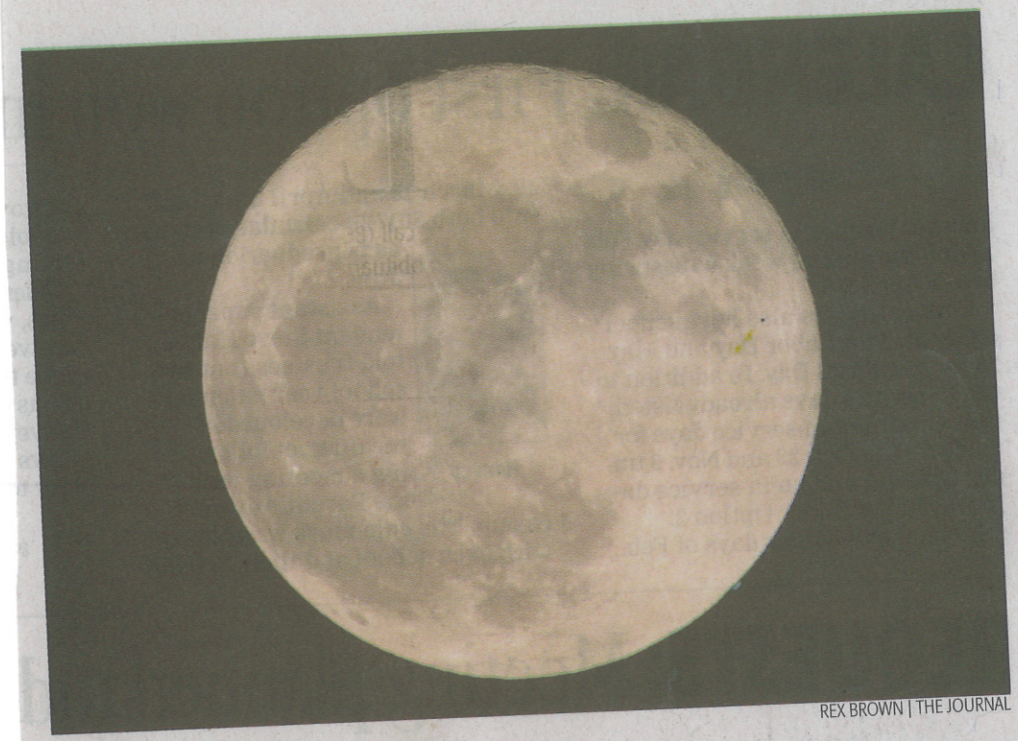


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A 'super' spectacle

The brightest moon in almost 69 years lit up the sky in a treat for star watchers around the globe on Monday night. The phenomenon known as the supermoon reached its peak luminescence in North America on Monday, lighting up the sky for Upstate residents despite smoke from wildfires burning throughout the Southeast. The moon is at its brightest this week because it is coming closer to the Earth along its elliptical orbit than at any time since January 1948. In 2034, the moon will come even closer, within 221,485 miles.