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Mike Tarpley prepares memorial ribbons at the Big Spring Mall for the 9-11 ceremony which will take place Tuesday. Army National Guard Major General Eddy Spurgin will be the featured speaker at the 6:30 p.m. ceremony.

## Rail yard could be possibility

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

New rail opportunities could be making their way to Big Spring by next year. Big Spring Economic Development Corporation approved a memorandum of understanding Wednesday with Express Midstream Services LLC (EMS) for a potential lease of property east of Sid Richardson's carbon black plant and northeast of Alon refinery. "They (EMS) want to set up an agreement to where they are securing the land while they have an opportunity to come up with a business plan that they can present back to the EDC for the po-

"We always talk about being the crossroads and this could be the first step in taking advantage of that."



—Terry Wegman,  
EDC executive director

tential lease of this property," Executive Director Terry Wegman said. "They are wanting to develop a bulk transload rail yard

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## Ceremony honoring fallen heroes planned 9/11 at Big Spring Mall

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

As Sept. 11 approaches, Mike Tarpley and the local DAV chapter are gearing up for another ceremony. The ceremony — started in 2007 — will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Mall. "The original idea was to hold a ceremony at a flag pole

out by Hangar 25 (Air Museum), but once I thought about it some more, we decided that it should be out here," Tarpley said from inside the mall. The first event drew 70 people and has continued to grow ever since. Last year there were 250 people in attendance at the 9-11 ceremony. This year, in addition to the normal routine, there will

be a POW/MIA table set up. Special guest speaker will be Army National Guard Major General Eddy Spurgin. "We remember these men and women one day a year, but their families remember them every day," Tarpley said. "That is just one of the many reasons we need to

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## 'Surviving Ourselves' book signing Saturday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

"Surviving Ourselves: The Evolution of Community, Education and Agriculture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," written by local author and farmer Eric Herm, will be featured during a book signing Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heritage Museum. "We are looking forward to once again featuring Mr. Herm and his new book," Museum Curator Tammy Schreengost said. "We are inviting all those who enjoyed the first book to come out and see what the second one has to offer."

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## Deputy Chief: Planning ahead will save your family from fire

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

If you awoke in the middle of the night to find a fire had somehow started in your home, would you and your loved ones know where to go and what to do?

That's the question officials with the Big Spring Fire Department are posing this month, as the local organization looks to participate in National Preparedness Month.

According to BSFD Deputy Chief David Armstrong, surviving a house fire comes down to one essential action: Planning ahead.



Armstrong

"Once a fire has started, there is no time to plan how to get out. Sit down with your family today and make a step-by-step plan for escaping a fire," Armstrong said. "Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of every room — especially sleeping areas. Be sure to discuss the escape routes with every member of your household. "Agree on a meeting place where every member of the household will gather outside your home after escaping a fire to wait for the fire

department. This allows you to count heads and inform the fire department if anyone is missing or trapped inside the burning building." Armstrong urged families:
 

- Install smoke detectors and keep them in working order.
- Make an escape plan and practice it.
- Consider installing an automatic fire-sprinkler system.

 The plan — referred to as EDITH (exit drills in the home) — is only as good as how well household members can execute it, according to Armstrong. "Practice your escape plan

at least twice a year," he said. "Have a fire drill in your home. Appoint someone to be the monitor and have everyone participate. Remember, a fire drill is not a race. Get out quickly, but carefully. Also, be sure to make your exit drill realistic. Pretend some exits are blocked by fire and practice alternative escape routes. Also try pretending the lights are out and that some escape routes are filling with smoke. "Make sure everyone in the household can unlock all doors and windows quickly, even in the dark. Windows or

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## Obituaries

### Loran Warren Jr.

Loran Warren Jr., 59, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Hijinio T. Moreno

Hijinio T. Moreno, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- SHAWN MICHAEL OVERTON, 24, of 1503 Lincoln, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- MARK MAXIANO GUTIERREZ, 21, of 2911 W. Highway 80 (apartment number not provided), was arrested Wednesday on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor, driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.

- CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ, 19, of 1100 E. Fifth St., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for public intoxication, consumption of alcohol by a minor (two counts) and hindering officers discharging their official duties.

- DENNIS EDWARD KIMBLE, 27, of 4102 Parkway, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to appear (three counts) and driving without a safety belt.

- JENNIFER CANALES, 25, of 2605 W. Dow, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- AUSTIN BRYAN SHEFFIELD, 18, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- JAMES AUTHOR WHITED, 47, of 309 W. Fifth St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON II, 28, of 1708 S. Owens, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JOSHUA SEAN RESNICK, 30, of Humble, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of use/possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.

- DANIEL DOUGLAS PERMENTER, 22, of 1704 State, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JOE ANGEL LUNA, 33, of 502 State, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- JUAN JOSE LOPEZ, 44, of Mesquite, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for bail jumping - failure to appear (fine only) and no safety belt.

- MARSHA D. CARTER, 35, of 5200 Callahan Rd., was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to control speed and failure to appear.

- MARCOS LOUIS FUENTES, 36, of 4000 W. Highway 80 Apt. 4, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

- THEFT was reported: In the 1400 block of Harding. In the area of Warehouse Road. In the 4100 block of Dixon.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Owens.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- JOE ANGEL LUNA, 33, was arrested Wednesday by HCSO on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension/without final restitution.

- JUAN JOSE LOPEZ, 44, was arrested Wednesday by HCSO on charges of riding not secured by safety belt, violate promise to appear.

- DENNIS EDWARD KIMBLE, 27, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on capias warrants for fail to appear (x2) and violate promise to appear, no seat belt-driver.

- TONI RIVAS, 42, was arrested Wednesday by HCSO on charges of fugitive warrant — unlawful possession of weapon and immigration detainer.

- MARSHA DIANNE CARTER, 35, was arrested Wednesday by HCSO on charges of fail to control speed and violate promise to appear.

- JENNIFER ANN CANALES, 25, was transferred to the county detention center Wednesday by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- AUSTIN BRYAN SHEFFIELD, 18, was transferred to the county detention center Wednesday by BSPD on a charge of theft.

- MARCUS LOUIS FUENTES, 36, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on a charge of sexual assault child.

- JOSHUA SEAN RESNICK, 30, was transferred to the county detention center Thursday by BSPD on a charge of use/possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia.

- JAMES ARTHUR WHITED, 47, was transferred to the county detention center Thursday by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON, 28, was transferred to the county detention center by BSPD on Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- DAVID ELLIS RIGNEY, 34, was transferred to the county detention center by Glasscock County on Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- BRIANA MICHELLE GRAHAM, 32, was transferred to the county detention center Thursday by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- CHRISTOPHER JIMMY SNIDER, 23, was transferred to the county detention center Thursday by Glasscock County on a charge of purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor.

- CHRISTIAN TAYLOR STRACENER, 19, was transferred to the county detention center Thursday by Glasscock County on a charge of driving under the influence.

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Alamesa. No transport.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy. 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Owens. No transport.

## 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.






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

**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.

- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. Call 264-0015 for information.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 9/8	Sun 9/9	Mon 9/10	Tue 9/11	Wed 9/12
				
<b>85/60</b>	<b>86/61</b>	<b>91/68</b>	<b>91/69</b>	<b>91/68</b>
Morning showers and thunderstorms.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
<b>Sunrise</b> 7:26 AM <b>Sunset</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Sunrise</b> 7:26 AM <b>Sunset</b> 7:59 PM	<b>Sunrise</b> 7:27 AM <b>Sunset</b> 7:58 PM	<b>Sunrise</b> 7:28 AM <b>Sunset</b> 7:57 PM	<b>Sunrise</b> 7:28 AM <b>Sunset</b> 7:55 PM

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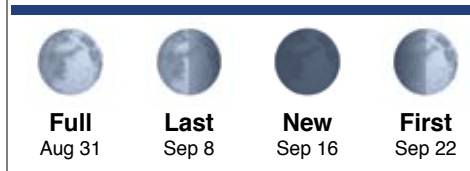
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	58	rain	El Paso	78	63	t-storm	Midland	82	60	t-storm
Amarillo	82	54	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	80	61	t-storm	Raymondville	101	75	pt sunny
Austin	90	66	t-storm	Gainesville	85	58	rain	Rosenberg	93	68	t-storm
Beaumont	88	66	t-storm	Greenville	85	57	rain	San Antonio	95	69	t-storm
Brownsville	98	76	pt sunny	Houston	92	69	t-storm	San Marcos	91	66	t-storm
Brownwood	89	60	t-storm	Kingsville	102	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	86	59	rain
Corpus Christi	98	76	t-storm	Livingston	89	62	t-storm	Sweetwater	84	58	rain
Corsicana	87	59	t-storm	Longview	85	60	t-storm	Tyler	86	61	t-storm
Dallas	88	61	rain	Lubbock	82	53	rain	Weatherford	86	58	rain
Del Rio	96	71	t-storm	Lufkin	88	63	t-storm	Wichita Falls	88	56	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	59	t-storm	Houston	92	69	t-storm	Phoenix	99	82	t-storm
Boston	79	66	t-storm	Los Angeles	84	69	mst sunny	San Francisco	64	54	pt sunny
Chicago	72	53	pt sunny	Miami	90	75	t-storm	Seattle	83	58	sunny
Dallas	88	61	rain	Minneapolis	76	53	sunny	St. Louis	77	57	pt sunny
Denver	79	53	sunny	New York	82	66	t-storm	Washington, DC	85	64	t-storm

### Moon Phases



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### UV Index

Sat 9/8	Sun 9/9	Mon 9/10	Tue 9/11	Wed 9/12
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

Very High Very High Very High Very High Very High

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

## Take Note

- The Fall 2012 Boy Scouts of America sign-up night event will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium. For information contact: Brian Sweeney at 432-212-3577

- The local Boy Scouts of America will host a Fire and Emergency Service sign-up meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at Big Spring Fire Department Station No. 4, Northeast Eight and North Main. Fire and Emergency Service Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Fire and Emergency Services. For more information, call 432-212-3577.

- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main. Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

- Northside Community Center will be offering after school program from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Call 263-2673.

- The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.



# State Briefs

## 2 men convicted in KFC killings want new DNA tests

HENDERSON, Texas (AP) — Two Tyler men convicted and serving life prison terms for the notorious East Texas Kentucky Fried Chicken slayings that went unsolved for more than two decades have filed court motions seeking new DNA testing of evidence.

Romeo Pinkerton pleaded guilty in 2007 to five first-degree murder counts. His cousin, Darnell Hartsfield, went to trial the following year and was convicted of similar charges.

The five victims were abducted during a robbery of the Kilgore KFC in 1983, taken to an oilfield outside town and fatally shot.

Advances in DNA testing allowed investigators to tie the cousins to the slayings. Both men last month filed their own motions in their trial court questioning the reliability of the DNA results.

The Rusk County prosecutor said Wednesday he's confident the convictions are solid.

## El Paso reports West Nile death

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas city has reported its first West Nile virus death of the year to push the statewide fatality count to at least 44.

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health on Wednesday confirmed a 77-year-old man had died of the West Nile virus. His name and further details on the death were not immediately released.

The agency says it's the worst year ever for West Nile deaths in the state. Texas health officials say the state had 40 West Nile deaths in 2003.

## Operator fired over slaying victim's 911 call

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas 911 operator is fired and another is suspended over the handling of a 911 calls from and about a woman later found dead.

A police statement Wednesday says Police Chief David Brown fired Angelia Herod-Graham after investigators determined she didn't log information from Deanna Cook's family when they reported her missing Aug. 19.

The family then went to Cook's home, forced their way in and found her body.

Brown suspended Tonyita Hopkins for 10 days and ordered her reassigned after investigators determined she didn't log critical information from an Aug. 17 call from Cook, where she reported she was being attacked.

Both can appeal. A number listed for Herod-Gra-

ham was reported as disconnected. Hopkins didn't return a message seeking comment.

## Air Force instructor's sex scandal trial delayed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A court-martial due to start in the case against a Texas Air Force basic training instructor accused in a sex scandal at a San Antonio air base was delayed without explanation Wednesday.

The trial of Master Sgt. Jamey Crawford had been scheduled to begin Wednesday afternoon at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. But no attorneys were present as the scheduled start time passed, the San Antonio Express-News (<http://bit.ly/OYk0Nx>) reported.

Finally, trial judge Col. Donald Eller entered the courtroom, picked up a blue binder and left without comment.

Lt. Col. Mark Hoover, a lawyer with the Air Force training command, confirmed what had become apparent.

"To preserve the integrity of the process, the court-martial that was scheduled to convene today is not going to convene today," Hoover said. "We anticipate more information tomorrow, and as soon as we have information we will provide that update."

Crawford is accused of having a wrongful sexual relationship with a trainee, wrongfully providing and consuming alcohol with a trainee, committing adultery with the trainee and making a false official statement.

## North Texas man gets probation in dog abuse case

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — A North Texas man who kept dozens of dogs in filthy conditions has been sentenced to two years of probation and 80 hours of community service.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports 50-year-old Harry George Weldon of Fort Worth pleaded guilty to misdemeanor cruelty to non-livestock animals.

Weldon's plea deal was reached last month in Parker County where 58 dogs were located in May. At least 31 dogs found in crates, with no food or water, were taken to a shelter. Some of the other animals were dead or had to be euthanized.

Four of his relatives face animal cruelty or child endangerment charges. A toddler was in a crib at the home where animal waste littered the floor.

Weldon was also fined \$500 and must pay court costs.

# RAIL

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which will be serviced by Union Pacific."

The agreement would require \$5,000 being put into an escrow account until EMS is able to come back to the EDC with a lease agreement. The deposit would ensure the company has until Dec. 15 to make a decision and present a plan to the board for development of the property.

"This agreement basically stipulates that the EDC will not lease this property to anyone else until EMS has ample time to produce a plan and timeline for the board to consider and approve," Wegman said.

The developed project would be named Big Spring Express Rail Terminal. Upon hearing the major points and considering the proposed agreement the board unanimously agreed to approve the memorandum of understanding with EMS.

The approval comes shortly after the first of two locomotives for the Big Spring Rail System arrived last week. According to Wegman, the location of Transport Handling Specialists was a fortunate addition to the Big Spring and Howard County community.

"This has truly opened a lot of doors for us and now is the time to take advantage of the transportation industry," Wegman said. "The addition of the Big Spring Express Rail Terminal, should it come to fruition, will only further THS's operations."

He continued, "We always talk about being the crossroads and this could be the first step in taking advantage of that."

BSEDC Board Member Jim DePauw added, "Big Spring has a real opportunity to take advantage of being the crossroads of West Texas and it is a great time to be in Big Spring."

# 9/11

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keep this going.

"Every soldier who has served in combat knows the fear of 'If I die, will I be forgotten' and this is a way to tell them 'no they won't be forgotten'— as long as I have anything to do with it."

Tarpley, a veteran himself, said he will continue to hold the ceremony to ensure the families and the veterans their sacrifice is not forgotten.

"As a Vietnam vet, I wanted to make sure the young guys weren't treated like we were coming home. When those Gold Star families come up to you and say 'thanks,' we make sure we do it one more year," he said.

# HERM

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"Surviving Ourselves" focuses the spotlight on several individuals Herm met who are doing things to make a difference in their communities. According to him, the book details the relationship humans have with nature and how we are impacted spiritually, physically and emotionally.

"The first book — *Son of a Farmer, Child of the Earth* — was focused around research, facts and statistics. This book is more about bringing a pure message," Herm said.

Not only are personal stories featured, but each chapter includes poetry. The book has been described as Herm relaying the message of revolution and evolution that starts within ourselves. It contends the resulting transi-

tion will help humanity adopt a more sustainable paradigm of existence by embracing nature rather than inhibiting the natural flow of life on the planet.

"As a society, we have started to think of nature as a commodity, a postcard, instead of an extension of ourselves," Herm said. "Everything we do to the Earth we are doing to ourselves. We can change things, it is just a matter of getting our hands dirty and

rolling up our sleeves and getting after it."

Herm is hoping to encourage people to start thinking about and talking about the issues and coming together in order to move forward.

"This isn't only about me and this book, but it's an opportunity for people to unite and start moving forward. Everything makes an impact and we need to start being community minded in our consumerism," herm said.

For those wanting to find out more about Herm's books, he will be on hand during the book signing Saturday to answer questions. For those unable to attend the book signing, books can be purchased at Amazon.com, Barnes and Nobles or [www.sonofafarmer.com](http://www.sonofafarmer.com).

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# FIRE

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doors with security bars need to be equipped with quick-release devices and everyone in the household should know how to use them."

Armstrong said it's important to pay attention to the special situations which can arise in an emergency, especially when the building is an apartment or other multi-story structure.

"If you live in an apartment building, use stairways to escape. Never use an elevator during a fire," Armstrong said. "It may stop between floors or take you to a floor where the fire is burning. Some high-rise buildings may have evacuation plans which require you to stay where you are and wait

for the fire department.

"If you live in a multi-story house and you must escape from an upper story window, be sure there is a safe way to reach the ground, such as a fire-resistant fire escape ladder. Make special arrangements for children, older adults and people with disabilities. People who have difficulty moving should have a phone in their sleeping area and, if possible, should sleep on the ground floor."

Unfortunately, no plan is fool-proof, making it necessary for household members to know how to spot a bad situation and avoid it, according to Armstrong.

"Test doors before opening them," he said. "While kneeling or crouching at the door, reach up as high as you can and, with the back of your hand, touch the door, the knob and the

crack between the door and its frame. If you feel any warmth at all, use another escape route. If the door feels cool, open it with caution. Put your shoulder against the door and open it slowly. Be prepared to slam it shut if there is smoke or flames on the other side.

"If you are trapped, close all doors between you and the fire. Stuff the cracks around the doors to keep out smoke. Wait at a window and signal for help with a flashlight or by waving a light colored cloth. If there is a phone in the room, call the fire department and report exactly where you are."

Armstrong said it's important to get out as quickly as possible in the event of a fire.

"Don't stop for anything. Don't try to rescue possessions or pets," Armstrong said

firmly. "Go directly to your meeting place and then call the fire department from a neighbor's phone, a portable phone or an alarm box. Every member of your household should know how to call the fire department.

"Once you are out of your home, don't go back for any reason. If people are trapped, the firefighters have the best chance of rescuing them. The heat and smoke of a fire are overpowering. Firefighters have the training, ex-

perience and protective equipment needed to enter burning buildings."


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By Eddy Pitchford

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# Clinton rallies Demo troops at convention

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — In an impassioned speech that rocked the Democratic National Convention, former President Bill Clinton proclaimed Wednesday night, “I know we’re coming back” from the worst economic mess in generations and appealed to hard-pressed Americans to stick with Barack Obama for a second term in the White House.

Obama strode onstage as Clinton concluded his speech. The 42nd president bowed, and was pulled into an embrace by the 44th as thousands of delegates jammed into the convention hall roared their approval.

Clinton, conceding that many struggling in a slow-recovery economy don’t yet feel improvement, said circumstances are indeed getting better, “and if you’ll renew the president’s contract you will feel it.”

To more cheers, he said of Obama, “I want to nominate a man who is cool on the outside but who burns for America on the inside.”

Not long afterward, the delegates formally awarded Obama their nomination to a second

term in a post-midnight roll call of the states.

Clinton spoke as Obama’s high command worked to control the political fallout from an embarrassing retreat on the party platform, just two months from Election Day in the tight race with Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

Under criticism from Romney, the Obama camp abruptly rewrote the day-old document to insert a reference to God and to declare that Jerusalem “is and will remain the capital of Israel.” Some delegates objected loudly, but Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, presiding in the largely-empty hall, ruled them outvoted.

White House aides said Obama had personally ordered the changes, but they did not disclose whether he had approved the earlier version.

The convention concludes Thursday with Obama’s acceptance speech before a prime-time national TV audience. Aides announced he would speak in the convention hall rather than a nearby 74,000-seat football stadium as originally planned. They cited weather con-

cerns as the reason for the switch in a city that has been hit by heavy rains in recent days.

Romney, nominated at his own convention last week, spent his second straight day in Vermont preparing for next month’s debates with Obama.

Clinton’s speech was deemed so important by Obama’s campaign aides that they delayed the president’s formal nomination to a second term until it was over. The familiar roll call of the states began well after television prime time in the eastern part of the country, and the hall was emptying out rapidly as it dragged on past midnight.

Obama’s campaign hoped the former president would prove especially persuasive in an era of sluggish economic growth and 8.3 percent unemployment.

Clinton is exceptionally popular 12 years after he left office, particularly among white men, a group among whom Obama polls poorly, statistics show.

The speech was vintage Clinton, overlong for sure, insults delivered with a folksy grin, references to his own time in office and his wife



AP photo  
Former President Bill Clinton gestures while addressing the 2012 Democratic National Convention Wednesday night.

Hillary, all designed to improve Obama’s shaky re-election prospects.

The convention hall rocked with delegates’ applause and cheers the former president strode onstage to sounds of “Don’t Stop Thinking About Tomorrow,” his 1992 campaign theme song.

He sought to rebut every major criticism Republicans leveled against the president at their own convention last week in Tampa, and said that in fact, since 1961, far more jobs have been created under Democratic presidents than when Republicans sat in the White House, by a margin of 42 mil-

lion to 24 million.

Clinton accused Republicans of proposing “the same old policies that got us into trouble in the first place” and led to a near financial meltdown.

Those, he proclaimed, include efforts to provide “tax cuts for higher-income Americans, more money for defense than the Pentagon wants and ... deep cuts on programs that help the middle class and poor children.”

“As another president once said, ‘There they go again,’” he said, quoting Ronald Reagan, who often uttered the remark as a rebuke to Democrats.

There was another reference to Reagan, whom Democrats routinely accused of advocating “trickle down economics” that favored the rich.

In a tight race for the White House and with control of the Senate at stake, Democrats signaled unmistakable concern about the growing financial disadvantage they confront. Officials said Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who was Obama’s first White House chief of staff, was resigning as national co-chair of the president’s campaign to help raise money for a super PAC that supports the his re-election.

## Obama to sketch path forward

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama goes before the Democratic National Convention and the nation on Thursday for a capstone speech designed not just to persuade undecided voters to swing his way in a tight election but to put fire in the belly of his supporters and get them to come out on Election Day.

Obama senior adviser David Plouffe promised the president would give voters “a very clear sense of where he thinks the country needs to go economically, the path we need to take.” But he also cautioned that no one should expect Obama to sling-shot out of his convention with a big boost in polls that have long signaled a close race.

“We’ve always believed that there’s very little elasticity in the election,” said Plouffe, up early to preview the president’s speech on morning talk shows, adding: “You’re not going to see big bounces in this election. For the next 61 days, it’s going to remain tight as a tick.”

Citing a chance of thunderstorms, convention organizers scrapped plans for Obama to speak to an enormous crowd in a 74,000-seat outdoor stadium and decided to shoehorn the event into the convention arena, which accommodates 15,000. That means no reprise of the massive show of support, excitement — and on-scene voter registration — from Obama’s 2008 acceptance speech before 84,000 in Denver. Republicans said Democrats made the switch because they feared the

sight of empty seats.

Obama planned to hold an afternoon conference call with the tens of thousands of supporters bumped from the guest list when the speech was moved indoors, and campaign officials said they would try to arrange for those who had stadium tickets to attend another Obama event before Election Day.

Skies over downtown Charlotte were overcast Thursday morning, and the forecast gave a 40 percent chance of showers in the afternoon, leaving a potential opening for second-guessers.

In an election in which the economy is the top issue to voters, the president got a bit of encouraging news when the Labor Department reported that the number of people seeking unemployment benefits fell by 12,000 last week, a hopeful signal that the job market may be improving.

Among those giving warm-up speeches for the president Thursday night: Vice President Joe Biden and actress Eva Longoria.

Longoria, appearing on NBC’s “Today,” said she’s “been in the trenches” for Obama defending his record, and promised her speech will be very different from Clint Eastwood’s meandering remarks to the Republicans a week earlier.

“No empty chairs,” she promised, a reference to Eastwood’s conversation with an empty chair representing Obama.

Even as the president asks voters to stick with him, Mitt Romney and the Republicans keep nudging Obama’s supporters

to rethink their allegiance to a president seeking re-election in a time of weak economic growth.

The party released a new ad Thursday called “The Breakup,” in which a woman tells the president: “This just isn’t working ... You’re not the person I thought you were. ... I think we should just be friends.”

On Obama’s big day, Romney was in Vermont and had no public schedule. He was preparing for the fall debates and planned to drive back to his home in New Hampshire in the afternoon.

It was no accident the president devoted many stops on a pre-convention tour of battleground states to campus crowds of the sort that lifted him to the Democratic nomination and the presidency last time.

“Barack’s challenge here is to sort of wake up America and make them realize how serious this election is,” Democratic Rep. Sam Farr of California said in an interview at the convention. Judging from his town hall meetings in August, when only 15 or 20 people showed up instead of the usual hundreds, there is a “big apathy about politics right now,” regardless of party.

Farr added: “If we have an apathetic America, I’m terrified.”

Former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, a past Democratic Party chairman who appeared on “CBS This Morning,” said he’s still worried “about the base turning out to the degree they did” for Obama in 2008. He cited the battleground states of North Carolina and Virginia in particular.

## Campaign keeping fact-checkers busy

WASHINGTON (AP)

Center. — It’s unprecedented, the experts say: The volume and audacity of distortion, deception and truth-stretching in this year’s presidential campaign has political fact-checkers busier than ever in their pursuit of the truth. But whose truth, precisely? And, in the context of a bitter campaign, does the actual truth — and the responsibility of a politician to tell it — really matter?

The question hangs over every modern campaign, and of course lying and truth-stretching have abounded in politics throughout U.S. history.

But there are differences this time around. The convention speech last week by GOP vice-presidential nominee Paul Ryan may have brought the conversation into focus, but his carefully parsed words are hardly the only ones in the political arena that make people wonder if truth is becoming elastic.

Recent changes in campaign-finance regulations have enabled super PACs — outside political action committees bankrolled by wealthy Americans — to spend huge sums on aggressive ads that ostensibly are beyond the control of the candidates’ own campaign operation.

These proliferating third-party ads have been less accurate than candidate-sponsored ads, according to Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg Public Policy

Center. As a result, she said, “the sheer amount of deception is higher.”

Another factor: Political ads are spread across ever-diversifying media, often resulting in highly targeted ads catering to specific interest groups rather than the electorate as a whole.

That can produce many different shades of a statement — and different interpretations of its truthfulness.

“What’s different is that there are more messages and more fact-checkers, and naturally more conflict between them,” said Bill Adair, editor of Politifact.com. “Our goal is not to get politicians to stop lying. ... Our goal is giving voters vital information about what’s true and what’s not.”

Adair’s organization, a project of The Tampa Bay Times, has grown to encompass 36 reporters and editors. Full-fledged fact-checking operations also are conducted by The Associated Press, The Washington Post, FactCheck.org and others.

Yet Republican and Democratic campaign operatives seem undeterred by the fact-checking. They’re eager to trumpet findings that discredit their opponents while dismissing findings that challenge their own ads and rhetoric.

Mitt Romney’s pollster, Neil Newhouse, has indicated to ABC News/Yahoo News that his campaign won’t be swayed by outside complaints of inaccuracy.



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# Dallas downs N.Y. 24-17 in opener

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jason Witten was supposed to stay home. Kevin Ogletree was supposed to be a bit player.

And the replacement officials were supposed to be a fiasco.

Instead, Witten provided the inspiration by playing weeks after lacerating his spleen, third wideout Ogletree made the big plays, and the officials had a mostly quiet night in the NFL's season opener.

The Cowboys waited all year for another shot at the New York Giants, and when they got it Wednesday night, they were relentless in a 24-17 victory that really wasn't that close.

"We executed on offense and defense when we needed to," Tony Romo said after throwing for three touchdowns and 307 yards. "We put them in a hole. Our job was to keep the pedal down, to not let up because you know what kind of team they have over there."

Not a good enough team this night as the Giants lost for the first time since Game 15 of last season. Part of their six-game winning streak that earned them a fourth Super Bowl title last winter was a win over Dallas on New Year's Day to take the NFC East. New York did everything right back then, and very little right in becoming the first NFL champion to lose the now-traditional midweek kickoff game in its nine-year existence.

"I don't think we played up to our potential at all," defensive end Osi Umeny-

iora said. "Obviously they were prepared and they fought, and all the credit in the world goes to that team. They played a very good game today."

And the field officials did their part. It was feared they would be a big factor with the league's lockout of the regulars. But there were no controversies, no blatant mistakes or rampant confusion.

"No problems, just as we said there wouldn't be," league executive Ray Anderson said at halftime. Nothing changed in the second half.

Many Cowboys credited Witten's presence with lifting their spirits and their performance.

"Sometimes you don't care about yourself, you just play for the guys," DeMarcus Ware said. "It was emotional. We were all behind him when he said he would play."

Witten, who had two catches for 10 yards, didn't think it was such a big deal.

"I think and hope every other player on our team would do the same thing," he said. "At this point in your career, you want that mentality to leave it all out there."

DeMarco Murray rushed for 129 yards and the defense sacked Eli Manning three times.

For Ogletree, the night was a special homecoming.

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AP photo  
**Miles Austin (right) and Kevin Ogletree celebrate after Ogletree scored a touchdown during Wednesday's 27-14 victory over the N.Y. Giants in the season opener.**



AP photo  
**Texas' Michael Young is congratulated by teammates after hitting a solo home run in the seventh inning of Wednesday's games against the Kansas City Royals. The Rangers won 7-6.**

# Rangers edge Royals 7-6

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Texas Rangers figure they'll be just fine if they keep focusing on themselves.

That's why the AL West leaders were lounging on black leather sofas in the visiting clubhouse at Kauffman Stadium on Wednesday afternoon, hours before playing Kansas City, and stifling laughter as they watched comedian Robin Williams do a stand-up routine on television.

Rather than watching, say, second-place Oakland's game against the Los Angeles Angels.

"Those guys aren't worrying about that," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "If we take care of our business, it doesn't matter what they do."

Well, the Rangers certainly took care of their business. Adrian Beltre hit a three-run homer, Michael Young also went deep and Texas held on for a 7-6 victory over the Royals to open a five-game lead in the division after the A's lost their matinee.

Ryan Dempster (5-1) gave up RBI doubles to Billy Butler in the first inning and Salvador Perez in the sixth, but was otherwise stingy for the Rangers. He only allowed two other hits in six sharp innings, striking out eight to win his fourth

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# Federer, Roddick exit stage left at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — On an emotion-filled afternoon that morphed into a shocker of an evening, Andy Roddick and Roger Federer both bid farewell to Flushing Meadows.

Roddick is leaving for good, a moment he knew would come this week.

Federer is presumably gone only until next year, though the timing of his 2012 U.S. Open exit was unexpected.

Roddick lost 6-7 (1), 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4 to No. 7 seed Juan Martin del Potro to bring the curtain down on his career Wednesday — an ending that came, fittingly, on the court where he won his only Grand Slam title, back in 2003.

Federer fell 7-6 (1), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to No. 6 Tomas Berdych,

who improved to 4-3 in his last seven matches against the 17-time Grand Slam champion, ending Federer's string of U.S. Open semifinal appearances at eight, much the way he halted Federer's streak of 23 straight trips to major semifinals back in 2010 at Wimbledon.

The two losers' news conferences were where the postmatch drama was. They couldn't have been any different in tone.

"Maybe it's a good match-up for him," top-seeded Federer said in one of his several short, clipped answers, when asked about Berdych's recent success against him. "I don't see him play every match he plays on tour. That's why I can't really answer that question."

Roddick, however, lingered over his final official session with the reporters. He said it was fun to be in Arthur Ashe Stadium, listening to the fans spur him on with cheers of "Let's go Andy" — and to play tennis simply for tennis' sake.

"It wasn't about ranking points or paychecks or anything else," Roddick said. "This week I felt like I was 12 years old, playing in a park. It was extremely innocent. That was fun. I enjoyed it."

Last week, Roddick used the occasion of his 30th birthday to announce the U.S. Open would be his last tournament as a pro. He did get one bonus day on the grounds, thanks to a rainstorm that delayed his match Tuesday with him

leading 1-0 in the first-set tiebreaker. He hit the ground running, won six of seven points after the restart and won the tiebreaker.

That, however, was as good as things would get. He dropped the second set in a tiebreaker, fell behind by two early breaks in the third, then after getting broken early in the fourth set, he could feel the end was near. He appeared to be trying to avoid crying while serving in the next-to-last game. In the stands, both his mother, Blanche, and his wife, actress-model Brooklyn Decker, were wiping away tears.

After match point, del Potro met Roddick at the net

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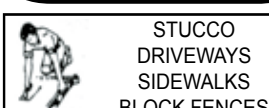
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll awaken with a new perspective. It's been a while since you were this objective about your own life. When you really think about it, you rather like where you've landed.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You may have to explain this to someone: Just because you are privy to information doesn't mean it's yours. It belongs to the person who gave it to you and is not to be given away to another.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your awareness will be heightened. You won't assume that everyone is looking out for everyone else. You'll look out for you and yours. Sometimes you have to be your own biggest fan.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're excellent at operating with your team. You try to see things as your team members might see them. Also, you'll have the overriding sense that you are stronger together than

you are apart.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll show people that you care and demonstrate exemplary character through simple matters of respect — for instance, turning off your phone to give your full attention to the people you're with.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll experience an increased sense of purpose, and yet your purpose may be strangely difficult to put into words. Try anyhow. The exercise will focus you powerfully.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one will give you time for reflection; it's something you'll have to steal. Decide how you're going to spend your time, and let everyone know what you're doing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll see people constantly during this busy day. You'll move in and out of environments, always saving some of your energy for the next meeting. Make notes as you go because you're not likely to remember all of the details.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone will recognize your talent. This person also may have an opinion as to which way you should take your gifts. It's worth a listen, but if a ride on the bandwagon is offered, don't jump.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take action, and you'll also be taking control. Take responsibility, and you'll also be taking ownership. Take offense, and you'll also be taking time

and energy away from your success mission.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If someone badmouths another person, they will, if given a reason, do the same to you. Your wise instincts kick in. You recognize and avoid toxic people and behaviors.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's true that you're adept at reading body language, but that's not the entire reason you're hyper-aware of someone's opinion of you (even though the person never voices it). You also can read minds.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 6). You respond well to challenge and will do amazing things under pressure in 2013.

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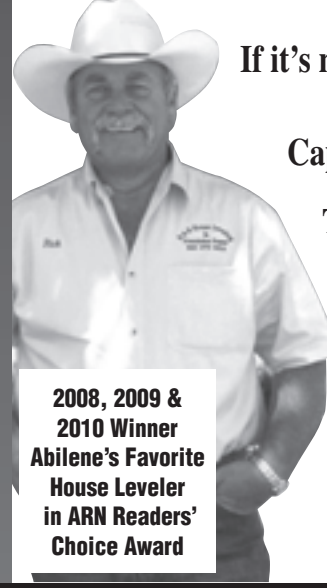
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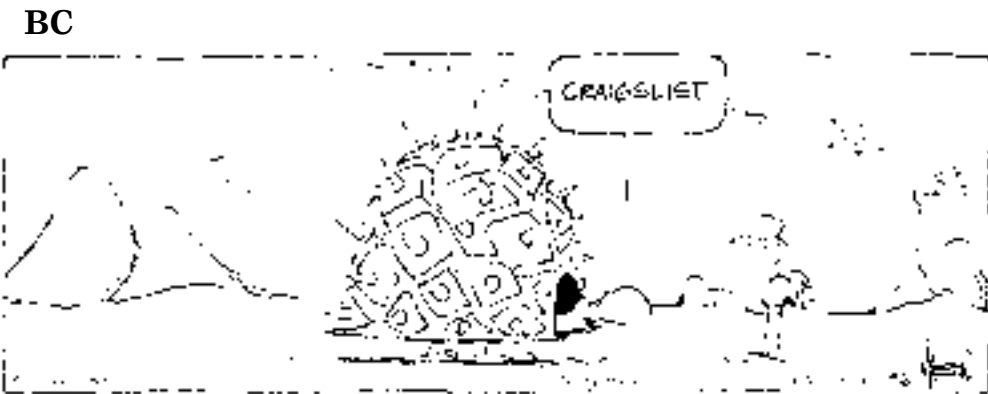
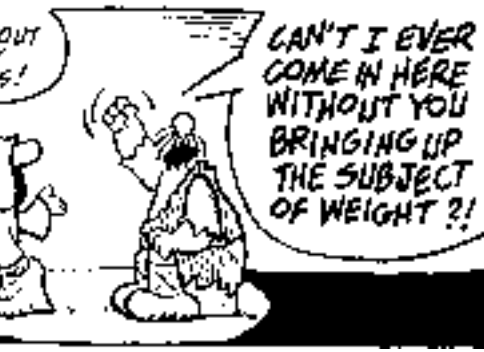


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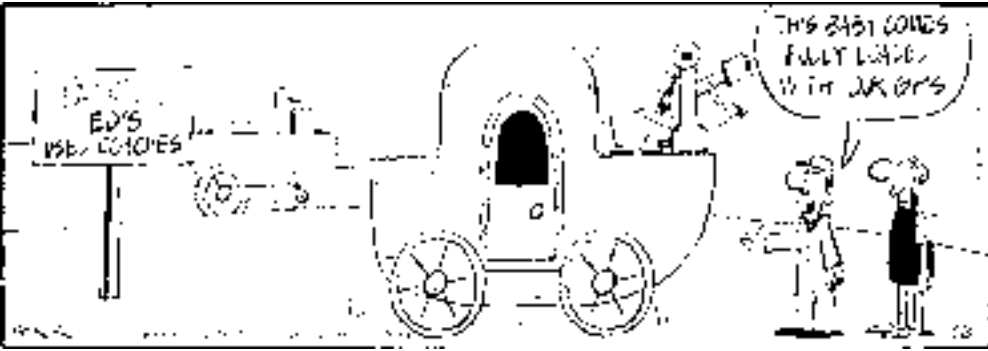
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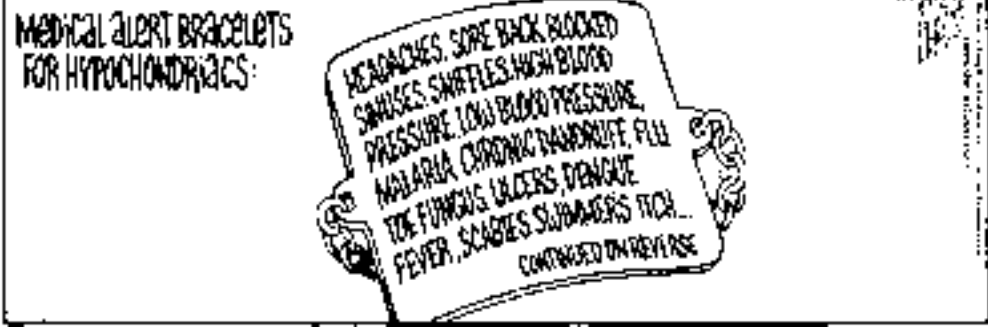
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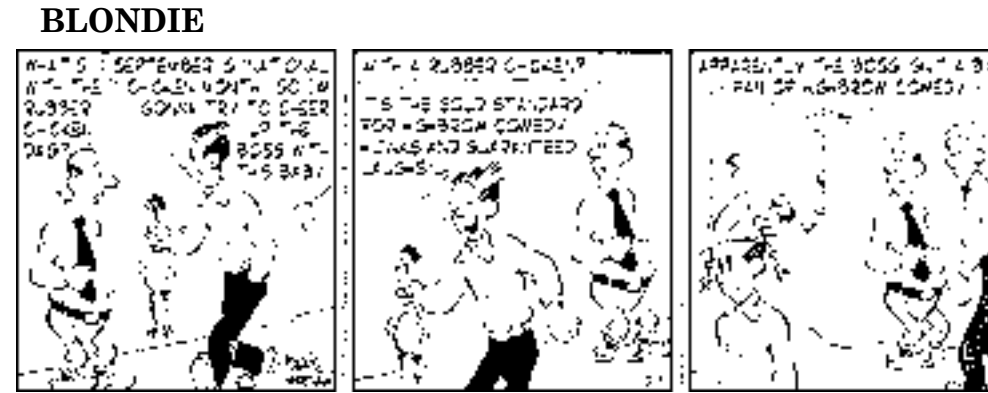
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## This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 6, 1997, a public funeral was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris.

On this date:

In 1757, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, was born in Auvergne, France.

In 1861, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant occupied Paducah, Ky., during the Civil War.

In 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL-gawsh) at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. (McKinley died eight days later.)

In 1916, the first self-service grocery store, Piggly Wiggly, was opened in Memphis, Tenn., by Clarence Saunders.

In 1939, the Union of South Africa declared war on Germany.

In 1948, Princess Juliana of the Netherlands was inaugurated as queen, two days after the abdication of her mother, Queen Wilhelmina.

In 1952, Canadian television broadcasting began in Montreal.

In 1966, South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd (fähr-FOORT) was stabbed to death by an apparently deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

In 1970, Palestinian guerrillas seized control of three U.S.-bound jetliners. (Two were later blown up on the ground in Jordan, along with a London-bound plane hijacked on Sept. 9; the fourth plane was destroyed on the ground in Egypt. No hostages were harmed.)

In 1972, a memorial service was held at the site of the Summer Olympics in Munich, West Germany, a day after the deadly terrorist attack that had claimed the lives of eleven Israelis and five of their abductors.

## Newsday Crossword

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  - 17 Now
  - 20 Maritime marauders
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  - 22 On-line publication
  - 23 Immediate vicinity
  - 28 Work station
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  - 31 Speaker's spot
  - 32 Support with "up"
  - 33 Cruel ones
  - 35 However
  - 39 Composer's concern
  - 40 Star Wars series mentor
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  - 11 Significant age
  - 12 Mayo ingredient
  - 13 Ascertain
  - 18 Yarn quantity
  - 19 Play area
  - 23 Tropical fruits
  - 24 Wax-coated cheese
  - 25 SpaceX collaborator
  - 26 Incorporated region
  - 27 Double curve
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# RANGERS

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consecutive game. "You know, I was in a situation where I was pitching for pride," said Dempster, acquired in a July 31 trade with the Chicago Cubs. "Now I'm just trying to do my best every fifth day."

Beltré's homer came off Everett Teaford (1-4), who was making his fifth start of the year. Young's solo shot came off Vin Mazzaro during a three-run seventh.

The runs proved handy when Kansas City mounted a late comeback. Alcides Escobar's RBI single off Joe Nathan put the potential tying run on first with two outs in the ninth, but Alex Gordon flied out to end the game. It was Nathan's 27th consecutive save.

Ian Kinsler, Elvis Andrus and Nelson Cruz also drove in runs to help the Rangers (81-55) move a season-high 26 games above .500, and assure a club-record fourth straight season of .500 or better.

The 28-year-old Teaford was called upon to make his first start for Kansas City since July 8, when he allowed five runs in 4 1-3 innings at Detroit. He's been exemplary in long relief — he threw 5 1-3 scoreless innings last Saturday against Minnesota — but less effective as a starter.

That proved to be the case again Wednesday night.

Kinsler led off the game with a single, and after Andrus went down swinging, Josh Hamilton walked to put runners on first and second for the hottest hitter in the Texas lineup.

Beltré calmly waited for a 1-2 pitch from Teaford and sent it soaring over the left-field wall for a three-run homer, his 29th of the season. The ball landed just shy of the fountains.

"That's what I'm supposed to be doing," Beltré said demurely.

The slugging third baseman also tripled and scored in the eighth, giving him 10 homers, seven doubles and two triples since Aug. 20. Beltré has scored 15 runs and driven in 20 in that stretch.

"I saw his charts yesterday and the whole chart was like, red against lefties. It's basically a heat map. Red would describe Kansas City in July, that kind of hot," Teaford said. "If you make a bad pitch, he hits it real well. He's tough. You've just got to hope to make good pitches."

The Royals clawed back with runs in the first and sixth, but Texas added three in the seventh, the homer by Young starting things off. Kansas City added two more runs in the bottom half to keep it close, and the teams traded runs in the eighth before Nathan held on through a shaky ninth.

The veteran closer has 28 saves in 29 chances this season.

"We played catch-up all night, and when we'd get close they'd tack on," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "The three-run seventh did us in."

# Former Ravens owner Modell dead at age 87

BALTIMORE (AP) — One of the most influential owners in the history of the NFL, Art Modell helped mold the foundation of the league.

The innovative Modell, whose reputation was forever tainted when he moved his franchise from Cleveland to Baltimore, died early Thursday. He was 87.

David Modell said he and his brother, John, were at their father's side when he "died peacefully of natural causes."

"Poppy" was a special man who was loved by his sons, his daughter-in-law Michel, and his six grandchildren," David Modell said. "Moreover, he was adored by the entire Baltimore community for his kindness and generosity. And, he loved Baltimore."

Modell was among the most important figures in the NFL as owner of the Cleveland Browns, who became the Ravens after he took the team to Baltimore in 1996 — a move that hounded him the rest of his life.

The Ravens won their lone Super Bowl in January 2001, less than a year after Modell sold a minority interest of the team to Steve Bisciotti. In April 2004, Bisciotti completed purchase of the franchise but left Modell a 1 percent share.

During his four decades as an NFL owner, Modell helped negotiate the league's lucrative contracts with television networks, served as president of the NFL from 1967 to 1969, and chaired the negotiations for the first collective bargaining agreement with the players in 1968.

He also was the driving force behind the 1970 contract between the NFL and ABC to televise games on Monday night.

At one time one of Cleveland's biggest civic leaders, Modell became a pariah in Ohio after he moved the team.

The move was also believed to be the main reason why Modell never made it into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was one of 15 finalists in 2001 and a semifinalist seven times.

# EXIT

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for a quick handshake, then pointed at the American, acknowledging that this was his moment. Roddick covered his face with a towel and took the microphone to thank the fans.

"Since I was a kid, I've been coming to this tournament. I felt lucky just to sit where all of you are sitting today, to watch this game, to see the champions that have come and gone," Roddick said. "I've loved every minute of it."

Warming up for her match while watching Roddick on TV, Serena Williams said she was overcome with emotion. She was in the same situation — next up in Arthur Ashe Stadium — when Andre Agassi gave his equally poignant farewell speech to the fans back in 2006.

"It's the end of a great player, a leg-

endary player," Williams said. "Definitely, I was upstairs thinking, 'Gosh, last time this happened was Andre Agassi. How many more of these do I have to sit through?' It was great."

If the emotions bothered Williams, it didn't show. The No. 4 seed overpowered No. 12 Ana Ivanovic 6-1, 6-3 to set up a semifinal against 10th-seeded Sara Errani, who beat her Italian doubles partner, Roberta Vinci, 6-2, 6-4.

The other women's semifinal will pit top-seeded Victoria Azarenka against No. 3 Maria Sharapova, who returned to her rain-suspended match with a 4-0 deficit but defeated 2007 Wimbledon runner-up Marion Bartoli 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Advancing to the men's quarterfinals were defending champion Novak Djokovic and his Serbian Davis Cup partner, eighth-seeded Janko

Tipsarevic, along with No. 3 Andy Murray, who was down a set and 5-1 in the second before he rallied for a 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-0 over No. 12 Marin Cilic.

"He got nervous. That was the main difference," Murray said. "I did start playing better toward the end of the second set. And because I was in it, I started to feel that momentum was with me."

Later, Berdych won 7-1 in the first-set tiebreaker, and kept a firm grip on the match, save his hiccup in the third set.

"Probably there was not, well, not a bad spot," said Berdych, who has never won a Grand Slam tournament. "Of course, I lost the third set. But, you know, I cannot count on beating Roger in straight sets and not getting in any trouble."

Maybe the biggest trouble came in the fifth game of the fourth set when he took an awk-

# NFL pledges \$30m for medical research

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL has pledged \$30 million for medical research to the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.

Commissioner Roger Goodell on Wednesday announced the donation to the foundation, which helps raise private funding for the NIH, the nation's leading medical research agency.

The same day the grant was announced, researchers published a study indicating that former NFL players are unusually prone to dying from degenerative brain disease.

The work, presented online in the journal Neurology, drew on a long-running study of more than 3,400 NFL players with at least five playing seasons in the league between 1959 and 1988. Some 334 had died by the end of 2007, the cutoff for the study.

Researchers found that deaths from Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's diseases, when combined, reached about three times the rate one would predict from the general population. The study did not look for chronic traumatic encephalopathy, but researchers said some of the deaths they counted could have been from misdiagnosed CTE.

The research funded by the NFL's grant is designed to benefit athletes and the general population, including members of the military, Goodell said.

Potential areas of research under the grant include the brain, specifically CTE, concussion management and treatment, and the understanding of the relationship between traumatic brain injury and late-life neurodegenerative disorders.

ward tumble to the court and fell on his right hand, the one he holds the racket with.

But on a night when everything went well, there was nothing more than a scrape — nothing to prevent him from finishing up a win in which he played well and Federer couldn't harness his forehand, committing 24 unforced errors from that side.

He hadn't played since Saturday, thanks to a walkover he received when Mardy Fish withdrew with health problems. But this year's Wimbledon champion and silver medalist at the Olympics was not in the mood for excuses.

"Once, I had six and a half days off and I ended up winning Wimbledon," Federer said. "I don't think this was the issue tonight."

Meanwhile, Roddick simply found himself up against a better player. He had

beaten men ranked 43rd and 59th since announcing his retirement, but del Potro, the 2009 champion, offered a completely different kind of challenge.

At 6-foot-6 with a flat forehand that he was angling off at will, the 2009 champion here turned things around in the second set. Gaining more traction on Roddick's once-all-powerful serve, that still maxed out at 135 mph Wednesday, del Potro whipped a cross-court forehand return right at Roddick's feet on set point.

Del Potro's momentum continued when he broke to begin the third set, and in the fourth, he broke early, then served out the match.

"No one really wants to be on the opposite side, to be the one who retires someone," del Potro said. "Andy is that kind of player everyone wants to keep playing forever."

# DALLAS

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"I felt really good when I woke up this morning, I had great meetings, got

to go see my brother," said Ogletree, who grew up in the New York borough of Queens. "Really good vibes today."

When the Cowboys were threatened late —

a spot in which they often have folded against the Giants — Romo hit Ogletree for 15 yards on third down to clinch it. That gave Ogletree 114 yards on eight catches; he had 25 receptions for 294 yards and no scores entering the game.

"I'm close to home, so it's a good feeling," Ogletree said. "But Dallas is my home now."

On his 40-yard TD, Ogletree broke free by thoroughly fooling New York's top cornerback, Corey Webster to start the second half — the kind of big play the Cowboys couldn't make enough of in that Jan. 1 showdown that ended their season. And they got another huge play from Murray, who broke two tackles in the backfield, scooted down the right sideline for 48 yards, and set up Dan Bailey's 33-yard field goal for a 17-10 lead through three quarters.

After Manning connected with former Cowboys tight end Martellus Bennett for a 9-yard touchdown with 2:36 remaining, Dallas never gave the ball back.

"Take a bite out of humble pie, that's basically what it is," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "It brings you right back down to earth."

Ahmad Bradshaw, scored on a 10-yard run for New York after receiver Domenik Hixon made a spectacular leaping grab for 39 yards over two defenders.

Romo hit Bryant in stride over Webster down the right sideline for a 38-yard gain on third down in the second quarter. Two plays later, he sidestepped the pass rush and lobbed to a wide-open Ogletree for a 10-yard score that made it 7-3 at halftime.

"We're judged by winning and losing," Romo said, "so the best thing was going on the road and getting a win. Not only a win, but it was against a division rival and obviously against the world champs. I don't know how many times teams go in and beat them in that first game of the year. It's a tough atmosphere, a tough game. Our team grinded it out and did good."

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Sylvia Adopts a New Strategy

When Sylvia was playing in the West, she was known for her aggressive play. She would lead the king of spades from her hand, and if the king came back to her, she would take it. This was a risky move, but it often paid off. However, in the East, she was known for her conservative play. She would lead the queen of spades from her hand, and if the queen came back to her, she would take it. This was a safer move, but it often paid off as well.

One day, Sylvia was playing in the West, and she was in a difficult position. She had the king of spades in her hand, and she was facing a tough decision. Should she lead the king, or should she lead the queen? She decided to lead the king, and she was surprised to find that the king came back to her. She took it, and she was happy to see that her aggressive play had paid off.

From that day on, Sylvia adopted a new strategy. She would lead the king of spades from her hand, and if the king came back to her, she would take it. This was a risky move, but it often paid off. And she was happy to see that her aggressive play had paid off.

Sylvia had triumphed!

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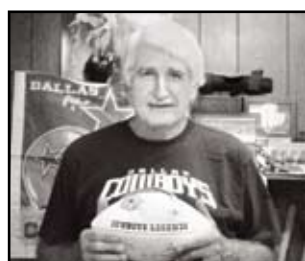
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## News in brief

### U.S. rights group reports evidence of wider CIA use of waterboarding than acknowledged

CAIRO (AP) — Human Rights Watch said it has uncovered evidence of a wider use of waterboarding in American interrogations of detainees than has been acknowledged by the United States, in a report Thursday that details further brutal treatment at secret CIA-run prisons under the Bush administration-era U.S. program of detention and rendition of terror suspects.

The report also paints a more complete picture of Washington's close cooperation with the regime of Libya's former dictator Moammar Gadhafi in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. The U.S. handed over to Libya the Islamist opponents of Gadhafi that it detained abroad with only thin "diplomatic assurances" that they would not be mistreated, and several of them were subsequently tortured in prison, Human Rights Watch said.

The 154-page report features interviews by the New York-based group with 14 Libyan dissident exiles. They describe systematic abuses while they were held in U.S.-led detention centers in Afghanistan — some as long as two years — or in U.S.-led interrogations in Pakistan, Morocco, Thailand, Sudan and elsewhere before the Americans handed them over to Libya.

"Not only did the U.S. deliver (Gadhafi) his enemies on a silver platter, but it seems the CIA tortured many of them first, said Laura Pitter, counterterrorism adviser at Human Rights Watch and author of the report.

### From North Pacific to South China Sea, nationalism stoking bitter Asian island disputes

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — They are mere specks on the map. Many are uninhabited, and others sparsely so by fishermen and seasonal residents. Yet the

disputed ownership of these tiny constellations of islands is inflaming nationalist fervor from the cold North Pacific to the tropical South China Sea.

In recent weeks, these long-simmering tensions have returned to a boil, with violent protests in Chinese cities, a provocative island junket by South Korea's lame-duck president, and Japan's government reportedly planning to buy disputed islands from their private owners.

The popular analysis is that the rising tensions are fueled by a regional power shift that has seen China become increasingly assertive with its neighbors in securing claims over potentially resource-rich waters to its south and east. But the growing acrimony may have at least as much to do with domestic political posturing.

"Wrapping yourself up in the national flag gives a very convenient exit for people with other agendas to justify their positions," says political scientist Koichi Nakano of Tokyo's Sophia University.

Nationalism has often been used by China's communist leaders to cover up domestic problems — such as the economic slowdown the country is now facing, not to mention problems with a growing rich-poor divide and official corruption.

### Small-town movie theaters across U.S. face closure as industry switches from film to digital

CRETE, Neb. (AP) — The Isis Theatre hasn't changed much since it opened 86 years ago in southeast Nebraska, a stone's throw from the grain elevator and railroad tracks that cut through town.

But in the past few years, the movie industry has changed dramatically, and unless the Isis' owner comes up with \$85,000 soon to pay for new digital equipment, residents of Crete, Neb., may have to drive 40 miles to Lincoln for a night at the movies.

It's a prospect that owner Thom Reeves doesn't want to ponder, but like thousands of small-theater operators across the country, he hasn't found a way out.

"This is my passion, to give back to the community," Reeves said. "I love this movie theater. I love what it does for the students I have employed there. We love our patrons. It's such a positive experience going on, and we're just a little sad this conversion is hitting us. How do we survive?"

For small-theater owners, the problem is the sudden switch from 35 mm film, an industry standard since about 1910, to digital — a format that's cheaper for both studios and distributors, and doesn't scratch as traditional film will. The switch means theater owners must buy new projection equipment, computers and a sound system.

### Police face legal minefield when they implement most contentious part of Ariz. immigration law

PHOENIX (AP) — More than two years after it was signed into law, the most contentious part of Arizona's landmark immigration legislation is expected to finally go into effect following a federal court ruling issue late Wednesday.

But the U.S. Supreme Court has laid a legal minefield that Arizona now must navigate when the critical provision takes effect. The clause, one of the few significant ones that the high court left standing in a June ruling, requires all Arizona police officers to check the immigration status of people they stop while enforcing other laws and suspect are in the country illegally.

While preserving that requirement, however, the Supreme Court explicitly left the door open to arguments that the law leads to civil rights violations.

Civil rights activists are preparing to scour the state for such victims. Lydia Guzman, who runs Respect/Respeto, a Phoenix group that tracks racial profiling, said volunteers at the organization's call center have already been told to listen for new complaints when the requirement goes into effect.

"We're watching and we're looking for cases," she said.

### Powerful quake rattles Costa Rica, but little damage; experts point to depth, building code

CANGREJAL, Costa Rica (AP) — The bulletins were terrifying: a powerful earthquake had struck off the coast of this Central American country, spawning a tsunami warning and bringing fears of widespread catastrophe.

But Costa Rica suffered remarkably little damage from Wednesday's magnitude-7.6 quake — a few blocked highways, some collapsed houses and one death, of a heart attack caused by fright. Officials credited the relatively deep location of the quake and building codes that Costa Rican officials call as strict as those in California and Japan.

The quake was 25 miles (41 kilometers) below the surface. Tremors that occur deep underground tend to be less damaging, but their shaking can be felt over a wider area.


"If it was a shallower event, it would be a significantly higher hazard," said seismologist Daniel McNamara of the U.S. Geological Survey.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake was centered about 38 miles (60 kilometers) from the town of Liberia and 87 miles (140 kilometers) west of the capital, San Jose.

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### Judge may order suspect's beard shaved

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A judge on Thursday was expected to order the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage to have his beard shaved, which could trigger yet another delay in his upcoming murder trial.

Col. Gregory Gross, who said he will issue the order this week, first will preside over a hearing to determine how a

federal religious freedom law applies in Maj. Nidal Hasan's case. Witnesses for Army prosecutors and Hasan's attorneys will testify.

Beards are a violation of Army regulations, and soldiers who disobey orders to can be shaved against their will. Gross has repeatedly said that Hasan's beard, which he started growing in jail this summer, is a disruption to

the court proceedings. Gross has found Hasan in contempt of court at the past six pretrial hearings, then sent him to a nearby trailer to watch the proceedings on a closed-circuit television.

Hasan, 41, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 attack on the Texas Army post.

Hasan told the judge last week that he grew a beard because his Muslim faith requires it, not as a show of disrespect. Hasan previously appealed after Gross said he would order him to be shaved if he did not get rid of the beard himself before the trial. Gross said he wants Hasan in the courtroom during the court-martial to prevent a possible appeal on the issue if he is convicted.

The Army has specific guidelines on forced shaving. A team of five military police officers restrains the inmate "with the reasonable force necessary," and a medical professional is on hand in case of injuries. The shaving must be done with electric clippers and must be videotaped, according to Army rules.

Last week the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces ruled that Hasan's appeal was premature because Gross has not issued a definitive order. But the court said that if Gross issues that order, Hasan would be able to appeal first to the Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

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