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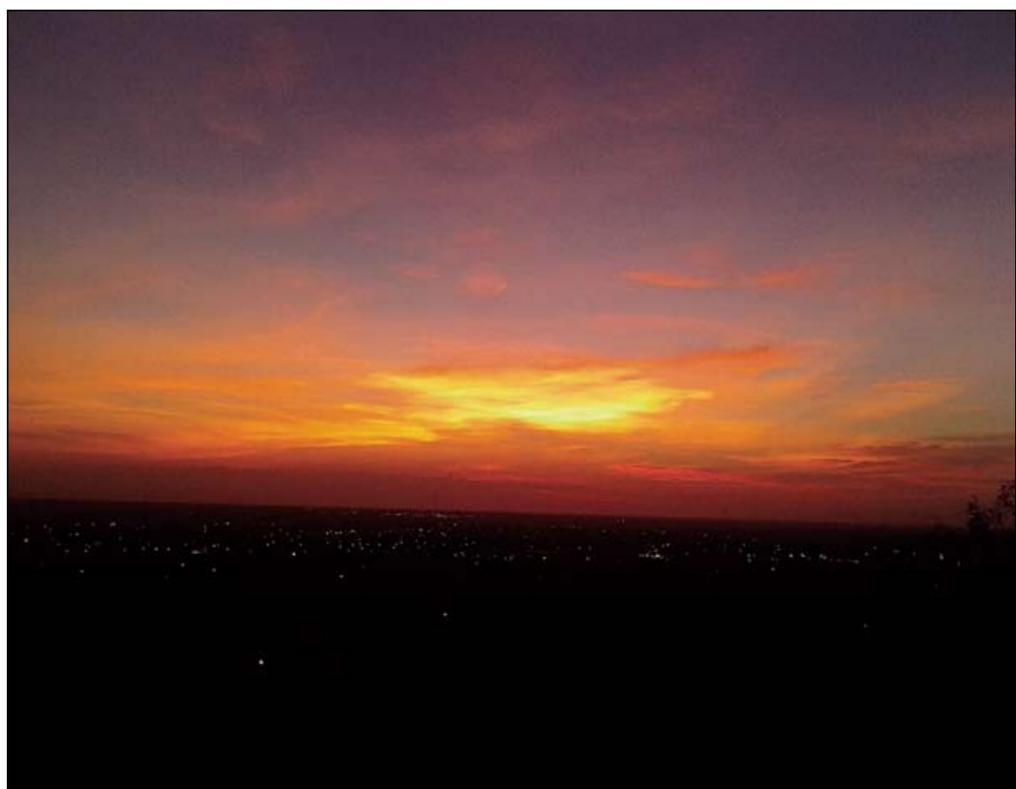
Emergency back-up plan due to staffing shortage

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring may seek outside help to repair water line breaks this winter. The city council gave its blessing last week to a "emergency back-up plan" which could result in private contractors repairing line breaks in the coming months. The reason for the plan is simple — severe staff shortages. Interim Public Works Director Johnny Womack told the council that only five of the 16 budgeted water maintenance positions for the city are currently staffed. The reason behind that shortage? Economics.

"We just can't compete with the oilfield when it comes to salaries," City Manager Todd Darden said. Compounding the problem is that the few street crew personnel on hand are in danger of being overworked just dealing with water line issues in the warmer months. If a bad cold snap hits, causing even more breaks, the situation may become untenable, Womack said. That situation was illustrated Thursday, when two 20-inch water line breaks taxed the city's workforce. Womack said some of his crew worked a 24-hour shift that day, while employees from other

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BEAUTY IN BIG SPRING
 Above, sunsets from atop Senic Mountain are known for their beauty. At left, water pools on this red rose in Big Spring recently.
 HERALD photos/ Andrea Medlin and Lyndel Moody.

Wigington takes aim at test scores



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Chris Wigington is shown at his desk at the Big Spring Independent School District central office. Wigington, an Ackerly native, was named interim superintendent of the district in August.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 Chris Wigington is a former coach who believes some of the lessons he learned on the football field and basketball court are easily transferable to the classroom. Wigington is a few weeks into his tenure as interim superintendent at Big Spring Independent School District, a job he always wanted and a challenge he readily accepts. His major task is to help drag BSISD out of the Texas Education Agency's doghouse — Big Spring was among the fewer than 10 percent of school districts which failed

to meet the agency's accountability standards this year. Reversing that unwanted distinction is at the top of Wigington's to-do list. "One of my top priorities ... is (test) scores — we've got to do things to get our scores going in the right direction," he said. Though that goal is simple in concept, realizing it will take hard work. That's where his philosophies gleaned from the athletic arena can help, he believes. "I think what we've got to do is build a team of administrators, teachers and parents," he said. "If we can get to that point, where everybody is

pulling in the same direction and have the students' best interest in mind, I know that we can turn things around." Wigington is no stranger to Howard County — he is an Ackerly native, while his wife, Kelli — principal of the BSISD pre-kindergarten center — is a Big Spring High School graduate. After graduating from Sands High School and obtaining his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University, Wigington began his coaching career at Tahoka in 1990. Coaching stops in Snyder, Merkel and Sweetwater

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Council set to approve tax rate

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring City Council is expected to approve a tax rate for the 2013-2014 fiscal year when it meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. The meeting is expected to

be brief — a public hearing on and probable adoption of the proposed rate are the only items on the agenda. Earlier this month, council members gave tentative approval to a rate of 85.664 cents per \$100 valuation, which is above the effective rate

(which would raise the same amount of revenue as the previous year) but below the rollback rate (which could trigger a tax rollback election). Because of increased property valuations within the city, the effective rate for the new budget would be 76.2733

cents per \$100 valuation. However, officials had planned to keep the previous tax rate — 86.5 cents — to finance pay increases for city employees, water and sewer line replacement, sealcoating projects

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Obituaries

Wayne Wilcox



Wayne Wilcox, 82, of Lake Thomas died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, at his residence. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Gail Cemetery.

Wayne was born May 6, 1931, to Bethel and Bill Wilcox in Sayre, Okla. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in the Korean War with the 17th Infantry. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and United Nations Medal

with two Bronze Stars. Wayne married Bettie Scoggin on June 2, 1973. She preceded him in death on April 26, 2012. Wayne had lived at Lake Thomas since 1979. He worked for CRMWD until retiring.

Wayne is survived by one son, Dennis Wilcox and his wife Jackie of Big Spring; one daughter, Bonita

Chadwick and her husband David of Fritch; two brothers, Ike Wilcox and his wife Gail of Muleshoe and Philip Wilcox and his wife Janie of Salisaw, Okla.; three sisters, June Houston and her husband Gene of Montague, Calif., May Walters and her husband Carl of Sierra Vista, Airz. and Ruby McCormick and her husband Everett of Clovis, N.M.; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren with one on the way; one great-great-grandson; and special friends Mart Sherman and Tina Wooldridge.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth Wilcox and Marlon Wilcox.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Daryll Levay Polk



Daryll Levay Polk, 41, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013, in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 7, 1972, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Shiloh House of Praise.

He is survived by one son, Key Shaundre Polk of San Angelo;

three sisters, Jessica Payne and Monika Polk, both of Abilene, and Roslyn Neal of Big Spring; and two brothers, Edmond Gossett and George Gossett of Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Polk.

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

Carlene Barron

Carlene Barron, 73, of Seabrook, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- SARA DEANN HEFFINGTON, 30, 1209 Monticello, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence causing bodily injury.
- ANTONIO GONZALES, 50, Lamesa, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BENFAMIN ALLEN HALLFORD, 18, 710 E. 17th, was arrested on warrants for shoplifting and failure to appear.
- ORALIA MOJICA, 26, 1506 Wood, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- RUDOLPHO LEO GUTIERREZ III, 22, 2614 S. Monticello, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, expired registration and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (77 inmates were reported in the county jail):

- JOSEPH DEWAYNE RICHTER, 29, was jailed on warrants for criminal mischief and impairing/interrupting public service.
- HAYDEN D. MCMURRIN, 24, was jailed on warrants for displaying expired license plate and three counts of violating promise to appear.
- AMANDA MICHELLE HARKINS, 24, was jailed on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a dangerous drug and two counts of theft.
- ISAIAH MATTHEW JAMES, 24, was jailed on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JOSHUA LEE GLADIN JR., 22, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSHUA LEE GLADIN SR., 38, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- GEORGE JEFFERY WRIGHT JR., 22, was jailed on charges of disregarding a red light and evading arrest or detention.
- FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III, 25, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
- JUAN CALAMACO RODRIGUEZ, 62, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- ISAAC LEE MARTINEZ, 34, was jailed on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• KYLE SHALOR SEBER, 24, was jailed on a warrant for dog at large.

- ISRAEL FLORES JR., 33, was jailed on charge of assault.
- RONALD HASELBY, 62, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROY HUTCHESON, 30, was jailed on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR., 26, was jailed on a charge of intoxication assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.
- RUDOLPHO GUTIERREZ, 22, was jailed on warrants for no driver's license, displaying expired registration and failure to appear.
- SARAH D. HEFFINGTON, 30, was jailed on a charge of assault/family violence causing bodily injury.
- ANTONIO RAMIREZ GONZALES, 50, was jailed on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- BENJAMIN HALLFORD, 18, was jailed on warrants for theft and failure to appear.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2300 block of Oasis. One person was transported via Air Evac.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the 169 mile marker of Interstate 20. One person was transported via Air Evac.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call

Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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

THURSDAY

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• 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.

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall.

If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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.

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.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 9/17	Wed 9/18	Thu 9/19
92/69	92/68	95/70
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Hot. High 92F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:31 AM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM
Sunset: 7:50 PM	Sunset: 7:49 PM	Sunset: 7:48 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	69	t-storm	Kingsville	87	76	t-storm
Amarillo	82	63	t-storm	Livingston	96	69	mst sunny
Austin	91	72	t-storm	Longview	96	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	95	73	mst sunny	Lubbock	86	63	t-storm
Brownsville	83	76	t-storm	Lufkin	96	69	mst sunny
Brownwood	94	70	pt sunny	Midland	90	70	t-storm
Corpus Christi	87	78	t-storm	Raymondville	84	75	t-storm
Corsicana	96	72	pt sunny	Rosenberg	93	74	t-storm
Dallas	96	74	t-storm	San Antonio	90	73	t-storm
Del Rio	91	74	t-storm	San Marcos	92	72	t-storm
El Paso	82	66	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	96	71	t-storm
Fort Stockton	87	67	t-storm	Sweetwater	90	68	t-storm
Gainesville	94	70	t-storm	Tyler	96	73	pt sunny
Greenville	95	70	t-storm	Weatherford	94	71	t-storm
Houston	93	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	91	69	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	61	cloudy	Minneapolis	69	46	sunny
Boston	62	44	sunny	New York	70	52	rain
Chicago	71	57	mst sunny	Phoenix	102	82	sunny
Dallas	96	74	t-storm	San Francisco	68	58	pt sunny
Denver	83	57	mst sunny	Seattle	66	57	rain
Houston	93	74	t-storm	St. Louis	75	61	rain
Los Angeles	87	63	sunny	Washington, DC	73	55	sunny
Miami	84	77	rain				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 9/17	Wed 9/18	Thu 9/19
9	9	8
Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Take Note

• K-C Steak & Seafood is the featured Dine Out Days sponsor through Tuesday. As a Dine Out Day sponsor, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2014 campaign to support the 17 member agencies. To be a Dine Out Day sponsor or find out how to contribute to the campaign, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

• The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m. at Crispy's Cafe, 1904 S. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Sissy Jones at (432) 213-4452 or 2309 Lynn Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

• The Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, in partnership with Alon USA, is holding a \$300 gasoline voucher fund-raiser. Tickets can be obtained from any Lions Club member or by calling 432-263-4295. Proceeds will go toward Lions Club programs including eye exams for students, vision screenings and scholarships.

• Big Spring High School Student Council is encouraging local businesses to decorate their window fronts for homecoming. The theme is "The Future is Bright for Big Spring Steers." Homecoming is Friday, Sept. 13 and area businesses, groups and individuals are invited to also participate in the parade, which will be held at 4:30 p.m. at 11th and Donely. Lineup will be held at 4 p.m. To participate in the parade or for more information, call Haley Lefever at 432-264-3641, ext. 1469.

• Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops project is needing addresses for deployed military personnel. All addresses can be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair

which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• 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 vol-

unteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

Odd News

Russian shot in quarrel over Kant's philosophy

MOSCOW (AP) — An argument in southern Russia over philosopher Immanuel Kant, the author of "Critique of Pure Reason," devolved into pure mayhem when one debater shot the other.

A police spokeswoman in Rostov-on-Don, Viktoria Safarova, said two men in their 20s were discussing Kant as they stood in line to buy beer at a small store on Sunday. The discussion deteriorated into a fistfight and one participant pulled out a small non-lethal pistol and fired repeatedly.

The victim was hospitalized with injuries that were not life-threatening. Neither person was identified.

It was not clear which of Kant's ideas may have triggered the violence.

Florida station explains why it's airing dismal Jags

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — An Orlando television station has issued an on-air explanation for why it's airing the struggling Jacksonville Jaguars while many NFL fans probably would have preferred seeing the Denver Broncos-New York Giants game, a possible Super Bowl preview featuring the Peyton and Eli Manning.

WKMG TV issued the scrolled message on Sunday. It read that NFL policy states the station must carry all Jags away games. At the end the message said: "We apologize for any inconvenience."

Viewers then took to Twitter to remark on what many saw as an apology from the station.

But WKMG Vice President and General Manager Skip Valet says the arrangement is nothing new. He says for nearly two decades Orlando has been designated the secondary Jaguars market and has carried all the away games. As he put it: "I know it's frustrating, but as a CBS station in this market you have to carry the away games."

Jaguars scored an NFL-low 2 points last week and are coming off the worst season in franchise history.

Pa. principal salvages seats from NY movie theater

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — A middle school auditorium in northeastern Pennsylvania now boasts seats from a notable New York City movie theater.

West Scranton Intermediate School principal Paul Dougherty got the 114 upholstered chairs from Tribeca Cinemas. The theater screens movies during the Tribeca Film Festival.

The Times-Tribune of Scranton reports Dougherty got the seats for free in a last-minute deal on eBay. The district could not otherwise afford new auditorium seating.

Dougherty and two other school officials rented a truck and drove about 120 miles to New York. They picked up the seats just before the fall term began.

The red, gold and blue chairs will replace the first few rows of nearly 40-year-old orange seats in the school auditorium.

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departments pitched in to help.

With situations like Thursday's in mind, officials devised the plan to have private contractors on hand just in case city crews get overwhelmed by water line breaks.

"Our guys aren't go-

ing to sit around and be watching TV while contractors are out fixing line breaks," Womack said. "(Contractors) will only be used in case of an emergency situation."

"Hopefully, we'll never need them," Darden said. "It'll just be for backup purposes."

Womack said the contractors would be paid approximately \$13 an

hour for any work performed on the water lines. The money to pay them would come from unused salaries within the department.

"Basically, we'll fund this through our understaffing," Darden said.

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan said the plan may even be financially advantageous for the city.

"I think it is a very

smart, positive move on the city's part," he said. "And from the financial side, it will probably be comparable, if not cheaper, to what we'd be paying people in overtime."

Regardless of whether the city has to implement the plan, it does provide potentially overworked crews some much-needed help if worse comes to worse this winter, Darden

said.

"I think this is a good plan," he said. "I hope we don't have to use it ... but it's nice to have another tool in our toolbox."

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WIGINGTON

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ensued before he switched to administration, becoming assistant principal and later principal at Sweetwater High School.

He joined BSISD as secondary curriculum coordinator in 2010, a position he held until he was named interim superintendent in August. "My major reaction

to the news was excitement," he said. "I always wanted to be a superintendent. I knew there were lots of decisions I'd be responsible for, but I knew that going in."

Wigington said there's no telling how long he'll hold the position — BSISD trustees have not set a timetable for naming a replacement — but he said he has to make decisions as if the job was his permanently.

"I've got to make decisions for this district I feel are in the best interests of the kids," he said. "What's our top priority? Our students, making sure they are in the classroom and giving them an environment where they can be successful."

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

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and work on a new landfill, along with other items.

Assistant Finance Manager Don Moore

said earlier this month budget planners had to go back to the drawing board when they discovered that the tax rate they wanted to go with exceeded the rollback rate.

Councilmembers were

unanimous in their tentative support for the proposed tax rate.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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ANSWERS

9	3	6	5	7	4	8	1	2
8	5	4	2	6	1	9	3	7
1	7	2	8	9	3	6	4	5
7	1	9	6	4	8	2	5	3
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Nation/world news in brief

In Colorado, tropical air snagged on mountain range equals disaster

DENVER (AP) — Except for the Big Thompson fly fishermen and tubers lolling down Boulder Creek, most residents of the Colorado Front Range usually pay little mind to the small rivers that trickle by on their way from the mountains to the plains.

Until this week, when more than a foot of rain from a storm system hung up on the Rocky Mountains supercharged those streams and others with a deadly force that left vast corridors of destruction stretching from the foothills to the farmland of the plains.

“The water came over and it was 2, 3 feet deep and broke our doors down,” said Jack Hammond, who left his home in the foothills west of Lyons for a Fort Collins shelter with his wife, their daughter and their dog.

Dams along a chain of five small reservoirs failed upstream of Hammond’s home on a Little Thompson tributary as the rain picked up Wednesday. As the family huddled upstairs, water downstairs toppled their refrigerator and dumped 6 inches of mud. Finally, on Friday, a Colorado National Guard helicopter hoisted them and their young German shepherd to safety.

In semi-arid Colorado, the problem is usually too little rain that leads to drought and wildfires. But when the skies open up, the potential for the biggest drenching lies along the Front Range, where the eastern foothills meet the plains and most of the state’s population lives.

Fed is expected to scale back bond purchases even with economy at less than full health

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hiring is soft. Pay is barely up. Consumers are cautious. Economic growth has yet to pick up.

And yet on Wednesday, the Federal Reserve is expected to take its first step toward reducing the extraordinary stimulus it’s supplied to help the U.S. economy rebound from its deepest crisis since the Great Depression.

If it does, the Fed will likely spark a debate: Has the economy strengthened enough to withstand the pullback?

The answer might not be clear for months.

The Fed is meeting this week at a time of deepening uncertainty about who will succeed Chairman Ben Bernanke when his term ends in January. On Sunday, Lawrence Summers, who was considered the leading candidate, withdrew from consideration.

Obama touting economy on 5th anniversary of Lehman Brothers’ collapse

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is seeking credit for an economic turnaround, using the fifth anniversary of the collapse of the Lehman Brothers investment bank to highlight signs of recovery and to warn against potentially market-rattling fights over the federal budget and the nation’s debt ceiling.

Obama was scheduled to address the state of the economy Monday in a Rose Garden speech, accompanied by a selection of Americans who the White House says have benefited from the administration’s policies. The event marks the start of a week-long focus on the economy after a month of preoccupation with the crisis in Syria.

For Obama, the anniversary of Lehman’s bankruptcy in 2008, which marked the beginning of the global financial crisis and played havoc with an economy already in recession, is an opportunity to confront public skepticism about his stewardship of the economy and to put down his marker for budget clashes with Congress in the weeks ahead.

The White House’s National Economic Council on Sunday issued a report detailing economic policies that it says have helped shore up the financial system and put the economy on a path toward growth. Those steps range from the unpopular Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, that shored up the financial industry and bailed out auto giants General Motors and Chrysler, to an \$800 billion stimulus bill to sweeping new bank regulations.

Gene Sperling, a top Obama adviser and director of the National Economic Council, said Obama’s policies “have performed better than virtually anyone at the time predicted.”

Thousands of U.S. bridges that carry millions daily have multiple safety red flags

WASHINGTON (AP) — Motorists coming off the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge into Washington are treated to a postcard-perfect view of the U.S. Capitol. The bridge itself, however, is about as ugly as it gets: The steel underpinnings have thinned since the structure was built in 1950, and the span is pocked with rust and crumbling concrete.

District of Columbia officials were so worried about a catastrophic failure that they shored up the horizontal beams to prevent the bridge from falling into the Anacostia River.

And safety concerns about the Douglass bridge, which is used by more than 70,000 vehicles daily, are far from unique.

An Associated Press analysis of 607,380 bridges in the most recent federal National Bridge Inventory showed that 65,605 were classified as “structurally deficient” and 20,808 as “fracture critical.” Of those, 7,795 were both — a combination of red flags that experts say indicate significant disrepair and similar risk of collapse.

A bridge is deemed fracture critical when it doesn’t have redundant protections and is at risk of collapse if a single, vital component fails. A bridge is structurally deficient when it is in need of rehabilitation or replacement because at least one major component of the span has advanced deterioration or other problems that lead inspectors to deem its condition poor or worse.

Gap in employment rates between rich, poor at widest levels in records dating back a decade

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gap in employment rates between America’s highest- and lowest-income families has stretched to its widest levels since officials began tracking the data a decade ago, according to an analysis of government data conducted for The Associated Press.

Rates of unemployment for the lowest-income families — those earning less than \$20,000 — have topped 21 percent, nearly matching the rate for all workers during the 1930s Great Depression.

U.S. households with income of more than \$150,000 a year have an unemployment rate of 3.2 percent, a level traditionally defined as full employment. At the same time, middle-income workers are increasingly pushed into lower-wage jobs. Many of them in turn are displacing lower-skilled, low-income workers, who become unemployed or are forced to work fewer hours, the analysis shows.

“This was no ‘equal opportunity’ recession or an ‘equal opportunity’ recovery,” said Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University. “One part of America is in depression, while another part is in full employment.”

The findings follow the government’s tepid jobs report this month that showed a steep decline in the share of Americans working or looking for work. On Sunday, President Barack Obama stressed the need to address widening inequality, warning that proposed budget cuts will worsen the gap.

S. Koreans relieved to return to factory park in N. Korea but also worried about months of losses

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North and South Koreans got back to work Monday at a jointly run factory park after a five-month shutdown triggered by rising animosity between the rivals, with some companies quickly resuming production and others getting their equipment ready. South Korean business owners who have lost millions of dollars because of the hiatus say they’ll need several months to recover.

“I feel good about the park’s resumption, but I also have a heavy heart,” said Sung Hyun-sang, president of apparel manufacturer Mansun Corporation, which has lost about 7 billion won (\$6.4 million) because of the shutdown at the Kaesong factory complex. “We’ve suffered too much damage.”

About 800 South Korean managers and tens of thousands of North Korean workers began returning Monday to the factories at the Kaesong park, just north of the Demilitarized Zone.

The reopening is a sign that relations between the Koreas are warming after a spring that saw threats of nuclear war from Pyongyang.

But for businessmen at Kaesong, many of whom operate small or mid-sized companies, there’s a nagging worry about the future. The companies at Kaesong say they’ve lost a combined total of about 1 trillion won (about \$920 million) over the past five months and will reportedly need up to a year to get their businesses back on track.

Operation to right shipwrecked Concordia liner off Tuscany begins after storm delays start

GIGLIO ISLAND, Italy (AP) — A complex system of pulleys and counterweights on Monday gently began lifting up the Costa Concordia cruise ship from its side on a Tuscan reef where it capsized in 2012, an anxiously awaited operation of a kind that has never been attempted on such a huge liner.

Engineer Sergio Grotto said the operation to right the ship began at about 9 a.m. (0700GMT) Monday, three hours late.

The delay was due to an early morning storm that pushed back the scheduled positioning of a floating command room center close to the wreckage. Once it was in place, engineers using remote controls began guiding a synchronized leverage system of pulleys, counterweights and huge chains looped under the Concordia’s carcass to delicately nudge the ship free from its rocky seabed perch just outside Giglio Island’s harbor.

The goal is to raise it from its side by 65 degrees to vertical, as a ship would normally be, for eventual towing. The operation was expected to take some 10-12 hours, with the initial hours winching the ship off the reef imperceptible to the unaided eye.

Ocean frolic on tap for 1st day of new Miss America’s reign

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The new Miss America will start the first day of her reign the same way most of her predecessors did — with a frolic in the Atlantic City surf.

Nina Davuluri will speak at a press conference earlier in the day at Boardwalk Hall, where she became the first contestant of Indian heritage to win the crown Sunday night.

The 24-year-old Syracuse N.Y., native wants to become a doctor.

A planned visit later in the day to the scene of last week’s devastating boardwalk fire in the New Jersey communities of Seaside Park and Seaside Heights was canceled when pageant officials realized it would interfere with a rebuilding meeting set for the same time.

After 166 years, Dallas church passes into history

DALLAS (AP) — For 166 years, they came to pray and sing, to see loved ones baptized and married, to grieve and console.

The congregation at Pleasant View Baptist Church wasn’t the big-

gest or best known in the buckle of the Bible Belt. But it was a constant presence — until earlier this year, when the doors closed quietly and without ceremony for the last time.

The church “just ran

out of people,” pastor Bob Hendley, who is overseeing the shutdown, told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Now its simple frame structure, built in the 1920s to replace an earlier building destroyed

by fire, stands gutted and silent.

Shards of glass from missing windows glisten in the empty parking lot. The pews and pulpit have been carted off, and the building’s siding is peeling like an orange.

The northeast Dallas property, not far from White Rock Lake, was sold in May to a builder, who plans to build seven upscale homes on the site.

Neighborhood resident Randy Patterson mourned the church’s passing.

“Any time a culture or society loses a place of worship, regardless of your affiliation to the religion, it probably degrades the quality of life,” he said.

“To see a part of the community, a church that has been there and served the community for so long — (I’m) just

sad to see it go.”

According to newspaper clippings, Pleasant View was formed at the Dallas County courthouse in 1847 as First Baptist. A former pastor once said in the early days the church met in a bar for a while and “covered the whiskey bottles up on Sunday.”

Early records of that congregation were lost in a fire, but the church reorganized 10 years later.

In the 1860s, the group changed the name to Pleasant View because it met in a schoolhouse with that name in the neighborhood near Swiss Avenue and Beacon Street.

The church moved again in the 1880s but retained the name when settling on Fisher Road around the turn of the 20th century.

As recently as 2000, attendance numbered

around 125, according to press clippings. But even then the congregation was aging, and it became difficult to attract younger members.

Hendley, who worked as an evangelist for 25 years, occasionally brought his ventriloquist’s dummy to enliven services. And young families visited on occasion but rarely returned.

“The congregation was not a young congregation,” he said.

Pleasant View’s life cycle is not unusual, said Dr. Bruce Gourley, executive director of the Baptist History and Heritage Society.

Many Baptist churches that were started before the Civil War endure.

But church growth these days tends to be found in large, suburban, nondenominational congregations.

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Tannehill inducted into BSHS Hall of Fame, '63 Steers honored

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

In addition to the homecoming parade, festivities and the Steers' 48-0 shellacking of Lake View, Big Spring High School honored alumni Saturday, more specifically, the 1963 Steer football team, as well as inducted BSHS grad turned NFL quarterback Ryan Tannehill into the school's Hall of Fame.

Tannehill (Class of '07), went on to continue his football career at Texas A&M University, then was drafted eighth overall in the 2012 NFL draft by the Miami Dolphins.

Tannehill earned the starting position and led his squad to a 7-9 record while becoming the first rookie QB in Miami history to start in every game.

Now 2-0 in 2013, Tannehill is looking to bring the Dolphins back to the postseason for the first time since 2008. Though the most high profile in some time, Tannehill isn't the first BSHS alum to reach the pinnacle of football in America. He's the 19th player to trade in his black and gold for an NFL team's jersey.

Already holding Miami franchise records, Tannehill accrued the most

passing yards of any Dolphins rookie (3,294), as well as most pass attempts, completions and longest rush by a QB.

Ryan Tannehill's two brothers, Tyler and Toby, have also proved to be valued assets on the gridiron. Toby is currently the Steers' QB and has guided his team to a 2-1 record.

The 1963 Steers were recognized 50 years after going 8-2 and finishing in second in district. Along the way, the team defeated San Angelo Central, which was the No. 1 ranked team in Texas at the Class AAAA level — the largest division in '63 — as

well as Top 10-ranked Wichita Falls. Unfortunately, only one team per district earned a playoff berth during those years.

Also known as the "Little Southwest Conference", Big Spring's then 2-4A roster included Charlie West, who went on to play in the NFL for such teams as the Minnesota Vikings and quarterback Albert Fierro. The 1963 Steers were coached by Don Robbins.

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Big Spring grad Ryan Tannehill (left) was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame Saturday. Tannehill is the current quarterback for the Miami Dolphins. Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney straightens a photo which is part of an exhibit commemorating the 1963 Big Spring High School football team. The exhibit, celebrating the only BSHS football squad to defeat a No. 1 ranked opponent, was highlighted with a reception honoring members of the '63 team Saturday.

Steer tennis opens district with 15-4 victory over Greenwood

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GREENWOOD — Big Spring team tennis opened up district 4-3A action Saturday, the first year the program has competed in in team tennis in the autumn since UIL added it as a fall sport.

"We had previously played it in the fall when we were a 4A team," said BSHS Head Coach Dana Jones. "I prefer this format."

The girls turned in a dominating performance, not losing a match throughout the day. The boys had a lot of close matches and only dropped four total, with Big Spring earning a 15-4 win in its first division outing. The top two teams from 4-3A will advance to the regional tournament.

"The girls were rock solid from top to bottom," Jones added.

Next up for the Steers will be a showdown with district foe Sweetwater on Tuesday.

Individual results

Girls Doubles:

Parnell/Walker def. Hinojosa/Knapp, 8-2.
Castillo/Redlin def. Carter/Quesada, 8-0.
Bakley/Marshall def. Robinson/Young 8-1.

Girls Singles:

Molly Walker def. Ali McCarty, 6-3, 6-2.
Selena Castillo def. Rebekah Knapp, 6-2, 6-2.
Cassidi Redlin def. Jausclyn Hinojosa, 6-1, 6-0.
Sarah Marshall def. Aimee Quesada, 6-1, 6-0.
Morgan Parnell def. Lyndsey Carter, 6-0, 6-0.

Katie Newton def. Riley Young, 6-0, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles:

Armstrong/Turner lost to McCarty/Richardson, 8-2.

Boys Doubles:

Avant/Blount def. Elliott/Merryman, 9-8.
Atherton/Baker def. Campbell/Elliott, 8-2.
Hughes/Miller def. Graham/Knapp, 9-8.

Boys Singles:

Tyler Avant lost to Brandon Elliott, 4-6, 7-5, 10-3.
Bryan Blount lost to Kevin Campbell, 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.
Josh Baker def. Payden Merryman, 6-3, 6-2.
Kieran Atheron def. Lane Richardson, 4-6, 6-2, 10-0.
Alex Hughes def. Blake Elliott, 6-2, 6-3.
Garrett Miller lost to Timmy Knapp, 6-4, 6-7, 10-7.

Junior Varsity results vs. Shallowater at Dora Roberts Tennis Center:

BSHS winners: Noe Arguello, Victoria Deubler, Mariah Brehm, Donovan Salinas, David Caldera, Christopher Adwell, Brandon Hilario and Will Gill.

Next up: Odessa High freshmen in Big Spring, Oct. 15.

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Cowboys edged by new-look Chiefs, 17-16

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The all-red uniforms that the Kansas City Chiefs donned for the first time against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday represented quite the fashion statement.

The way the Chiefs performed made another kind of statement.

It said that these aren't the same stumbling bunch of saddles who struggled to the worst record in franchise history last year. They aren't the same team that so embarrassed their fans that many of them began to organize rebellions as the season lurched to an end.

No, behind new coach Andy Reid and the near-flawless play of quarterback Alex Smith, the Chiefs are off to an unbeaten start. They held on for a 17-16 victory over the Cowboys to match their entire win total from last year just two weeks into the season.

"What happened last year, that laid the foundation," Chiefs safety Eric Berry said. "That brought us closer as a team, closer as a unit, and now we're just building forward."

The teams traded leads early, but Kansas City had pulled back ahead on Dwayne Bowe's touchdown catch and Ryan Succop's field goal. The Cow-

boys (1-1) then marched deep into Chiefs territory late in the fourth quarter, but had to settle for Dan Bailey's 53-yard field goal with 3:55 left.

Kansas City managed to pick up just enough first downs — one coming on a pass interference call on Morris Claiborne — to keep Tony Romo and the Cowboys from having one last shot.

"The game came down to one possession here and one possession there," Romo said. "When a team eats the clock as well as they did, the game is going to come down to a few plays."

Alex Smith threw for 223 yards and two touchdowns for the Chiefs, who have allowed only one touchdown on defense and haven't committed a turnover through their first two games — not even against the Giants into six of them last week.

"There are going to be highs and lows when you play a good football team," Reid said. "That may be what I'm proudest of, that we just didn't have those highs or lows."

Here are five more reasons why the Chiefs emerged

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Tannehill leads Miami to 2-0

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Luck stewed over the mistakes he made Sunday. There was the forced pass into the end zone that was picked off, the failure to take the potential short gains on the final series and the inability to get away from pressure on Indy's final offensive play. It was, simply, too much for the Colts to overcome on a day Ryan Tannehill threw for 319 yards and one touchdown, and the Miami defense held Indy to 133 yards in the second half to preserve a 24-20 victory. "You start thinking about the plays afterward. I think some of those, instead of throwing the ball up for grabs,

take the underneath guy, get 5 yards and get in second-and-5 instead of ending up in second-and-10, third-and-10, fourth-and-10," Luck said. Luck and the Colts (1-1) seemed to have everything working in the first half when they piled up 315 total yards. But in the second half, they couldn't get anything right. After recovering a Tannehill fumble at the Miami 39, the Colts had to settle for a short field goal after Luck's 1-yard TD run was disallowed because Miami coach Joe Philbin challenged the prior catch just in time. A few plays later, Luck thought he had a 15-yard TD pass but that was wiped out

by an illegal shift. Then, in the fourth quarter, after underthrowing a deep ball to Reggie Wayne in the end zone, Luck wound up throwing three straight incompletions and took a sack on fourth down with 87 seconds to play. Luck finished 25 of 43 for 321 yards and one TD — the difference came down to managing mistakes. Tannehill is one of the big reasons Miami is 2-0 for only the second time since 2004. He was 23 of 34 for 319 yards with one touchdown and did a better job managing his offense in the second half. Miami played this one almost perfectly.

They started fast, jumped to a 14-3 lead after two possessions, rallied twice and shut down the Colts when they needed, too. High-priced free-agent Mike Wallace was a little happier with his performance Sunday, finishing with nine receptions for 115 yards and one touchdown a week after making only one catch in his Miami debut. Lamar Miller averaged nearly 5 yards per carry, running 14 times for 69 yards and a touchdown. Charles Clay had five catches for 109 yards and only one carry — a 1-yard TD run with 4:40 left in the third quarter, which turned out to be the game's decisive

score and stood up to a replay review. That, and a staunch defense late was enough for the Dolphins to hold on. The Dolphins didn't shy away from trading jobs, especially after Indy piled up 315 yards of offense in the first half, their highest first-half total in seven years. The Colts finished with 438 yards, but couldn't put Miami away after taking a 17-14 lead in the first half and a 20-17 lead early in the third quarter after Tannehill's fumble. But Miami made all the big plays after that — the 34-yard completion from Tannehill to Wallace that set up Clay's rushing score.

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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

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

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Texans rally late again, top Titans 30-24

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans needed a second big comeback in two weeks to beat Tennessee and improve to 2-0.

The record has them exactly where they'd hoped to be, even if the way they've gone about winning is far from ideal. "I'd like to wrap these things up a little quicker

than we (have) the last two weeks," defensive end J.J. Watt said. Rookie DeAndre Hopkins grabbed a 3-yard touchdown pass in overtime and the Texans rallied for a 30-24 win over the Titans.

With Andre Johnson out after being shaken up in the fourth quarter, Hopkins reached above Jason McCourty and pulled in the pass from Matt Schaub to give Houston the victory.

The record has them

things up a little quicker

the Titans.

With Andre Johnson

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Famous Hand

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♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ A K 4 2
♦ 7 6
♣ Q 9 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ —
♦ J 9 8 5 3
♣ J 8 5 4

EAST
♠ J 9 8
♥ J 10 9 7
♦ 10 4 2
♣ K 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ Q 8 6 5 3
♦ A K Q
♣ A 10 6

The bidding:
South West North East
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
6♥

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

This famous hand was played by Ewart Kempson, British star, many years ago. He got to six hearts, and West led a diamond. When dummy was tabled, making the slam seemed to be a cut-and-dried proposition. Declarer's only loser appeared to be a club.

But after winning the diamond with the queen and leading a trump to the ace, on which West showed out, Kempson discovered that he would have to lose a trump trick also.

Never one to give up easily, Kempson made the slam anyway by means of an extremely unusual squeeze-endplay. He began by cashing the A-K of spades, then led a heart to dummy's king and ruffed a spade.

Kempson now cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed the king in dummy. Next came a trump to the queen, producing this position:

North
♠ 7
♣ Q 9 3

West
♠ Q
♣ J 8 5

South
♥ 8
♠ A 10 6

Kempson led the trump eight, and West, who could not afford to part with the queen of spades, discarded the five of clubs. Dummy thereupon discarded the seven of spades, and East, compelled to win the trump trick, had to return a club.

It did not matter which club East led at this point. In practice, he returned the deuce, South playing the six, West the jack and dummy the queen. Kempson then took the obvious club finesse, and it was all over. Note that it would not have helped West to play the eight of clubs instead of the jack. In that case, declarer would win with dummy's nine and return the queen to achieve the same result.

Tomorrow: Two bites are better than one.
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With Andre Johnson out after being shaken up in the fourth quarter, Hopkins reached above Jason McCourty and pulled in the pass from Matt Schaub to give Houston the victory. The Texans (2-0) needed a franchise-record 21-point comeback to win their opener at San Diego 31-28. On Sunday, they charged back from an eight-point fourth-quarter deficit against the Titans (1-1). Schaub doesn't have a problem with the added

drama this season. "If it means winning at the end of the day we'll take this kind of game every week," he said. Arian Foster's 1-yard touchdown and 2-point conversion tied it 24-24 with less than 2 minutes left. Houston forced a punt and got within field-goal range after that. But Randy Bullock's 46-yard attempt bounced off the left upright to force overtime. It was his third miss of the day. Watt likes the way the team has responded with its back against the wall so far. "(There is) nobody worrying, nobody panicking, just finding a way to win ... and that's all that matters," he said.

COWBOYS

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more balance in our offense," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said.

3. **SMITH'S LEGS:** Smith ran for a game-high 57 yards, showing off the kind of elusiveness at quarterback that Kansas City hasn't had in the past. Perhaps his most daring move came when the Chiefs were facing third-and-15 on the opening series of the game, and Smith scrambled 17 yards before executing a Fosbury Flop over a defender for a first down. "Never done anything like that," he said. "I saw him kind of going low and then I was in the air."

4. **BRYANT'S A BEAST:** Dez Bryant was held to just 22 yards receiving by the Giants last week, but broke out against the Chiefs. He hauled in nine passes for 141 yards and a touchdown, and might've had another if he didn't drop a long pass after beating the coverage. "When my number's called, I'm going to do my job," Bryant said. "That's the way I look at it."

5. **CHARLES IN CHARGE:** Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles missed practice early in the week after hurting his quad against Jacksonville, but was still in the starting lineup. He caught a short TD pass from Smith in the first quarter and then salted things away with a couple of bruising runs after the Cowboys kicked a field goal with 3:55 left in the game. "I knew I was going to get the ball," he said. "I knew the moment was going to come and it came today and I was very happy I had to carry my team on my back."

Victorious on Sunday: 1. **CHIEFS PASS RUSH:** The Chiefs, who piled up six sacks at Jacksonville, kept the heat on Romo most of the game. Defensive tackle Dontari Poe had a pair of sacks and Ron Parker another one on a cornerback blitz, putting a hurt on the quarterback's already bruised ribs. "It was my first big NFL play since I've been in the league," Parker said. "I'm still feeling the juice off it."

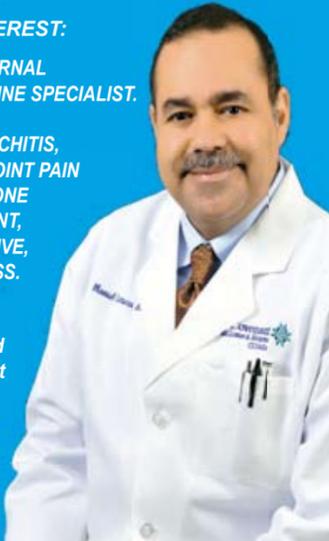
2. **GROUND GAME GROUNDED:** Dallas struggled to find running room for the second straight week. DeMarco Murray had just 25 yards on 12 carries, and the Cowboys finished with 37 yards rushing as a team. "We have to have

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