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Attendees of the 2009 Webb Reunion enjoy a reception at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. The 2011 reunion will be held Friday and Saturday.

Webb Reunion scheduled to make landing

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Memories will be flying this weekend at the Webb Air Force Base Reunion. The reunion will take place at Hangar 25 Air Museum, with registration from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. Reunion attendees will also be treated to a hamburger luncheon at noon at the museum with an aerobatic show by stunt pilot Jan Collmer starting at 1 p.m. A Mexican fiesta

dinner will be served at the Senior Center with a mariachi band as entertainment. "We don't have final numbers, but we are hoping for around 200 people at this year's reunion," said Big Spring Airpark Manager Col. (Air Force retired) Jim Little. Saturday, attendees will have an opportunity to make their way around Big Spring and revisit some of the

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Robinson cited for safety violations

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Following a recent series of deadly accidents in and around the Crossroads area, U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Big Spring-based Robinson Drilling LTD

for nearly a dozen health and safety violations at a Lenorah work site. The work site — located in Gaskin Field, Gaskins Well No. 1, reportedly at Rig No. 20 — was investigated by OSHA's Lubbock District Office. According to OSHA records, 11 health and safety violations

— including what the agency described as seven "serious violations" and four "repeat violations" — were discovered at the Lenorah site, located west of Big Spring. "This is not the first time Robinson Drilling of Texas has exposed its employees to preventable workplace hazards," said Diego Alvarado,

OSHA's acting area director in El Paso. "It is fortunate that in this case there were no injuries or fatalities." Citations include failure to ensure industrial machines were properly guarded; failure to ensure outlet boxes are covered; failure to provide protection from trip and fall hazards; ensure electrical

records are not spliced; and failure to provide a storage area free from hazards, according to OSHA records. OSHA guidelines define a serious violation as causing a substantial probability of death or serious physical harm resulting from hazards

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Fundraisers generate \$66,000 for firefighters

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A group of local residents decided a simple "thank you" wasn't nearly enough to display their gratitude to area firefighters for the countless hours they spent battling blazes this summer, so they threw in a dinner, dance and a pile of cash for good measure. The citizens' group recently presented the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department with a donation of more than \$66,000 to show their thanks. The money will be used to purchase a brush truck for the department, Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said. Considering the many wildfires that have erupted this year because of extremely hot, dry conditions, the dona-

tion was more than justified, organizers said. "All of our fire departments in this area have been challenged this year," said Iva Jo Hanslik. "They all deserve recognition and appreciation for their efforts to save our properties and our lives." Hanslik said the idea for the firefighter benefit began in early May. "Darrell Coates had a fire on his property that burned about 200 acres, and he came to me and said, 'Iva Jo, we need to hold a benefit for these firefighters,'" Hanslik said. "So, we started putting the word out, calling for volunteers." Several people responded to that call, including Debbye ValVerde, Debra Wallace, Jan Fresyth, Steve Wright, Vicky Slaton, Jerry Worthy,



Howard County Judge Mark Barr, left, and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan, right, are joined by a group of local citizens who presented a check for more than \$66,000 to the HCVFD to show the community's appreciation to the department for

and others. Soon afterward, that group joined forces with another effort headed by Birdwell Lane Baptist Church minister Rob Dalsing to begin organizing plans for an Aug. 27 benefit at Garrett

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Obituaries

Lucille Barton



Lucille E. Barton, 94, of Artesia, N.M., formerly of Forsan, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, in Artesia, N.M. Graveside memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park, with Kenneth Garcia of 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ officiating.

She was born Jan. 27, 1917, in Lloyd, Texas, and married Arthur David Barton on Jan. 13, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 2005.

Lucille was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and a former member of the Forsan School Board. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Van and Allison Barton of Artesia, N.M.; one brother, Myron Russell "Rusty" Wilson of Washington; and four grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Ray Barton; her parents, Benny Ray and Dora (Russell) Wilson; a brother, Cleo Clifton Wilson and two sisters, Imogene Margaret Wilson and Lovera R. Milligan.

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

David O. Perez

David O. Perez, 61, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Big John's Feedlot is the participating Dine-Out-Days sponsor for United Way, Oct. 3 through Oct. 8. A portion of their proceeds will be donated to the 2012 United Way campaign.

• First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011. In recognition of this milestone occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbig-spring.org/>

• Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.

• American Cancer Society will have their board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

Police blotter

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

- LEONA JEAN RADASA, 29, of 1413 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- AUDREY DALE NEWELL, 43, of 301 Pine, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- LUIS ALEJANDRO RAMOS, 22, of 1606 Cardinal, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- FREDERICK CAMPBELL, 62, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- BYRON ANTHONY MILLER, 28, of Arlington, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MEGAN RYNELL ARMSTRONG, 21, of 821 W. Eighth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MATTHEW FRANK GONZALES, 21, of 2513 Rebecca, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.
- LUIS ADOLFO PENA JR., 32, of 1105 E. 14th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GILBERT GONZALES, 39, of Littlefield, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of Johnson.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- FREDERICK CAMPBELL, 52, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on an Austin paole violation and a charge of public intoxication.
 - LUIS ALEJANDRO RAMOS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - LEONA JENE RADASA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - CHARLIE EVERRETT RYERSON, 65, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - AUDREY D. NEWELL, 43, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
 - MATTHEW FRANK GONZALES, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of running a stop sign.
 - BYRON MILLER, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
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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.

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

Fri 10/7	Sat 10/8	Sun 10/9	Mon 10/10	Tue 10/11
91/68	77/56	76/53	80/55	82/55
Partly cloudy and windy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms.	A few thunderstorms possible.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 7:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:18 PM

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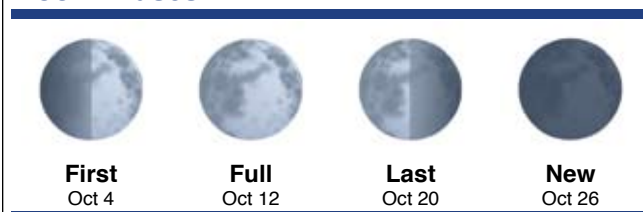
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	89	67	windy	Kingsville	94	73	windy
Amarillo	82	58	t-storm	Livingston	90	66	mst sunny
Austin	89	69	windy	Longview	90	63	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	66	sunny	Lubbock	83	60	t-storm
Brownsville	92	73	mst sunny	Lufkin	92	65	pt sunny
Brownwood	90	68	windy	Midland	89	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	74	mst sunny	Raymondville	95	72	mst sunny
Corsicana	89	65	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	70	pt sunny
Dallas	90	67	pt sunny	San Antonio	93	73	windy
Del Rio	93	69	windy	San Marcos	89	69	windy
El Paso	83	57	windy	Sulphur Springs	91	64	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	91	64	windy	Sweetwater	89	67	windy
Gainesville	87	64	pt sunny	Tyler	90	63	pt sunny
Greenville	89	63	pt sunny	Weatherford	86	64	pt sunny
Houston	90	72	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	86	65	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	53	sunny	Minneapolis	82	69	t-storm
Boston	62	47	mst sunny	New York	68	52	mst sunny
Chicago	80	58	pt sunny	Phoenix	73	55	mst sunny
Dallas	90	67	pt sunny	San Francisco	66	56	sunny
Denver	63	37	mst sunny	Seattle	58	51	cloudy
Houston	90	72	pt sunny	St. Louis	87	61	mst sunny
Los Angeles	73	54	sunny	Washington, DC	72	52	sunny
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Preventing cancer starts with a Pap test

For busy women who typically put others' needs before their own, remember that taking time to care for themselves is important to good health. Regular well-woman exams are a simple and effective way to start.



DR. ERICH BYERLY

The principal parts of a well-woman visit are a routine pelvic exam — which checks the uterus, ovaries and other organs to make sure they are healthy — and a Pap test, which screens for certain gynecological cancers. The Pap smear is the primary test for cervical cancer: once one of the most common causes of cancer death among women, today it is one of the easiest cancers to detect and prevent.

What is the Pap test?
This test is used to detect cell changes in the cervix

that may later develop into cancer. Because cervical cancer is slow-growing with few symptoms in the early stages, the Pap test is an effective tool in early detection.

Usually performed during a pelvic exam, the Pap test collects a few cells from the cervix for examination under a microscope. The test is painless, and takes only seconds to perform. Regular Pap smears monitor any tissue changes in the cervix and can help diagnose potential problems early, when they are most treatable.

Who needs a Pap test?

The Pap test is recommended for all women; however, industry guidelines regarding when to begin Pap tests and how frequently to receive the test have changed. Women are now advised to get their first Pap test at age 21 (previously, the recommendation was to begin having the test tests three years after becoming sexually active, or at age 21, whichever came first.) Once you've had

your first Pap test, repeat Pap smears should follow these guidelines, issued by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG):

- Women ages 21 to 30 should have a Pap test once every two years unless they have had an abnormal Pap test or have other risk factors.
- Women who have received the HPV vaccine should follow the same schedule and guidelines for Pap smears.
- Women age 30 and older who have had three consecutive negative tests — and no abnormal history or risk factors — should have repeat Pap tests once every three years.
- Women age 30 and older can also optionally be tested for cancer-causing types of HPV, at the same time as their Pap test. Because HPV diagnosed in women under age 30 is often cleared by the woman's own immune system, routine HPV testing for younger women is not recommended (see sidebar).

• Women with certain risk factors may need to be screened more frequently as recommended by their doctor. These risk factors include HIV; a weakened immune system due to cancer, organ transplant or other illness; exposure to the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES) before birth; or a history of moderate to severe dysplasia (i.e., pre-cancerous cell growth on the cervix).

• Women age 65 and up who have had no abnormal Pap smears for 10 years, and three or more negative results, consecutively, may stop getting Pap tests, with the permission of their doctor.

• Women who do not have a cervix, including those whose cervix has been removed as part of a hysterectomy, do not need regular Pap tests.

Cervical cancer is most often diagnosed in women age 40 and older. It is important to continue getting a Pap test regularly — even if you think you are too old to have

a child, or are not sexually active. It's equally important to continue annual pelvic exams, regardless of the recommended frequency of Pap tests. Your pelvic exam and Pap test may be performed together, in the same wellness visit, or separately, depending on the frequency of Pap tests that your doctor recommends.

To learn more, visit www.SMMCCares.com; click on "Health Resources" and "Interactive Tools," and take the Cervical Cancer Risk Assessment, Cervical Cancer Quiz, or Reproductive Cancers Quiz.

Joining the medical staff at Family Medical Center OB/Gyn Clinic late in 2001, Dr. Erich Byerly's services include caring for prenatal patients and annual well women exams. He is skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of gynecological health problems; such as menstrual disorders or menopausal difficulties.

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familiar places or take a trip to Midland for the Commemorative Air Force Museum AirShow 2011. Both groups will begin their daily activities at 9 a.m. and wrap up around 4:30 p.m. Those staying in Big

Spring will have a catered lunch at Heritage Museum, and guided tours of Alon Refinery and Settles Hotel.

Saturday evening's events will be highlighted by a reunion dinner at 7 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club. Guest speaker will be retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Steve Ritchie, who

achieved "ace" status during the Vietnam War by shooting down five enemy jet fighters.

A dance, with music provided by Millennium Jazz, will follow the dinner at 8:30 p.m.

The weekend will conclude with a send-off breakfast Sunday at Hangar 25. Reservations are needed from those planning to attend in or-

der for the itineraries to be filled out and to allow for accommodations to be made.

"There are lots of people coming in to reminisce and it's important we take advantage of this opportunity because of the history they hold," said Genevieve Stockburger, museum administrator. "The history we can obtain

from them is important because it is getting to a point where we are losing a lot of those memories."

During the reunion, the museum will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

To print a registration form or to find out more information about the

reunion, visit the Hangar 25 website at <http://www.hangar25airmuseum.com/main/reunion.asp>, or call 432-264-1999.

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the employer knew about or should have known about.

Repeat violations included failure to install grounding rods, failure to regularly inspect fire extinguishers and failure to maintain eye-wash stations. OSHA cited Robinson Drilling for similar violations in 2007 and 2008, according to the government agency's records.

Penalties assessed as

a result of the violations total \$130,900. The company has 15 days from the receipt of the citations to comply, request a conference with OSHA officials or contest the violations before the agency's review committee.

Robinson has been investigated several times in the past two years, most recently following the death of two Big Spring men killed who were killed when one of the company's drilling rigs failed in Dawson County.

Jason Bolt, 25, and

Sandy Daves, 28, were killed when bushings on the oil rig they were working on failed, according to members of the victims' families. Members of both men's families voiced outrage following the accident, saying the rig was being operated within a day of the accident.

In June of 2010, two Robinson Drilling employees were rushed to Midland Memorial Tuesday following an accident at a oil derrick located 10 miles north of Midland in Glasscock County.

In April 2010, William Ryan Locke, 35, died following an oil rig drilling accident at a location between Midland and Gardendale. Locke was believed to have been working from a ladder on the drilling rig when a piece of high pressure pipe broke away, releasing enough pressure in the Big Spring man's direction to knock him from the ladder and platform.

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Modehn Wyatt, 94, died Tuesday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. at Littlefield Cemetery in Littlefield, Texas.
David O. Perez, 61, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Coliseum.

That benefit raised more than \$35,000, but the group wasn't finished yet, Hanslik said.

"Part of the core group of volunteers went around the community, asking for donations, and the community responded," she said.

Those efforts culminated Monday, when the group presented Sul-

livan with the donation. "We are very grateful to the citizens for taking the time and raising money for the volunteer fire department," said Sullivan, who was en route to Kentucky today to purchase the chassis for the brush truck.

Hanslik said more fundraising efforts may be forthcoming.

"We've closed things out for this year, but next year, we'll determine if we do more for them," she said.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

The stock market acts like a roller coaster. It is up one day and down the next. People get excited today about their investments only to become dismayed at their loss tomorrow. Accumulating riches in an uncertain science with a lot of mountains and valleys.
Many people consider faith in a similar fashion. They gladly trust today but willfully disobey tomorrow. They turn faith building into an uncertain science with highs and lows that offer little stability. Indeed, they lose the richness of a growing faith and fall prey to discouragement and disobedience.
In reality, obtaining and strengthening faith is more certain than we think. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17) If you want faith to grow, be in God's word and allow God's word to be in you.

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News in brief

Occupy Wall Street

spin-offs come to Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Demonstrators have organized spin-offs of the Occupy Wall Street protests Thursday in five Texas cities.

Hundreds of people were expected to begin a protest in downtown Austin called Occupy Austin. A group of homeless activists were also expected to set up a campsite in a nearby city park. Organizers were using social media sites to coordinate activities.

There also were plans for protests in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and McAllen. Hundreds of people using Facebook said they would attend those protests.

The demonstrators are building on the Occupy Wall Street protests in New York, where thousands of people have protested corporate greed. Organizers say they are demanding that politicians pay more attention to average citizens.

Similar protests have started across the country. Each is organized by a local general assembly, and there are no official leaders.

Protesters have asked students at the University of Texas at Austin to leave their classrooms and march to City Hall. In Dallas, demonstrators planned to march on the Federal Reserve building and in Houston, they will protest in front of the J.P. Morgan Chase building.

“Occupy Houston is a local expression of the global movement to end the corporate corruption of our democracy,” organizers said in a press statement. “It is a volunteer-organized effort providing infrastructure and support for Houstonians to exercise their First Amendment rights.”

On Wednesday, union members joined the Occupy Wall Street protesters, adding thousands to people to the demonstrations that began Sept. 17.

Bachmann: Perry used

jobs fund to reward backers

AUSTIN (AP) — Rick Perry brags that Texas has created more than 1 million jobs during his 10 years as governor, trumpeting the state’s hands-off regulatory climate and business-first policies. But another part of his jobs agenda, the part that promotes investing state money in private companies, is drawing new criticism as he runs for the Republican presidential nomination.

Rival Michele Bachmann recently likened one of the deals subsidized by the Texas Enterprise Fund to Solyndra, the California energy company that went bust after receiving a \$528 million loan from the federal stimulus program.

Perry’s state fund “gave \$35 million and a grant to a private company and there were donors in that private company,” Bachmann said, referring to Perry campaign contributors. Though the company promised to create jobs, “they didn’t create any,” she said.

The criticism lays bare a larger battle among conservatives about whether the government should let the free market reign or use public money to boost jobs. More specifically, the deal Bachmann attacked illustrates the murky complexities of private ventures that not only involve risk but also donations to political campaigns.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner declined to discuss the deal in question, which was with a precursor to Lexicon Pharmaceuticals. What matters, he said, is that overall “the fund has created more than 59,000 jobs and capital investment of more than \$14.7 billion.” Bachmann, he said, was “just throwing garbage at the wall to see if it will stick.”

From the first grant announcement in June 2003

through August 2011, the fund had distributed more than \$439.5 million to 89 firms — from giants like 3M Co. and Home Depot Inc. to a Houston company called Alloy Polymers, which promised to create 52 jobs.

Murder plotter sent to death row loses appeal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has denied an appeal from a former suburban Houston police officer convicted and sent to death row for masterminding a plot to have his wife killed.

The state’s highest criminal court Wednesday rejected 32 points of error raised by lawyers for 54-year-old Robert Fratta.

Most of the issues in the appeal focused on whether testimony was proper at his second trial in 2009 for the slaying of his 33-year-old wife, Farah, in 1994. She had filed for divorce from the former Missouri City officer.

Fratta’s first conviction, in 1996, was overturned on appeal.

Two others were sent to death row in the same case, including the hitman, Howard Paul Guidry, and Joseph Prytash, who prosecutors said hired Guidry at Fratta’s request.

Low winds help firefighters contain Texas blaze

BASTROP (AP) — Firefighters continued making progress containing a small fire just a month after the state’s most destructive wildfire hit the same Central Texas county, officials said Wednesday.

The 320-acre fire north of Bastrop was 50 percent contained, said Texas Forest Service spokesman John Nichols. Lower winds and cooler temperatures, as well as air resources, helped firefighters “get a handle” on the blaze quickly, he said.

Officials initially estimated the fire at 1,000 acres after it broke out Tuesday afternoon, but revised the total after doing more specific calculations on the ground, Nichols said. A cause has not yet been determined for the fire northwest of the massive Labor Day weekend blaze, he said.

While 28 homes were evacuated, the fire has not burned any houses, and none are in danger, Nichols said. Residents will not be allowed to return home until Thursday at the earliest, he said.

Although the blaze did not get close to any houses, Bastrop County officials decided to order evacuations early in case the fire spread as quickly as the Sept. 4 blaze, Nichols said. That fire burned out of control for several days amid high winds, blackened more than 50 square miles, destroyed more than 1,500 homes and left two people dead.

“These people have been through enough already, and we didn’t want to have them in that area in case anything bad happened,” Nichols said, referring to homeowners in the area of Tuesday’s fire. “Luckily, that wasn’t the case.”

Kirk Obst told the Austin American-Statesman that he and his neighbors have been alerting the fire department any time they suspect a fire, even if it means “crying wolf.”

Conservationists sue to block TransCanada pipeline

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — U.S. officials illegally allowed a Canadian company to begin preparing the route for its proposed 1,700-mile-long oil pipeline from western Canada to Texas, even though the project hasn’t gained final government approval, three conservationist groups contend in a lawsuit

filed Wednesday.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should not have allowed TransCanada Corp. to begin clearing a 100-mile corridor through northern Nebraska grasslands because the State Department hasn’t signed off on the Keystone XL pipeline project, the groups argue in their lawsuit filed in federal court in Omaha.

TransCanada was allowed to mow down delicate native grasses and to relocate an endangered species living there, the American burying beetle, they say.

“It’s our contention that that activity is illegal. They should not be constructing the pipeline, and they should not be out there,” Noah Greenwald, the Center for Biological Diversity’s endangered species director, said at a news conference in Omaha.

The plaintiffs, who also include the Western Nebraska Resources Council and Friends of the Earth, are seeking to stop the preparations for the proposed pipeline, which would carry an estimated 700,000 barrels of crude per day from the oil sands of Alberta, Canada, to Texas Gulf Coast refineries.

TransCanada spokesman Shawn Howard said the claims made in the lawsuit are false and that it mowed some grass as part of efforts to protect and move some of the protected beetles. In every case where mowing was done, the company received permission from landowners, Howard said.

“We respect the regulated review process currently under way and in no way would we impact that by beginning construction without a permit,” Howard said in a written statement.

Howard stressed that mowing doesn’t constitute construction.

Mexico says a leader of fading cartel caught

MEXICO CITY (AP) — One of the last major leaders of the pseudo-religious La Familia drug gang has been captured, Mexican officials said Wednesday, an arrest that has provided insights into the final days of one of the country’s most bizarre criminal cartels.

Martin Rosales Magana had been on the run since a breakaway gang threatened to kill relatives of those who still sympathized with La Familia, said federal police anti-drug chief Ramon Pequeno. He allegedly took refuge in a state bordering La Familia’s stronghold of Michoacan and plotted an alliance with his group’s old enemies, the Zetas.

At one point, Rosales Magana plotted to lead 200 Zetas and La Familia gunmen in an assault on Apatzingan, a city in western Mexico now dominated by the equally cult-like Knights Templar cartel that broke away from his group, Pequeno said. The plan was to generate outrage at violence and trigger a crackdown on the rival gang.

Rosales Magana and three other men were arrested Tuesday in the neighboring State of Mexico.

The Knights Templar split from La Familia in March, and it quickly used threats and armed force to displace La Familia in Michoacan. The groups both said they were founded to fend off the hyper-violent Zetas, and both employ pseudo-religious rhetoric depicting themselves as defenders of the public against extortionists and kidnappers.

Both, however, are drug-trafficking organizations and demand protection payments from business owners and farmers. La Familia had claimed it allowed its members to traffic, but not consume, drugs. But in the end, its members did the unthinkable: they turned to their old foes, the Zetas, widely feared for their bloody, military style of controlling turf.

State tax revenues bounce back

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas tax revenues have bounced back to levels nearly equal to pre-recession levels indicating that the economy is in recovery, the state’s chief revenue estimator said Wednesday.

John Heleman said taxes on retail sales, motor vehicles and oil production are near 2008 levels, the last year before the recession. Only natural gas taxes are lagging, mostly due to low prices, he said during a quarterly briefing to the state House Ways and Means committee.

“The sales tax collection in 2008 was our all-time high and then it went down in 2009,” Heleman told the committee. “It’s back up in 2011, and we’re essentially back to where we were in 2008 in terms of sales tax collections.”

The state’s Rainy Day Fund, which is financed with oil and gas revenues, is expected to reach roughly \$7 billion by the next legislative session in 2013.

The state’s business tax, also known as the franchise tax, also is recovering, though not

yet to 2008 levels. Heleman said the Legislature’s decision to raise the exemption level to \$1 million from \$300,000 earlier this year means that more than 40,000 businesses will no longer have to pay the tax.

Oil production in the state has remained steady over the last 20 years, with a slight increase in recent months, Heleman said. But the price of oil has varied dramatically, resulting in steep changes in tax collections. He said high prices for oil have benefited the state’s trea-

sury, returning state income from oil to near 2008 levels.

Natural gas prices, though, remain low and revenue from those wells has not returned to 2008 levels and probably will not in the foreseeable future, he added.

Committee Chairman Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, said the committee will meet again next month to discuss

the business tax, which was created in 2006 to help lower property taxes.

That tax has never performed as well as expected, creating a recurring deficit every two years.

Hilderbran said the committee will ask experts to delve deeper into the tax to see what can be done to make it more effective.

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Apple's Steve Jobs remembered as visionary

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Jobs, who founded and ran Apple, told us what we needed before we wanted it.

"To some people, this is like Elvis Presley or John Lennon. It's a change in our times. It's the end of an era," said Scott Robbins, 34, a barber and an Apple fan. "It's like the end of the innovators."

Apple announced his death without giving a specific cause. He died peacefully on Wednesday, according to a statement from family members who were present. He was 56.

"Steve's brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives," Apple's board said in a statement. "The world is immeasurably better because of Steve."

Unions lend muscle, expertise to 'Occupy Wall Street' camp-out

NEW YORK (AP) — Unions lent their muscle to the long-running protest against Wall Street and economic inequality Wednesday, fueling speculation about how long the camp-out in lower Manhattan — and related demonstrations around the country — will continue.

Thousands of protesters, including many in union T-shirts, filled lower Manhattan's Foley Square on Wednesday and then marched to Zuccotti Park, where the protesters have been camping since Sept. 17. Labor leaders say they will continue to support the protests, both with manpower and donations of goods and services.

"The great thing about Occupy Wall Street is that they have brought the focus of the entire country on the middle class majority," said George Aldro, 62, a member of Local 2325 of the United Auto Workers, as he carried the union's blue flag over his shoulder through lower Manhattan.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Case of Timing

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 9 4
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ K J 10 9 4
♣ K

WEST
♠ Q 10 8 2
♥ 5 3
♦ 7 6
♣ Q J 10 8 4

EAST
♠ 7 6 3
♥ Q J 10
♦ A 3 2
♣ A 9 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 5
♥ A K 7 4
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

In every deal played at a suit contract, declarer must decide how to handle the trumps. Whether to draw all, some or no trumps, and precisely when to do so, is probably the single most common problem declarer faces as the play begins.

Consider this case where South arrived at four hearts after a Stayman sequence, and West led a club. East took dummy's king with the ace and

returned the queen of hearts, hoping to reduce dummy's ability to ruff clubs.

Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a club in dummy, led a trump to the king and ruffed his last club with dummy's last trump. South then attacked diamonds, but East wisely held up his ace until the third round. As a result, declarer went down one, losing a trick in each suit.

South could have made the contract by timing his play differently. There was no need to ruff clubs immediately.

After the trump return at trick two, he should draw a second round of trumps with the king and then force out the ace of diamonds. Two trumps remain in dummy when East wins the ace of diamonds, so declarer cannot be stopped from subsequently gaining entry to dummy's diamonds by ruffing a club. South's only losers in this case are a heart, a diamond and a club.

Interestingly, East can defeat the contract by taking the same tack declarer mistakenly chose in the actual deal. If East leads a second club rather than a heart at trick two, forcing dummy to ruff prematurely, South must lose four tricks no matter how he proceeds.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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"We're in it together, and we're in it for the long haul."

The protesters have varied causes but have spoken largely about unemployment and economic inequality, reserving most of their criticism for Wall Street. "We are the 99 percent," they chanted, contrasting themselves with the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans.

With presidential field virtually set, GOP to choose between experienced Romney, novice Perry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The GOP presidential field apparently set, Republican primary voters are likely facing a choice between an experienced, establishment candidate in Mitt Romney and an insurgent presidential campaign novice in Rick Perry.

With three months until voting begins, that's the dynamic that's starting to emerge now that former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie have said they won't run for president in 2012.

Their decisions — announced over the past two days — mean it's all but certain that the Republican nominee will come from the current crop of candidates despite earlier hunger within the party for more options.

For now at least, the race is focused on Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who lost the Republican nomination in 2008 and in recent days has started to shore up support among long-time party leaders, and Perry, the Texas governor who has emerged as the top challenger despite a rocky few weeks that have stoked concerns among GOP elders about whether he's ready to take on President Barack Obama.

The dynamic is familiar.

At White House, anniversary of 10 years of war in Afghanistan to go by with little attention

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decade of war will pass quietly at the White House this week.

President Barack Obama plans no public events Friday to mark a moment the nation never really expected: 10 years of war in Afghanistan. Out of sight and off the minds of millions of Americans, the war is the most prolonged conflict this country has been engaged in since Vietnam. Obama has gone so far as to declare it "the longest war in American history."

The lack of attention to the 10-year milestone is driven in part by White House thinking that Obama has already helped lead a national reflection on a decade of costly sacrifice and battle. He did that on the recent anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the day when many people feel the war unforgettably began.

Yet Obama's handling of the new war milestone also underscores his interest in sticking to an economic message without distraction. Jobs, not war, matter most right now.

What's more, in military terms, analysts say a

10-year anniversary holds little significance compared with other markers. The main one is the end-of-2014 deadline Obama has set for withdrawal of most U.S. forces, along with the question of whether the United States will be able to leave Afghanistan stable enough politically to prevent a perilous collapse.

Hundreds of Afghans demonstrate in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Hundreds of people marched through the streets of the Afghan capital on Thursday, demanding the immediate withdrawal of international military forces ahead of the 10th anniversary of the U.S. invasion.

The peaceful demonstration in downtown Kabul was meant to mark the Oct. 7 invasion of Afghanistan 10 years ago, following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States.

The U.S. invasion came after Taliban leader Mullah Omar refused to hand over Osama bin Laden, purportedly because of his disbelief that the al-Qaida chief was responsible for the attacks and because it went against the Afghan tradition of hospitality and protection of guests.

U.S. forces killed bin Laden in a raid on his hideout in Pakistan in May.

Tragedy strikes when lives of teenager, white supremacists collide on rural Ore. highway

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The paths of a teenager who called his mother daily and two white supremacists fleeing a murder scene in Washington state crossed in Western Oregon's Willamette Valley less than a week ago.

The teenager who had thoughts of joining the ministry was found dead, the victim of "homicidal violence." The two people who commandeered his car — subjects of a manhunt in the death of a Washington state woman and disappearance of her husband — threw up their hands in surrender to police on Wednesday.

An Oregon sheriff called their weeklong road trip down the West Coast "a vicious, vile reign of terror." After days of searching on land and air, a California Highway Patrol trooper with a lingering doubt about the white sedan with Oregon plates arrested David Joseph Pedersen and his girlfriend, Holly Grigsby.

Someone stumbled on the teenager, 19-year-old Cody Myers, in the woods in western Oregon on Tuesday. Relatives and friends say he was studious, religious and caring.

"Cody was devoted to his family. He would've done anything for anybody to help anybody," said Myers' mother, Susan Myers. "He had passion for life, for God, for his beliefs. He didn't deserve this."

Airport wants to make money with corporate logo on control tower

Stadiums do it. Bridges do it. Even a small airport in Southern Oregon wants to do it.

The Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport in Medford, Ore., is talking to an unnamed corporate sponsor about branding the control tower, whose main competitor for tallest building in the region is a silo at a railroad yard.

Airport director Bern Case said Wednesday they hope to make a 10-year-deal deal to bring about \$300,000 a year to the airport from a corporation that would put its logo on all four sides of the 100-foot control tower, visible to passengers taking off and landing, as well as people driving by.

"It's not really advertising," he said. "It's more showing a corporate presence for somebody who would like to be involved with the community."

Though the money is small compared to the airport's \$8 million budget, the tower sign would be the biggest source of advertising revenue. And with no tax support, every little bit helps to lower the landing fees charged airlines, increasing the chances of attracting new carriers, Case said.

The leaves, they are a-changing — even as scientists try to log climate's impact on colors

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Clocks may not be the only thing falling back: That signature autumn change in leaf colors may be drifting further down the calendar.

Scientists don't quite know if global warming is changing the signs of fall like it already has with an earlier-arriving spring. They're turning their attention to fall foliage in hopes of determining whether climate change is leading to a later arrival of autumn's golden, orange and red hues.

Studies in Europe and in Japan already indicate leaves are changing color and dropping later, so it stands to reason that it's happening here as well, said Richard Primack, professor of biology at Boston University.

"The fall foliage is going to get pushed back," Primack warned.

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Steers begin district games

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

Coming off of their sixth straight loss this season, the Big Spring Steers welcome the beginning of district play as a new start. While head coach Phillip Ritchey and his coaching staff may be able to salvage some lessons for the Steers out of the losses, the fact that everyone is tied up at 0-0 right now has to be comforting.

"Everything comes down to this time of the year," Coach Ritchey said. "Starting right now, the games count. We learned a lot of lessons over the stretch of the last six weeks. Now it's time to make the best out of them."

District play starts Friday when Brownwood makes the trip to Big Spring to meet the Steers. The 4-2 Lions are coming off of their second loss of the season, a 38-15 defeat at the hands of All Saints. Predicted

to finish second in District 5-3A behind Snyder, Brownwood brings a talented group of kids into the district opener.

"Brownwood likes to run the spread. They have a strong runner and they throw the ball well," Coach Ritchey said. "Defensively, they run formations similar to our own. They have some good athletes and they play very aggressively."

But any respect Coach Ritchey gives to the Lions, should not be taken as a lack of optimism for the Steers in this game.

"I really like our chances Friday," Coach Ritchey said. "If we can play a clean game, we have a great shot at this one. We just cannot make some of the mistakes we have made in the past."

At times, the Steers' defense has shown an ability to play with — and often shut down —

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring cornerback Gunnar Kennedy makes a textbook tackle in the open field against Greenwood. Kennedy and the Steers begin their district schedule Friday night at Memorial Stadium.

District 5-3A standings

Team	Record	Streak
Snyder	5-1	5 wins
Brownwood	4-2	1 loss
Sweetwater	3-3	2 losses
Wylie	3-3	1 win
Big Spring	0-6	6 losses

Forsan gets back to work Friday night

By **Robert Griffin**

Sports Editor

For the surging Forsan Buffaloes, seeing an 0-6 Anson Tigers team on their schedule for this week's game must seem too good to be true. Head Coach Jason Phillips says his team has been warned to pay no attention to the big goose egg on Anson's record.

"We have told the team all week not to look at their record," Coach Phillips said. "They have played some close games and their talent is better than that of an 0-6 team."

After a week off, the Buffaloes will be traveling to Anson Friday night, hoping to extend their three-game win streak and — perhaps more importantly — their 1-0 start in District 2-2A.

"We are not going to make the mistake of overlooking Anson," Coach Phillips added, "The Tigers have a pretty good ball team and we can't afford to be their first win."

The Buffaloes will feature a completely healthy squad Friday night, with plenty of offensive options.

Ty Johnson has recorded four touchdowns in the last two games, but he has plenty of talented company in the likes of Brendan Roman and Foster Burchett. The three players are responsible for 24 Forsan touchdowns already, leading the team to an average of 42 points per game.

"Teams are starting to key on Johnson, he's obviously a big part of our offense, but we have other routes to take as well," Coach Phillips said.

"We are going to continued spreading the ball around and keep people guessing."

Perhaps an equally impressive statistic as the touchdowns the Forsan triplets are putting up, might be found in the points against column.

The Buffaloes have only allowed opponents to score a total of 82 this season, less than 17 per game. But at this point in the season, there are no easy games.

"They are all tough now," Coach Phillips said, speaking about district games. "No one can be overlooked."

SEC recruits Texas athletes

FAYETTEVILLE (AP) — Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino recruits in Texas as much as any coach in the Southeastern Conference.

As the SEC's westernmost member, the Razorbacks' roster lists 22 players from the talent-rich, football-obsessed Lone Star state.

Now that Texas A&M is joining the SEC, Petrino said he expects to do even better there.

"We'll have more exposure, more TV games," he said Wednesday on the SEC coaches' teleconference.

"I always felt we lost a couple of kids to Big 12 teams because those kids grew up watching those teams on TV and wanting to play in the Big 12," he said.

When it comes to recruiting, exposure is a valuable commodity.

The more exposure a school gets through televised games and media coverage, the more it builds name recognition with a wider audience. The SEC has one of the best television deals in college sports, with a nationally televised game on CBS every Saturday afternoon — and sometimes one at night, too — and ESPN serving up

a steady diet of SEC football.

So it's not as if kids in Texas can't watch SEC teams play and, indeed, conference coaches are split on how much of a boost their league will get from adding the Aggies.

LSU coach Les Miles said reaching recruits definitely goes beyond what's on national television.

"It'll be a great opportunity for the local media in Texas to see the in-state conference being the SEC," said Miles, who routinely grabs top-notch recruits from the Houston area. "I think when the media covers a conference game ... because there's now a conference game in that state, that it will give great opportunities for schools in our conference, certainly LSU, to get into Texas."

Playing in Texas helps, too.

Since 1992, when the SEC added Arkansas and South Carolina, SEC teams have gone on the road for 19 regular-season games in the state of Texas. Arkansas, predictably, has played the most with eight. Mississippi State has played four, LSU three and Mis-

issippi and Vanderbilt have each played two.

The Cotton Bowl has had a deal with the SEC to select one of its teams since 1998.

Teams often schedule games with the idea of showcasing their program to recruits in a particular area, though most SEC schools don't have to go far to find a wealth of good football players.

"I think there are so many players in the Southeast a lot of schools in our league just didn't feel that they needed to go there," said Auburn coach Gene Chizik, who has also been an assistant at Texas and the head coach at Iowa State.

He said when he worked in the Big 12 and recruited in Texas, "In general, you saw a couple of SEC schools there for a couple of guys."

Tennessee coach Derek Dooley was an assistant at LSU under Nick Saban and was the head coach at Louisiana Tech before taking over in Knoxville. He has done plenty of recruiting in Texas in his old jobs and his new one.

He said while having Tennessee talked about in Texas more often should be a good thing for the Vols, A&M's entry to the SEC also could

create a new stumbling block.

"We also know it makes it more challenging because you have to go beat the home school," he said. "If you have a kid that wants to get into the SEC, he's got an option to stay in the state."

Chizik and Mississippi coach Houston Nutt said that they would probably have to re-evaluate how much time, effort and money they spend in Texas. Georgia's Mark Richt, whose program has done just fine recruiting mostly in-state in neighboring Florida and South Carolina, said he would likely "investigate" whether it's worth trying to dip into Texas more often.

On the other hand, new Vanderbilt coach James Franklin, who has emphasized a national approach to recruiting, and Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen said their assistants are already in Texas and they won't change their approach.

South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier also said A&M to the SEC won't change his staff's travel plans.

"I don't think we'll go into Texas," he said.

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Coahoma faces Post Friday night

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

Coming off of a 22-7 victory over undefeated Hawley last week, the Coahoma Bulldogs get ready to face another district challenge, as they host the Post Antelopes Friday night.

Post comes into Bulldog Stadium sporting a 2-4 (1-1) record, gaining their second win of the season last week in a 31-7 handling of district rival Anson.

With Forsan and Idalou — both 1-0 in district play — nipping at their heels, the 3-3 (2-0) Bulldogs

know they can not let off the gas anytime soon. Coahoma has been making their living running up the middle, so with Post crowding the box with their 5-3 defense, the game Friday night could come down to who wants it more.

"They will usually have eight guys in the box," Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner said. "They will try to make you run outside or pass to beat them."

But Coach Gardner says he welcomes the challenge.

"We will still try to run up the middle some. After all, it's what we do," he said. But I think we

have the speed to hurt them on the outside as well. Our kids may not be the fastest team in West Texas, but we do have some speed."

On the other side of the ball, Post should come out in their standard I formation, where they will run the option on a regular basis.

"The option is always a threat," Coach Gardner said. "If just one guy gets out of position, they can go the distance. Still, we are looking forward to the game. I think we match up pretty good against them."

The game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. in Coahoma.

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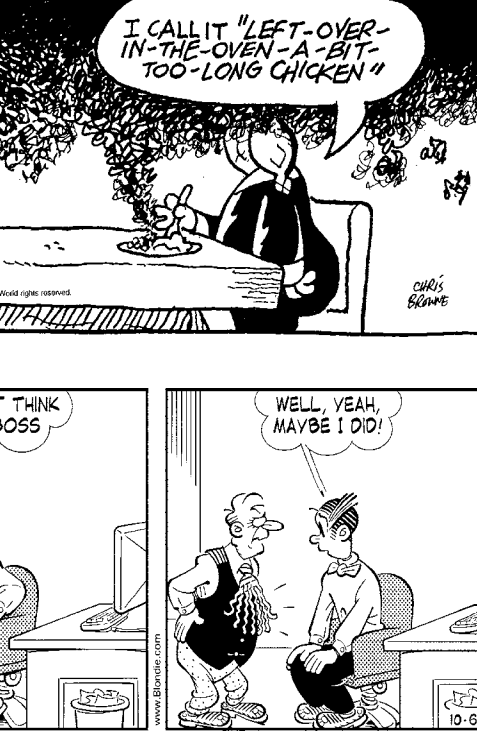
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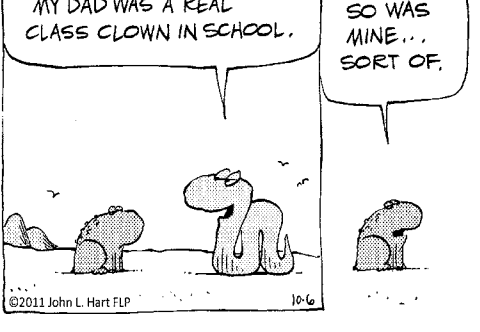


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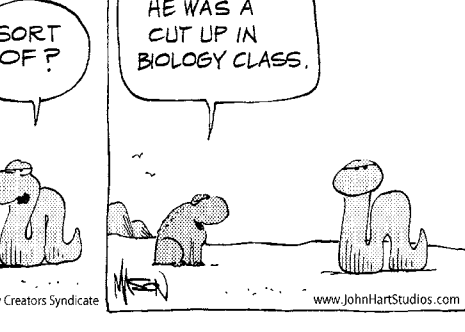
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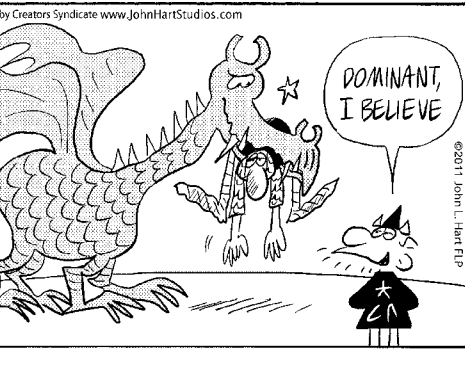
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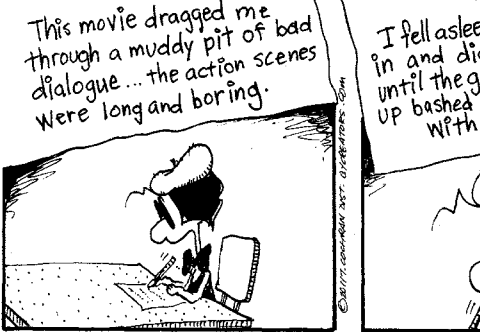
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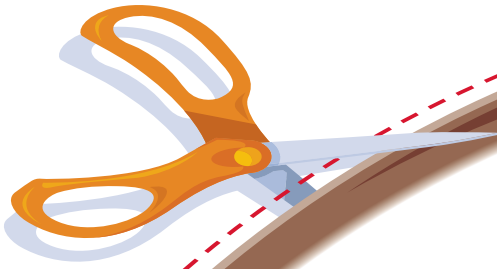
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NBA deadline looming large

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA owners, losing hundreds of millions of dollars a year, wanted an overhaul of the financial system to ensure themselves a chance to profit.

Players, believing they were the driving force behind record TV ratings and revenues, wanted to keep what they felt they deserved.

Now, negotiations that have lasted nearly two years need to end in the next few days.

Commissioner David Stern said he will cancel the first two weeks of the

regular season if there is no agreement on a new deal by Monday, costing both sides money and driving away some basketball fans who might never come back.

“There is an extraordinary hit coming to the owners and to the players,” Stern said.

Not to mention the people who work in the game and the businesses that depend on it.

Stern has repeatedly said owners had two goals in the talks: a way to escape losses and a system where all teams could compete equally,

noting that the NBA’s small-market clubs aren’t nearly as successful as Super Bowl champions like Indianapolis and Green Bay.

The problem, they said, was a system that guarantees players 57 percent of all basketball-related income, which includes gate receipts, broadcast revenue, in-arena sales of novelties and concessions, arena signage revenue, game parking and sponsorship dollars.

Another problem is a salary cap structure that allows teams to go well beyond it if they were willing to pay a luxury tax, which the big spenders in big markets such as Los Angeles and New York could easily afford.

The sides are still divided over the revenue split and the cap, and players insist they would rather sit out games than take a deal that would eliminate gains they fought for years ago.

“They’re going to sacrifice — if they lose games, they miss money and all that. They feel they have to take a stand the same way players took a stand for them before they were here. It’s actually quite

inspiring to listen to them articulate that,” said players’ attorney Jeffrey Kessler, who also represented NFL players during their four-month lockout this summer.

“I think they saw how the NFL players stood together through tough times and ended up with a deal the NFL players thought was fair. They’re thinking they’re going to do the same thing.”

The cost, for both sides, would be staggering.

Stern predicted a \$200 million loss just for the cancellation of the NBA’s entire preseason schedule. If arenas are dark on Nov. 1, when the real games are supposed to start, the damage will be even greater.

“They’re in the hundreds of millions of dollars,” Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said. “We’re not prepared to share the specifics. But, yes, we’ve spent a lot of time with our teams walking through those scenarios of lost games, and the damage is enormous, will be enormous.”

Players’ association executive director Billy Hunter said players would lose \$350 million

for each month they’re locked out.

The hardest hits likely will be felt by those off the court — from the 114 people the NBA laid off in July to businesses that depend on fans flocking to the games.

From the parking lot of his Crown Burgers restaurant in downtown Salt Lake City, Mike Katsanevas can see the edge of EnergySolutions Arena, its blue-and-green lights already twinkling at dusk.

What he may not see at all this year are the hundreds of fans who routinely pack his 224-seat restaurant before each Utah Jazz game, parking their cars for free if they order \$14 in food, including his famous made-to-order patties crowned with pastrami.

“For us, it’s a tremendous impact if these games don’t go through,” said Katsanevas, whose family owns the restaurant just a block north of the arena and five others in the metro area. “Before it used to be our gravy. But now with the economy and everything else that’s going on, it’s become a necessity.”

He said all of his 41 employees will see their

hours cut if the lockout continues.

Players and owners did narrow the financial gap before talks broke down Tuesday.

Players proposed lowering their BRI guarantee to 53 percent and owners increased their formal offer to 47 percent.

Stern also said he discussed the idea of a 50-50 split, which was rejected by players.

With each percentage point equivalent to roughly \$38 million of last year’s BRI total of \$3.8 billion, the union believes a reduction from 57 percent to 53 percent is enough of a concession, saying it would transfer more than \$1 billion to owners in six years.

So while sharing 50-50 sounds great in kindergarten, it may not work for NBA players.

Stern said the league had backed off other demands, like salary rollbacks and non-guaranteed contracts, while offering players a chance to opt out of the agreement after seven years.

So there is hope of a compromise in the coming days. Both sides insist they are committed to making a deal.

6-man preview

Grady vs. O’Donnell

7:30 p.m. Friday at Grady

The Grady Wildcats will try to improve on their 2-4 record Friday night, when they return home to face the O’Donnell Eagles. The ‘Stangs are coming off of a hurtful 79-24 loss at the hands of Sterling City, while O’Donnell suffered their own loss, a 60-30 beating by the rough boys in Spur last week.

Sands vs. Klondike

7:30 p.m. Friday at Ackerly

Coming off of their first disappointment of the season, a 58-44 loss to unbeaten Water Valley, the Sands Mustangs took revenge last week, defeating Dawson 52-0 in just two quarters of play. This week, the 5-1 will be back in Ackerly to face the 4-2 Klondike Cougars. The Cougars a coming off of a 38-24 loss at Whitharral.

Garden City vs. Borden Co.

7:30 p.m. Friday at Gail

Both the Garden City Bearkats and the Borden County Coyotes are riding a four-game win streak into this week’s clash in Gail. The Bearkats took down Ropes last week 40-30, while the Coyotes embarrassed Petersburg 52-14. The only certainty in this on is that someone’s streak will come to an end.

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some of the best teams in 3A. Coach Ritchey will be relying on another impressive performance from the guys on defense in Friday’s game.

“Brownwood has a real versatile offense,” he said. “We are going to have to adjust as the game goes on in order to keep it close.”

Brownwood is averaging 27 points per game. The Steers will try to keep them below that mark in order to keep the game within reach. On the other side of the ball, the Steers will be looking for seams in the Lions’ defense, hoping to take advantage of their aggressive style of play and catch them going the wrong way or over-pursuing.

The real season starts Friday night, giving the Steers an opportunity to go from last place to first place in just 48 minutes. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

SEC

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“I think a lot of those high school kids might say, ‘Now tell me where is South Carolina? That’s where now? Oh, yeah, it’s right below North Carolina.’”

Florida coach and former Texas defensive coordinator Will Muschamp wondered if too much is being made of the windfall of talent headed the SEC’s way.

“There are young men in the state of Texas who are going to be Longhorns, there are young men who are going to be Aggies and Oklahoma has always done a great job in the Dallas area and that’s always going to be true,” he said. “I do think it will help as far as exposure is concerned.”

Saban, seemingly always a step ahead of the pack, had already stepped up Alabama’s recruiting in Texas last year.

“We put another coach in Texas because we thought it was a place we should spend more time recruiting,” Saban said.

Still, he’s not sure he’s buying the conventional wisdom about A&M providing a gateway to Texas for all those tenacious SEC recruiters.

“If you get more exposure there is more recognition and more interest and that should help you in recruiting Texas,” he said, “but there’s no proof of that.”

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