throwing 98 mph heat with a left arm live enough to make the most hardened scout sing.

Raised only 34 miles apart in central Tennessee, Dickey and Price won baseball's Cy Young awards on Wednesday — one by a wide margin, the other in a tight vote.

Two paths to the pantheon of pitching have rarely been more different.

"Isn't that awesome?" said Dickey, the first knuckleballer to win a Cy Young. "It just shows you there's not just one way to do it, and it gives

hope to a lot of people."

Dickey said he jumped up and yelled in excitement, scaring one of his kids, when he saw on television that Price edged Justin Verlander for the American League prize. Both winners are represented by Bo McKinnis, who watched the announcements with Dickey at his home in Nashville, Tenn.

"I guess we can call him Cy agent now," Price quipped on a conference call.

The hard-throwing lefty barely beat out Verlander in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, preventing the Detroit Tigers' ace from winning consecutive Cy Youngs.

Runner-up two years ago, Price was the pick this time. He received 14 of 28 first-place votes and finished with 153 points to 149 for Verlander, chosen first on

13 ballots.

"It means a lot," Price said. "It's something that I'll always have. It's something that they can't take away from me."

Other than a 1969 tie between Mike Cuellar and Denny McLain, it was the closest race in the history of the AL award.

Rays closer Fernando Rodney got the other first-place vote and came in fifth.

The 38-year-old Dickey was listed first on 27 of 32 National League ballots and totaled 209 points, 113 more than 2011 winner Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Washington lefty Gio Gonzalez finished third.

Cincinnati right-hander Johnny Cueto and Atlanta closer Craig Kimbrel each received a first-place vote, as did Gonzalez. Kershaw had two.

Dickey joined Dwight Gooden (1985) and three-time winner Tom Seaver as the only Mets to win the award. The right-hander went 20-6 with a 2.73 ERA, making him the club's first 20-game winner since Frank Viola in 1990, and became the first major leaguer in 24 years to throw consecutive one-hitters.

Perhaps most impressive, Dickey did it all during a season when the fourth-place Mets finished 74-88.

"It just feels good all over," he said on MLB Network.

Dickey switched from conventional pitcher to full-time knuckleballer in a last-ditch effort to save his career. It took him years to finally master the floating, darting pitch, which he often throws harder (around 80 mph) and with more precision than almost







**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**What the Eclipse Eclipsed**

Recent aspects have been eclipsed, quite literally, by the total solar eclipse earlier in the week. One such aspect is a square of Mercury and Neptune that's still causing static on the mental lines between our usual

thought processes and our higher mind. Have you said something you didn't really mean? Forgive yourself, and others will, too.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll stack your desires so that you can shoot for the most exciting goal first. If your top priority matches up with another person's wishes, you can't go wrong.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May



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20). You might be giving more thought to a situation than is necessary. Tension in your personal life will ease as you perfect the fine art of ignoring the problem. It's not as easy to do as it sounds.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You can't quite categorize your feelings for someone, let alone demonstrate them. Luckily, you don't have to. By reacting naturally in the moment, the emotional landscape develops without conscious effort.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Follow the directions instead of trying to invent your own way. Why not believe things should be easy? If you think they should be hard, you'll put way too much effort into a job that is, in actuality, a snap.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll find enormous satisfaction in cleaning up. Scrub the surface of things: projects, mysteries, countertops, your own skin. There's a gleaming reward at the end of your effort.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Talk about what you want, even if you don't think people will be interested. You never know how a conversation will come together until you launch into it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your micro-wish will

come true. Sure, it's a small wish — along the lines of hoping to hit the green lights or getting coffee without waiting in line — but the favorable result is a definite sign that things are going your way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's nothing that can go wrong today without producing an obvious upside. Mistakes are opportunities for growth and mastery. Miscommunication is an opportunity to make a better connection.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you're putting yourself out there, you're going to feel at least partially unprepared. No matter how extensive your preparation may be, you never know all of what the future will bring. Embrace the unknown.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Getting what you want is the ultimate challenge. Can you still be yourself while being the person who has attained this aim? Will the win go to your head? Your friends will be watching, ready to keep you humble.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to be confident or self-aware to contribute to others. You don't even have to believe in your own value. If you simply give because it feels right to do so, that is enough.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). No matter how spiritual you are, you have your own very human point of view. It's an opinion you can't help but form. Once established, you can test it out from a higher place to see how true it really is.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 15). Interesting people enter the scene in the next 10 weeks, and you'll adjust your schedule to include them in your future. December brings a priority shift. Intensely focused, you'll wrap up a huge project. In March, you'll compete and win. June brings travel; you don't have to go far to experience a whole new world. Pisces and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 19, 30, 15 and 40.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm an Aquarius moving to a new town. I've lived in my hometown of West Lafayette, Ind., my whole life, and I'm just wondering whether you have any advice for someone moving to Los Angeles. I'm a 19-year-old Aquarius."

The biggest danger of going from a small and familiar place to a populated city like Los Angeles is getting swept into someone else's story instead of creating your own. To prepare for your move, decide what you

want out of the change. Being clear about it will be key to creating a positive experience. Also, Aquarians are naturally social and usually make friends easily, which is why you should be careful about where you go to meet people. Since you're likely to pick up new friends wherever you go, spend time in places that are aligned with your goals. You can be very impressionable at times and will pick up on the habits of those around you. So stick with people you admire. Decide who you want to be. Visualize your desired life on a daily basis, and this will keep you on your path.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Scorpio talk-show host extraordinaire Jimmy Kimmel idolized David Letterman as a child and did the work it took to become a late-night king himself. Kimmel was born when the sun, Mercury, Venus and Neptune were all in intuitive Scorpio. His moon in Capricorn is the sign of a highly driven individual. For Capricorn moon people, work is play, and play is work.

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**Legals**

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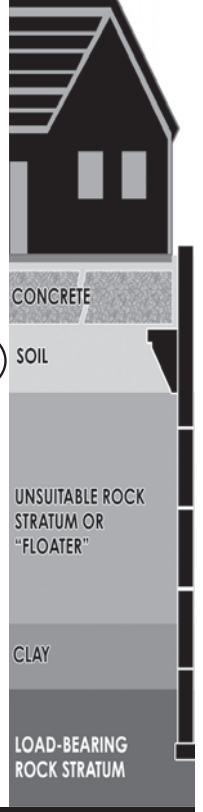
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# New nature and science museum to open in Dallas

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Museum of Nature and Science

BY JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — When the new Perot Museum of Nature and Science opens, visitors will be able to feel the ground shake beneath them in an earthquake simulation, program a robot to navigate a maze and even test their speed against a virtual Tyrannosaurus rex.

"It's just going to be an incredible hands-on learning experience for people interested in nature and science," said Nicole G. Small, the museum's chief executive officer.

The museum set to open Dec. 1 was named for billionaire former presidential candidate Ross Perot and his wife, Margot, after their five children made a \$50 million gift in honor of them. Their daughter Carolyn Perot Rathjen, who chairs the museum's board of directors, said she and her siblings thought the donation would be a good way to honor their parents and say thank you to the city. Ross Perot, who twice ran for president, founded two computer-services companies.

"My mom was a teacher, my dad's an engineer. They have a tremendous passion for education,"

## If You Go...

**PEROT MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE:** 2201 N. Field St., Dallas, Texas, www.perotmuseum.org, 214-428-5555. Museum opens Dec. 1. Opening weekend schedule: Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Regular hours will be Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Adults, \$15; children ages 2-11, \$10; students ages 12-17 and seniors 65 and older, \$10.

Rathjen said, who added, "It's a museum that can appeal to all ages."

The \$185 million museum built entirely with private donations has five floors of public space and stands about 14 stories high. The lobby floor of the distinctive building located on almost 5 acres (2 hectares) just north of downtown has open glass walls so visitors can look out into the landscaping. The upper levels of the 180,000-square-foot (16,700-square-meter) museum designed by Pritzker-Prize winning architect Thom Mayne and his firm Morphosis Architects has a concrete covering, making it appear like a large cube floating over a landscaped base.

A 54-foot (16.5-meter) escalator contained in a glass-enclosed tube extends outside the building and gives visitors a view of a busy freeway and downtown's skyscrapers.

"It's the postcard view of downtown," said Mayne, who added that the building was designed to make visitors feel like they are part of the city.

A walk down to one of the floors features musical steps. In one display, visitors can pick a virtual competitor to race against — Dallas Cowboys running back Felix Jones, gymnast Emily Richardson, a Tyrannosaurus rex or a cheetah — and then see how their times and average miles per hour compare. Another lets visitors design a virtual bird by custom-picking different features. There's also an animated experience that shows visitors how the solar system was created, a virtual 9,000-foot (2,743-meter) journey down a gas well and the opportunity to feel the force of a tornado.

Other displays include an array of gems and minerals, dinosaur fossils and animals that have undergone taxidermy.

The current display in a space for traveling exhibits tells the tale of the museum's construction, and even includes the remnants of a Model T discovered as they prepared the site for construction.

The building is expected to attain three designations for environmental sustainability and features an acre of landscaped roof with native plants, a rainwater collection system and solar-powered hot water heating.

The museum's roots date back to 1936 with the establishment of the Dallas Museum of Natural History. In 2006 it merged with The Science Place and the Dallas Children's Museum to form the Museum of Nature & Science at Fair Park.

Small said that the museum will still have a presence at the Fair Park location just east of downtown but the new downtown museum will be the main visitor attraction.

## Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Annie:** Last May, my children's father committed suicide. He and I had split up two years before because of his violent ways. Despite

my marrying another man, I still cared for my ex and worried about his welfare. I would even sneak him food and pay his electric bill behind my husband's back.

My husband occasionally would forbid my kids and me from having contact with my ex. He had a point.

My ex and I had attempted to reconcile in April, but I couldn't do it. During the drive back to my husband, my ex phoned and begged me to return. I told him I was afraid of him. He yelled, "Nobody will ever have to worry about me anymore." Twenty minutes later, I received a call from his brother, who found him dead.

I blame myself. His family does, too. I didn't even go to his funeral, because some of his family members had threatened to kill me if I showed up. I feel terrible for my kids and don't know how to cope. What should I do?

Will my kids be OK? — *Distraught Ex*

**Dear Distraught:** We are so sorry that you are experiencing this tragedy, but please know that you are not responsible for your ex's decision to end his life. He sounds like a troubled soul who didn't believe he had any other way out. Please contact Survivors of Suicide (survivorsofsuicide.com) and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (afsp.org) to find a support group for you and your children. They will be OK, but they could use some help, and they will need you to guide them.

**Dear Annie:** I am a 56-year-old professional man in nonprofit work. I am outgoing and reasonably intelligent, have a great sense of humor and gen-

erally like people. My observation and experience is that most men, especially over 40, have a difficult time making new friends. The married ones tend to rely on their wives. Others rely on family or long-term friendships. But men like me who don't have wives, whose parents have died, who have no siblings or children, and whose old friends have moved away find it awkward and difficult to reach out.

My trainer is 45, outgoing, happily married with two great children, has both sets of parents still alive, is active in church, etc., and even he says he doesn't know how to make new friends. I realize there is no one-answer-fits-all, but I'd sure like to know what you and your readers suggest for those of us who are trying to get out of the house, but don't know where to go. — *Not Anti-Social or Addicted to the Internet*

**Dear Not:** Find an activity that you enjoy and that involves other people. Look for community theater or choral groups. Volunteer at hospitals, schools, animal shelters, soup kitchens or for a political candidate. Park districts and local colleges may offer night classes for those who want to improve their education. See whether your health club has a regular spin class or an adult basketball team. If you can afford to travel, sign up for a group tour. We also recommend meetup.com, which facilitates finding people with similar interests of any kind. If our readers have more to add, we're happy to print additional suggestions.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Frustrated in the Midwest," who is conflicted about his fiancée's four kids and their lack of responsibility around the house. I'd tell him not to consider marrying that woman until her children are grown.

I married a man who had custody of two spoiled brats. He and I got along wonderfully, but with his two teenage kids in the mix, it was pure torture. The best day of my life was when the oldest left and the youngest moved to her mother's. — *Midwest Evil Stepmom*

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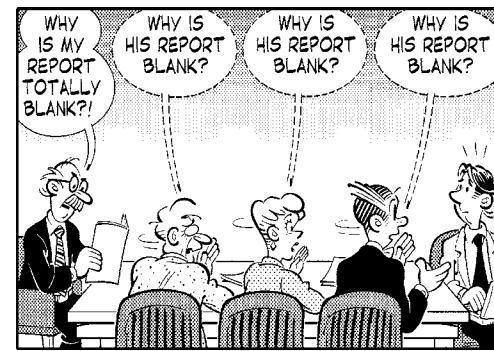


"Mommy, do we know any princes?"

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1958, actor Tyrone Power, 44, died in Madrid, Spain, while filming "Solomon and Sheba." (Power's part was recast with Yul Brynner.)

In 1961, former Argentine President Juan Peron, living in exile in Spain, married his third wife, Isabel.

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

In 1969, a quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.

In 1979, the British government publicly identified Sir Anthony Blunt as the "fourth man" of a Soviet spy ring.

In 1982, funeral services were held in Moscow's Red Square for the late Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

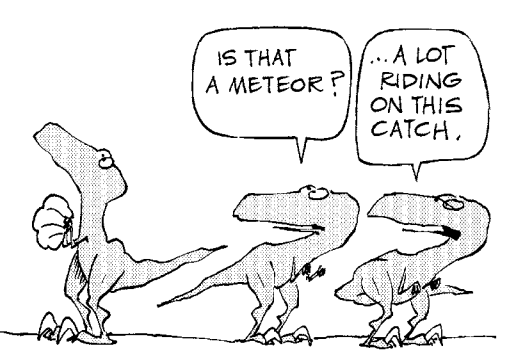
In 1985, Britain and Ireland signed an accord giving Dublin an official consultative role in governing Northern Ireland.

In 1987, 28 of 82 people aboard a Continental Airlines DC-9,

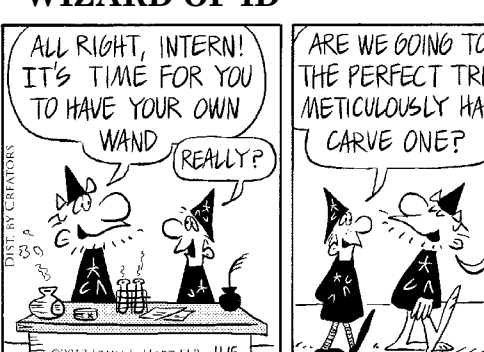
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## AWARDS

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anyone who used it before him.

"I knew what I was going to be up against in some regard when I

embraced this pitch," Dickey said.

He was the first cut at Mets spring training in 2010 but earned a spot in the big league rotation later that season and blossomed into a dominant All-Star this year. He led the NL

in strikeouts (230), innings (233 2-3), complete games (five) and shutouts (three) — pitching through an abdominal injury most of the way.

"I am not a self-made man by any stretch of the imagination," Dickey said. "The height of

this story, it's mind-blowing to me, it really is."

A member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team and a first-round draft pick out of Tennessee, Dickey was devastated when the Texas Rangers reduced their signing-bonus offer from more than \$800,000 to \$75,000 after they discovered during a physical that he was missing a major ligament in his pitching elbow.

Undeterred, perseverance got him to the big leagues anyway. When he failed, the knuckleball brought him back.

Among those he thanked ceaselessly for helping him on that long and winding road to success were all his proud knuckleball mentors, including Charlie Hough, Tim Wakefield and Hall of Famer Phil Niekro.

"It brings a real degree of legitimacy I

think to the knuckleball fraternity and I'm glad to represent them and I'm certainly grateful to all those guys," Dickey said. "This was a victory for all of us."

Dickey said he received 127 text messages and 35-40 phone calls in the moments immediately following the Cy Young announcement.

The only call he took was from Niekro, a 318-game winner from 1964-87. The first texts Dickey responded to were from Wakefield and Hough.

"Most well-deserved," Niekro said in a comment provided by the Hall of Fame. "I'm super proud of him, as a pitcher and as an individual."

Dickey has one year left on his contract at \$5.25 million and New York general manager Sandy Alderson has said signing the pitcher to a multiyear deal is one of his top offseason priorities. Alderson, however, would not rule out trading his unlikely ace.

"I believe the Mets are going to be a lot better and I want to be part of the solution," Dickey said, adding that he hopes the sides can strike a deal and he'd be happy to end his career in New York.

"I want to be loyal to an organization that's given me an opportunity," he said. "At the same time, you don't want to

be taken advantage of. I've been on that side of it, too, as a player."

Price went 20-5 to tie Jered Weaver for the American League lead in victories and winning percentage. The 27-year-old lefty had the lowest ERA at 2.56 and finished sixth in strikeouts with 205.

Verlander, also the league MVP a year ago, followed that up by going 17-8 with a 2.64 ERA and pitching the Detroit Tigers to the World Series. He led the majors in strikeouts (239), innings (238 1-3) and complete games (six).

Price tossed 211 innings in 31 starts, while Verlander made 33. One factor that could have swung some votes, however, was this: Price faced stiffer competition in the rugged AL East than Verlander did in the AL Central.

"I guess it's a blessing and a curse at the same time," Price said. "There's not an easy out in the lineups every game. It feels like a post-season game."

The No. 1 pick in the 2007 amateur draft out of Vanderbilt, Price reached the majors the following year and has made three straight All-Star teams.

Despite going 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA in 2010, he finished a distant second in Cy Young voting to Felix Hernandez.

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