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Police and emergency medical personnel were called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 17th and Scurry streets. No major injuries were reported.

BSHS to greet alumni

Homecoming activities begin Tuesday evening

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Break out the Black and Gold, it's homecoming week for all Big Spring High School students, parents and alumni.

The festivities begin Tuesday with the annual bonfire and community pep rally on the old Anderson Kindergarten campus.

"It will begin no earlier than 8:30 p.m. and no later than 20 minutes after the Lady Steers volleyball games," said George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordinator.

Then on Friday, the homecoming parade will start at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday is the last day to sign up a parade entry. To sign up, call the high school's main office at 264-3641 and entries will be taken until 4 p.m.

"No candy can be thrown or handed during the parade," Bancroft said. "Once contacted by BSBS student council, those who entered can pick up their parade packet at high school from Wednesday to Thursday 24 and sign a release

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Police tout Take Back program

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Division will be participating in the annual National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative Saturday.

"This provides a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired,

unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances, dangerous drugs and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction," said Sg. Tony Everett, CID Big Spring Police in a written statement.

The public can drop off unwanted pharmaceuticals to the west doors of Walmart, 201 W. Marcy, on Saturday

between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Intra-venous solutions, injectibles and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens, the release said.

"This program is anonymous and all efforts will be made to protect the



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Helping hand

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Crystal Porter, center, with the help of her 5-year-old son Alex, cuts the ribbon to officially celebrate the opening of the Blue Ribbon Cafe, located at 505 Scurry St., across from the Heritage Museum on Saturday. Joining Crystal is employee Jaurdin Scammel, Crystal's husband, Jacob, their daughter Cora, and employee a Laken Anderson. The business will provide sandwiches, salads, soups, gourmet burgers and a number of homemade desserts during the lunch time hours, Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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News in brief

US weighs unprecedented abstention on UN vote condemning Cuba embargo

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the United States may be willing to accept a United Nations condemnation of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba without a fight, The Associated Press has learned.

U.S. officials tell the AP that the Obama administration is weighing abstaining from the annual U.N. General Assembly vote on a Cuban-backed resolution demanding that the embargo be lifted. The vote could come next month.

No decision has yet been made, said four administration officials who weren't authorized to speak publicly on sensitive internal deliberations and demanded anonymity. But merely considering an abstention is unprecedented. Following through on the idea would send shock waves through both the United Nations and Congress.

It is unheard of for a U.N. member state not to oppose resolutions critical of its own laws.

And by not actively opposing the resolution, the administration would be effectively siding with the world body against Congress, which has refused to repeal the embargo despite calls from President Barack Obama to do so.

Pope meets with Fidel, but misses out on seeing dissidents after they're blocked from vespers

HAVANA (AP) — Pope Francis flies to eastern Cuba on Monday for the next leg of his pilgrimage after having met with both Raul and Fidel Castro but missing out on an encounter with Cuban dissidents.

The Vatican stressed that no official meeting had been planned with the dissidents. The Vatican embassy in Havana did make calls to some leaders "as a sign of attention to these people," the Vatican spokesman said, but in the end the dissidents were prevented from reaching the cathedral where the greeting was planned.

The Castro meetings went off without a hitch.

The Vatican described the 40-minute session with Fidel Castro at the former president's home as "informal and familial," with an exchange of books and discussion about big issues facing humanity, including Francis' recent encyclical on the environment and the global economic system.

Video of the encounter broadcast on Cuban state media showed the 89-year-old Castro chatting animatedly with Francis and shaking the pope's hand,

the pope standing in his white vestments and Castro sitting in a white button-down shirt and Adidas sweat top.

AP Investigation: World Health agency's bungling hindered Ebola response in Sierra Leone

KENEMA, Sierra Leone (AP) — The chlorine was expired. The protective gear was missing. And the red tape was so thick that responders fighting last year's Ebola outbreak had trouble getting approval for boots and buckets.

The 2014 Ebola epidemic pitted a lethal virus against barely-there health systems, and it was always going to be deadly. But an Associated Press investigation has found that a string of avoidable errors badly undermined the work of international aid workers.

The World Health Organization, charged with leading the fight against global outbreaks, already has been criticized over its management of the disease-fighting effort. Earlier this year, an AP investigation found that WHO delayed declaring an international emergency — similar to an SOS signal — on political and economic grounds. Newly obtained emails, documents and interviews show that WHO and other responders failed to organize a strong response even after the signal was issued.

Experts say the bungling ultimately cost lives across West Africa.

Syrian refugee family rebuilds life in the US, hopeful relatives will be able to join them

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Hussam Al Roustom and his wife didn't tell anyone before they and their two small children left Syria, fearing their plans for escape could fall apart.

Leaving their homeland had never been part of the picture before. Al Roustom had a supermarket and owned their home in the western Syria city of Homs. But a civil war that started with unrest in 2011 had taken its toll, especially on his son Wesam, already dealing with autism and so traumatized by the barrage of violence that he stopped speaking entirely.

"When they would exit the house, it was only to the sounds of war," Al Roustom said through a translator. "When they would sleep, they would hear the sound of bullets."

These days, it's the sounds of passing cars and conversations between people on the street for Al Roustom and his wife, Suha, as they and their chil-

dren settle into their small apartment in Jersey City, New Jersey. They've been here about three months, among the 1,500 or so Syrian refugees who have been resettled in the U.S. out of an estimated 4 million who had fled the country in recent years.

Carly Fiorina's rocky tenure as Hewlett-Packard CEO is still a matter of campaign debate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ten years after GOP presidential candidate Carly Fiorina was unceremoniously fired from her job as chief executive of Hewlett-Packard, her tumultuous business career is still the subject of heated discussion.

Even as she enjoys a surge in momentum after last week's Republican debate, Fiorina is facing more jibes about her tenure at HP. Rival candidate Donald Trump declared her time there "a disaster," after Fiorina boasted of HP's growth and the "tough choices" she made as CEO.

The truth is, her HP tenure was rocky. "It is pretty hard to find too many people who think she did a great job there," said journalist Peter Burrows, who wrote "Backfire," a book about Fiorina's reign at HP. "Her reputation is definitely tarnished in Silicon Valley."

Yet one outspoken Fiorina supporter is venture capitalist Tom Perkins, who clashed with Fiorina when he was on HP's board but now says it was a mistake to dump her. "I think she is brilliant and has gotten a lot of unwarranted criticism," Perkins told The Associated Press. Some issues the 61-year-old Fiorina has encountered in her career:

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Charles Smallwood, 66, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Terry James, 57, died Tuesday. A memorial service will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Andrew Price, 84, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carlos Flores, 67, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

TAKE

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identity of individuals disposing of medications," Everett stated. "Participants may dis-

pose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing it directly into the disposal box. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their

original container." "We strongly encourage everyone who has expired medicine or medicine you no longer need or use, to utilize this opportunity and dispose of your medicine safely"

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form in order to participate."

This years homecoming parade theme is 'once upon a time, in our quaint little town, the legendary Big Spring Steers welcomed the Graham (Steers) Cinderellas to battle on sacred ground. Dreams will come true when BSHS Steers prevail in a fight to end all fights.'

Businesses are also encouraged to participate by decorating the outside of their businesses and stores or front windows. The parade is just one

of several activities set that week to ramp up community support when the Big Spring Steers take on the Graham Steers at Memorial Stadium Friday with kick off at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about homecoming activities, contact Student Council Sponsor Haley Lefever at hlefever@bsisd.esc18.net.

The following is list of in-school activities for homecoming week:

- Today, Sleeping Beauty Day (Pajama Day) Theme of the day, "Once upon a time, BSHS Steers put Graham into a trance from which they would never

- wake up."
- Tuesday, Disney Character Day (Dress as your favorite Disney character) Theme of the day, "Magic mirror on the wall, the Big Spring Steers will win this Fall."
- Wednesday, Goofy Day (Dress Goofy/Wacky/Crazy) Theme of the day, "The Graham Steers are about to get whacked"
- Thursday, Sept. 24, Captain Hook Day (Dress like a Pirate) Theme of the day, "Send Graham back to Neverland."
- Friday, Sept. 25, Steer Pride (Black & Gold Day)

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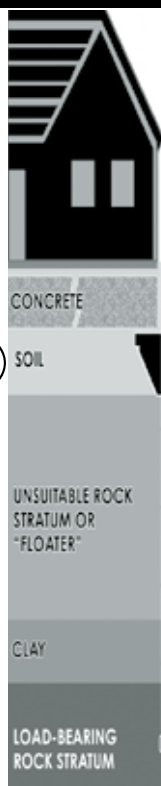
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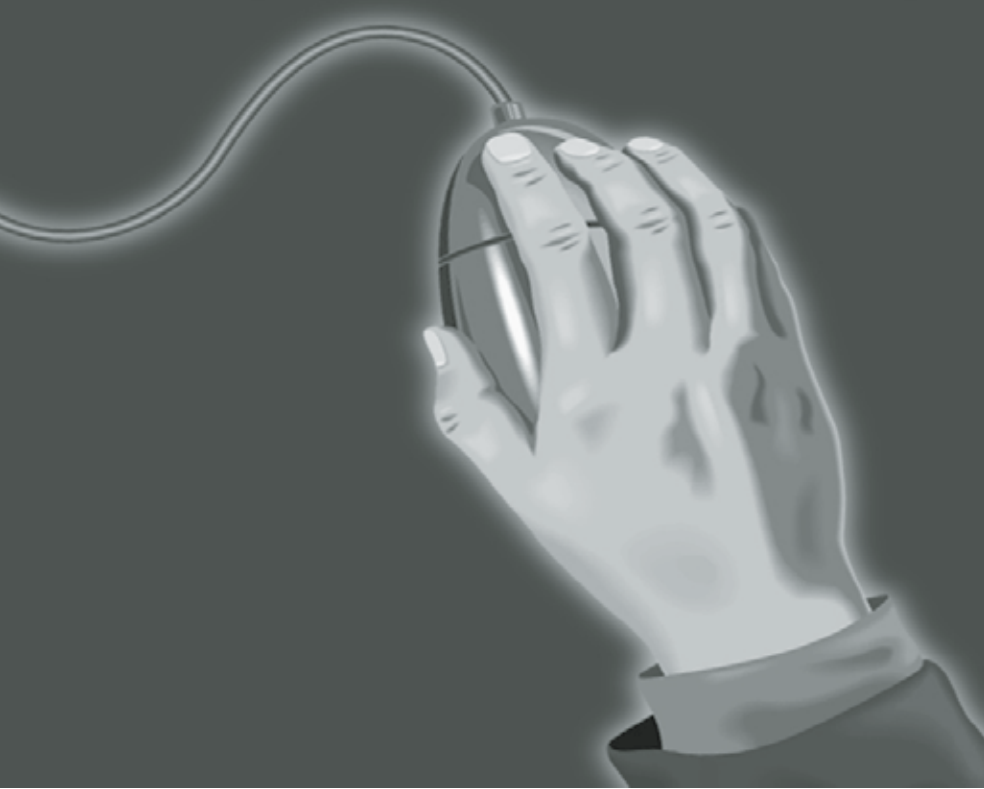
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International Day of Peace

On Sept. 21, 1981, the United Nations

declared the first International Day of Peace. The theme for this year's celebration is: Partnerships for Peace -- Dignity for All.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Those who spend a great deal of time on social media will find it difficult to refrain from the dangers of comparison.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Happiness is a small number of reasonable aims. Once you've whittled down the list, you'll achieve your goals.

to do is choose how you'll celebrate! GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not an easy audience. Right now people have to be either mighty charismatic or completely in line with your current interests in order to get your attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You didn't get this far by being lackadaisical about your own success. However, this is one of those times when pushing ahead won't help. It will serve you better to sit back and take stock of where you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll take a carefully chosen approach to business that begins in your mind and your closet. You may make an investment that helps your image match your message.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Upon meeting an admired someone, your thoughts will quickly knit together a plan for embodying the desirable qualities this person possesses. It is in you to be

Tomorrow's Horoscope

who you wish to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When life heads you in directions you don't want to go, your attitude will control the pleasantness of the journey. Accept what is. Mentally adjust to make yourself more comfortable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You and your friend or partner have grown in distinctly different ways. When you reconnect in the near future, you will have much to teach each other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your methods are different from those of your teachers. You've learned and turned it into a new way. Just be sure to give credit where it's due.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Contentment is nothing to take lightly. How often in life can we really say there is nothing we need or want that we don't have already? Tomorrow brings ambition anew, so enjoy the present peaceful state.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The people who irritate us teach us something about ourselves. They offer shortcuts to spiritual evolution. What do you have inside you that matches their undesirable qualities? Identify and rid yourself of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You usually do your own bidding, but today you can trust another person to do it for you while you tend to a different matter. This new matter will not end peaceably without your involvement.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 21). Nobel Prize-winner Andre Gide said, "Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore." This year's journey starts with your bold decision to trade a familiar view for an adventure. You'll be paid handsomely by year's end. You'll earn a new license or degree in 2016. Pisces and Sagittarius people adore you. Your

lucky numbers are: 6, 13, 33, 49 and 15.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE POEM: In honor of this International Day of Peace, I would like to share part of a poem I wrote for my daughter. The following is an excerpt from "People Are Different":

...and this is the reason they eat different foods, and talk different talks and feel different moods, and walk different walks and dance different dances, and play different games, and have different romances and talents and limits and wishes and dreams...

But wait! Am I missing what this really means?

Each person there is only wants to be free, to find some kind of home and live in harmony in a place that feels safe, like it's where they belong and can do their own thing, and can sing their own song.

Well, it's something to think of the next time you do find that you're next to

someone who isn't like you:

People are different, as different can be except for the sameness we share underneath.

--From "People Are Different" by Pearl and Lovey (our pen names for children's projects)

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Faith Hill was raised in a small town in Mississippi called "Star," and this country girl was destined to be just that. Hill went from performing for the 4-H club to traveling the world and selling more than 40 million records worldwide. Virgo is an excellent sign for country music, as it lends an earthy sensibility and a focus on down-home values. Her natal Venus in show-stopping Leo doesn't hurt, either!

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Dear Annie: Our daughter and her husband are major hoarders. They have two teenage children who have to climb

over things to get into their beds. Every room has piles of junk. They will not get rid of anything because "one day, it may be valuable." They never invite anyone into their home, which is a disaster and in major disrepair.

We are concerned for their health, but we're afraid that if we challenge them, we will be cut off. We are also concerned that their home is a fire risk. There is so much flammable stuff, and so few clear pathways, that were ever

a fire, they would all likely die. How can we approach this without disastrous results? -- Worried Mother

Dear Mother: These types of problems are heart-breaking, because sometimes, there is little you can do. A great deal of hoarding consists of simply collecting too much (of anything), having difficulty getting rid of things and problems with organization. Many hoarders won't admit that anything is amiss.

First, check to see if your area has a Hoarding Task Force. Then contact the International OCD Foundation (ocfdoundation.org) for information.

The organization also provides referrals and suggestions for talking to someone with a hoarding problem, stressing positive talk about safety, without using judgmental terms such as "junk" or telling them they live in a "trash heap." Please look into it and find out how you can best approach your daughter so she receives the help she needs.

Dear Annie: I've been fighting a terminal illness for close to three years. I never cease to be amazed by what some "friends" say to me. Sometimes their comments seem so heartless. One friend said, "Well, least your mother isn't living with you." (Hers is.) Another told me, "At least you're not going through a divorce."

(She is.) And the best one: "At least you didn't have to watch your screaming grandkids all weekend." (She did.)

Annie, I have been through a divorce, my mother did live with me for a while, and I can only pray I get to meet my grandchildren before my numbered days are up.

Please share this advice with your readers: If you aren't sure what to say to someone in my circumstances, simply say, "I'm so sorry you have to go through all of this." I don't need people trying to convince me that their lives are worse than mine. I would trade places with any of them in a heartbeat. -- Dying Too Young

Dear Too Young: Your friends, like the rest of us, see our

own problems as huge hurdles, but yours puts theirs into perspective. Your friends also are trying to minimize the seriousness of your situation because that provides comfort for them, and they assume it does for you, as well. They are mistaken, but they won't know unless you are brave enough to tell them. You shouldn't have to spend your social encounters resenting your friends for these thoughtless comments. Explain that you'd rather talk about other things and

tell them why.

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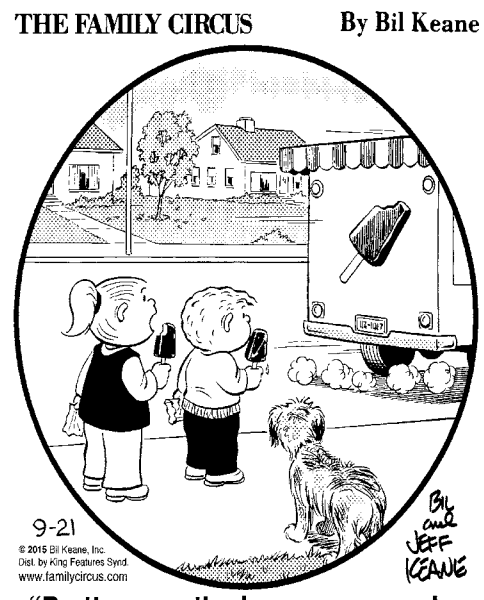
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"I WISH MARGARET WOULD STICK TO THE PIANO. AT LEAST SHE CAN'T FOLLOW US AROUND WITH THAT."

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"Pretty soon the ice cream man is gonna have to go into hibernation."

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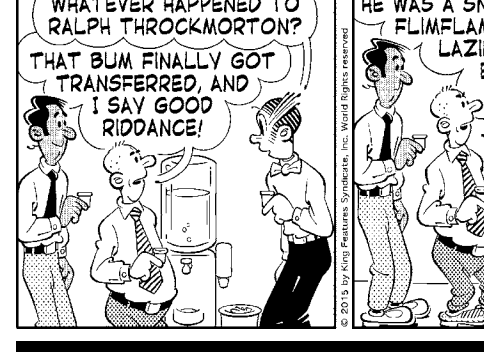
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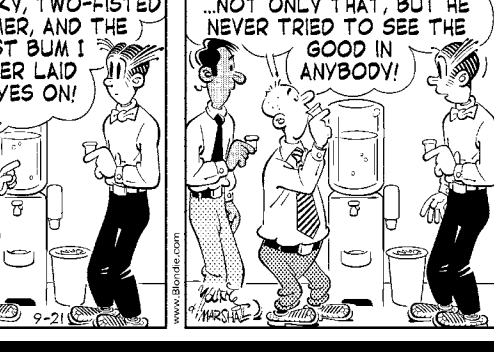
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.
 In 1893, one of America's first horseless carriages was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Massachusetts, by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother, Charles.
 In 1912, magician Harry Houdini first publicly performed his "Water Torture Cell" trick at the Circus Busch in Berlin.
 In 1925, the Rudolf Friml operetta "The Vagabond King" opened on Broadway.
 In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.
 In 1948, Milton Berle made his debut as permanent host of "The Texaco Star Theater" on NBC-TV.
 In 1957, Norway's King Haakon VII died in Oslo at age 85. The legal mystery-drama "Perry Mason," starring Raymond Burr, premiered on CBS-TV.
 In 1964, Malta gained independence from Britain.
 In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC-TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BUILDING PLAN by Gail Grabowski

- ACROSS
- 1 Swiss mountain
 - 4 Uses a vegetable peeler
 - 9 Junk email
 - 13 Jury member
 - 14 "Humble" residence
 - 15 Funnel shape
 - 16 Three-layer cookie
 - 17 Color variation
 - 18 Had debts
 - 19 College students' dwelling
 - 21 Ships' workers
 - 22 Aromas
 - 23 Tavern beverage
 - 24 Military zone
 - 27 Be financially successful
 - 30 Hand-lotion ingredients
 - 31 Pen name
 - 33 Country meadow
 - 34 Noisy
 - 35 Carry with you
 - 36 Grade on an exam
 - 37 Showery spring month: Abbr.
 - 38 Treaties
 - 39 Mythical wish granter
 - 40 Despises
 - 42 Playful talk
 - 43 ___-brown potatoes
 - 44 Ancient person
 - 46 Pigeon's perch
 - 48 Rabbi's religious facility
 - 52 Share a border with
 - 53 Italian coins
- DOWN
- 1 Aviation prefix
 - 2 Impolite look
 - 3 Publicized
 - 4 Church official
 - 5 Despise
 - 6 Lion sounds
 - 7 Whirlpool
 - 8 Catch sight of
 - 9 Makes a touchdown
 - 10 Electricity-producing building
 - 11 All over again
 - 12 Prescriptions, for short
 - 13 Holder of peas
 - 20 Vows exchanged at weddings
 - 21 Corporate VIPs
 - 23 Be boastful
 - 24 Course with lettuce
 - 25 Wed on the run
 - 26 Where a judge hears a case
 - 27 Bowler's targets
 - 28 Spooky
 - 29 Person gathering leaves
 - 31 Curved lines
 - 32 Took a match to
 - 35 Shower alternative
 - 36 Guided, as a trainee
 - 38 Soft "Hey!"
 - 39 ___ up on (unite against)
 - 41 Holiday after Lent
 - 42 Not impartial
 - 44 Pancake topping
 - 45 Win by ___ (barely defeat)
 - 46 Knocks firmly
 - 47 Woodwind instrument
 - 48 Japanese wrestling
 - 49 Donate
 - 50 ___ the air (undecided)
 - 51 Snakelike fish
 - 53 Corn portion

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News in brief

Top Texas land office staffers got large, frequent bonuses

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Top staffers at the Texas General Land Office routinely collected cash bonuses worth tens of thousands of dollars despite earning annual salaries exceeding \$100,000 under its former commissioner — and many remained in powerful posts until a major staff shakeup in recent weeks, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Such “one-time merit increase” bonuses are common throughout Texas government, but in other agencies are often small pay bumps for employees who aren’t otherwise highly compensated.

Beginning when Jerry Patterson became land commissioner in January 2003 through fiscal year 2015, his office paid more than \$6.5 million in one-time merit bonuses, according to data obtained via open records requests. That included more than \$1.2 million just in Patterson’s final months, after he ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor.

“We used it quite a bit to give people essentially bonuses for a good job as opposed to a pay raise since that raise stays there the following year, when they may not do such a good job,” Patterson said.

His successor, George P. Bush, whose grandfather and uncle were president and whose father is campaigning for the White House, took office Jan. 2 and has led an agency “reboot,” vowing to impose fiscal conservatism. More than 100 staff members have been fired or voluntarily left since then, 26 of whom accepted \$15,000 payments to retire early.

General Land Office spokeswoman Brittany Eck said Sunday that “the majority if not all” of the staffers receiving large previous bonuses under Patterson had left the agency after the latest round of dismissals, retirements or transfers that occurred just in the last two weeks.

Environment group official says Texas water grid should wait

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A proposal to study the possibility of a statewide network that would pump water across vast Texas should be sidetracked until more immediate attempts at water conservation are examined, a top official in Texas’ largest environmental group says.

“If we’re going to do a study, we need a comprehensive study of how efficient we can become,” said Ken Kramer, water resources chairman of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

The El Paso Times reported Sunday (<http://bit.ly/1LGvPmf>) a proposed water grid study from two Republican state lawmakers — Rep. Lyle Larson of San Antonio and Sen. Charles Perry of Lubbock — failed in the most recent legislative session but remains a likely topic for lawmakers when they return in 2017.

Texas is facing water challenges amid huge

population growth. Larson has described a proposed water grid as “major arterials to convey water throughout the state” and said it needed to be looked at “from a 50,000-foot view.”

Kramer likens such a huge infrastructure project to one narrowly defeated by Texas voters nearly a half century ago. In 1968, a \$3 billion bond proposal to import Mississippi River water and distribute it throughout Texas failed by 6,600 votes.

The former president and CEO of the El Paso Water Utility, Ed Archuleta, says such a statewide water grid project is impractical because of costs.

Archuleta, now director of water resources at the University of Texas at El Paso, also says environmental regulations now on the books further complicate a statewide project.

State and federal water planners should do more to make conservation technologies — like reusing water that comes out of wastewater treatment plants — more attractive, he said. El Paso took advantage of a 15 percent federal innovation incentive when it built a water reclamation plant in 1985.

Man fatally shot by Dallas police at apartment complex

DALLAS (AP) — A man has died after being shot by police in Dallas.

Deputy Chief Rob Sherwin said officers responded to reports of a disturbance involving a motor vehicle accident at the Avondale Parc Apartments around 11:45 p.m. Sunday. While responding to the first call, officers received an unrelated call about a man waving and firing a gun on the other side of the apartment complex.

According to Sherwin, police went to investigate where the man was and made contact with him. Sherwin said officers fired at the man, striking him.

The man was taken to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital where he was pronounced dead. No officers were injured.

The identity of the man has not been released.

Austin part of 11 hearings nationwide on increased traffic

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Austin has been chosen for a federal hearing on fast-growing cities and

meeting the needs of increased traffic.

The U.S. Department of Transportation says the Beyond Traffic megaregion forums will include Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

Organizers say the hearings, including Sept. 30 in Austin, are meant to focus on transportation trends and policy proposals to be published in 2016.

The Beyond Traffic effort was launched earlier this year for discussions on the condition of the U.S. transportation system and how to meet future needs.

Experts say the bulk of population growth anticipated in Beyond Traffic — 70 million more people living in the U.S. by 2045 — will occur in 11 metro areas, including Austin.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates Austin’s population at nearly 913,000.

1 dead, 6 rescued after boat accident near Baytown

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard says one person has died after an accident involving two boats in Cedar Bayou near Baytown, Texas.

Watchstander Phillip Woods says the Coast Guard got a call for help Sunday afternoon from a person aboard one of the boats that there had been an accident involving two boats carrying seven people. Woods says a Good Samaritan rescued four people and the Chambers County Sheriff’s Office rescued another two before the Coast Guard arrived.

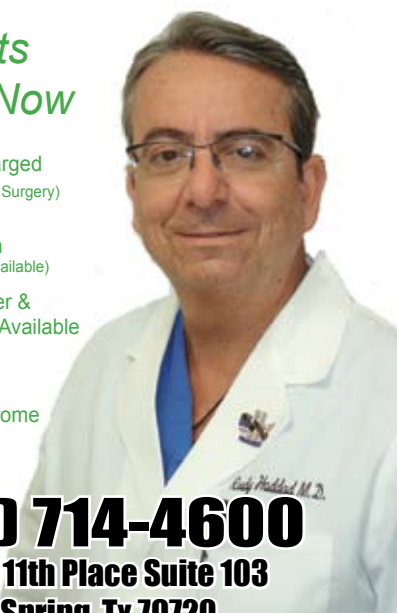
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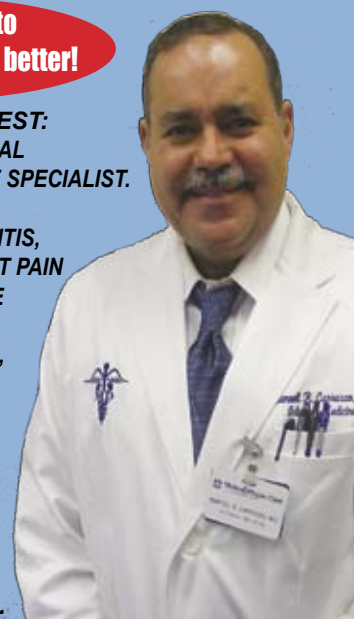
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