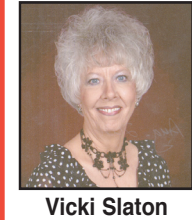




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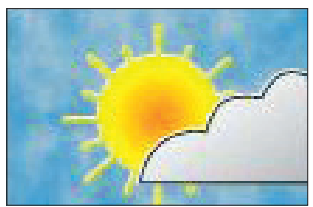
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Interior demolition at Settles almost complete

"The title transfer of the Settles Hotel, along with completion of the environmental asbestos abatement and clean-up signals an important milestone in the restoration of the historic hotel."



B. Ryan

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Almost one year and 700 tons of debris later, officials with the Settles Hotel Development Company say interior demolition work at the downtown landmark is nearing completion.
According to SHDC General Manager Kristopher Ryan, asbestos abatement and cleanup at the

structure have gotten the thumbs-up from officials.
"Abatement Inc. out of Sugar Land recently completed the environmental clean-up and asbestos abatement at the Settles Hotel property in accordance with the abatement specifications prepared by Houston-based Honesty Environmental Services," said Ryan. "Upon completion of abatement at each area, air samples

were collected to verify that the clearance level for abatement projects — as specified by the Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Department of State Health Services regulations — was achieved.
"Interior demolition has reached substantial completion, except for several limited areas
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Nov. 4, 1916-July 17, 2009

Walter Cronkite passes

Remembered as 'honorable' and 'an icon'

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — The death of Walter Cronkite elicited tributes from colleagues, presidents past and present, world-famous astronauts and those who hoped in vain to fill his empty anchor chair, all honoring the avuncular face of TV journalism who became the "most trusted man in America."

Cronkite died with his family by his side Friday night at his Manhattan home after a long illness, CBS vice president Linda Mason said. Marlene Adler, Cronkite's chief of staff, said Cronkite died of cerebrovascular disease. He was 92.

"It's hard to imagine a man for whom I had more admiration," Mike Wallace of "60 Minutes" said on CNN. "... He was a superb reporter and honorable man."

Cronkite was the face of the "CBS Evening News" from 1962 to 1981, when stories ranged from the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to racial and anti-war riots, Watergate and the Iranian hostage crisis.

It was Cronkite who read the bulletins coming from Dallas when Kennedy was



AP Photo/Michael Caulfield

In this Nov. 16, 1996 file photo, veteran newsman Walter Cronkite acknowledges a standing ovation from the audience at the 18th annual CableACE Awards show in Los Angeles. Famed CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite, known as the 'most trusted man in America' died Friday. He was 92.

shot Nov. 22, 1963, interrupting a live CBS-TV broadcast of a soap opera.

"Walter was who I wanted to be when I grew up," said CBS's "Face the Nation" host Bob Schieffer, 72, who began working at CBS News in 1969.

"He set a standard for all of us. He made television news what it became."

Cronkite died just three days before the 40th anniversary of the moon landing, another earthshaking moment of history linked inexorably

with his reporting.

"He had a passion for human space exploration, an enthusiasm that was contagious, and the trust of his audience. He will be missed," astronaut Neil Armstrong said.

President Barack Obama issued a statement saying that Cronkite set the standard by which all other news anchors have been judged, echoing sentiments from former Presidents George W.

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Chalet set to open Monday

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital's volunteer-run Chalet Resale Shop will reopen Monday after being closed the past two weeks for street and sidewalk construction.

Construction is still ongoing but work crews' progress in recent days will ease the ability of customers and volunteers to safely exit and enter the store when the store reopens next week, said Chalet Co-chairman Ruth Nanny.

The Chalet Resale Shop is located at 115 E. Second St. and is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Nanny

Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The time off has been productive for the volunteers who run the Chalet, Nanny said.

"We have worked on the inside of the building — painting and decorating." When the street and sidewalks repairs are completed, the volunteers will renovate the outside of the building, Co-chairman Tommy Corwin said.

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BREAK FOR THE BLUES



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

While most people would look for some shade or an air conditioned building on their lunch break, local resident Ed Myers isn't most people. Myers plays his horn at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater Friday afternoon, and while there was no applause waiting at the end of his sad, bluesy notes, the lone musician said it gives him the chance to hear the instrument as it was intended to be heard.

Friends of the Library needs your books

Donate your used books for the Friends of the Library sale Sept. 18-20 by bringing them to the Howard County Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please, no magazines or condensed books.

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Judge dismisses SEC complaint against Cuban

SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — A federal judge dismissed a civil insider-trading lawsuit against Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban on Friday, dealing the Securities and Exchange Commission a rare high-profile setback.

U.S. District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater ruled that the SEC could not hold Cuban liable for insider trading because the agency didn't allege the billionaire NBA team owner had

agreed not to trade based on confidential information he received about an Internet search engine company, Mamma.com Inc.

The judge wrote in his 35-page ruling that the SEC could file an amended complaint within 30 days if it can allege that Cuban agreed not to sell stock when he told the company's chief executive that he wouldn't divulge secret information he was about to receive in 2004.

The SEC said Cuban avoided a loss of \$750,000 by selling his 600,000

shares, which represented a 6.3 percent stake in the company.

Fitzwater, however, rejected most of Cuban's claims over how his fiduciary relationship with Mamma.com should be applied to the law.

Scott Friestad, associate director of the SEC's Division of Enforcement, said in a statement that the commission was reviewing the ruling and weighing its options.

Ralph Ferrara, one of Cuban's attorneys, said he needed time to digest the ruling but was initially impressed

with what he called Fitzwater's "appellate court level" analysis.

"It sounds like unlike many trial courts on motions to dismiss, he really tried to come to grips with the fundamental questions that we raised," Ferrara said.

Cuban's attorneys at the New York law firm of Dewey & LeBoeuf said in a statement they were "grateful" for the ruling.

See **CUBAN**, Page 3B

Watson leads, Woods leaves

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

TURNBERRY, Scotland — Tom Watson danced what he called "a Scottish jig" on the 18th green after another long putt fell into the cup. Play on.

About an hour later, Tiger Woods tapped in for a par that didn't mean a thing. Time to call it a day.

Talk about role reversal.

Watson, the 59-year-old former British Open champion, was supposed to be going through the motions, taking his penultimate curtain call at a tournament that holds such a special place in his career. Instead, he heads to the weekend with a share of the lead, having put together two magical rounds and needing two more to get his hands on the claret jug for a record-tying sixth time.

Woods, the world's best player and right in his prime, was supposed to be homing in on a 15th major championship, another step closer to Jack Nicklaus' record 18. Instead, Woods missed the cut, hopped his private jet to Florida, and gave his personal chef a few unexpected days off.

These were two Turnberry shockers. "It's as if the spirits are on my side," said Watson, who made history Friday afternoon as the oldest player to lead a major championship, tying Open rookie Steve Marino with a 5-under 135.

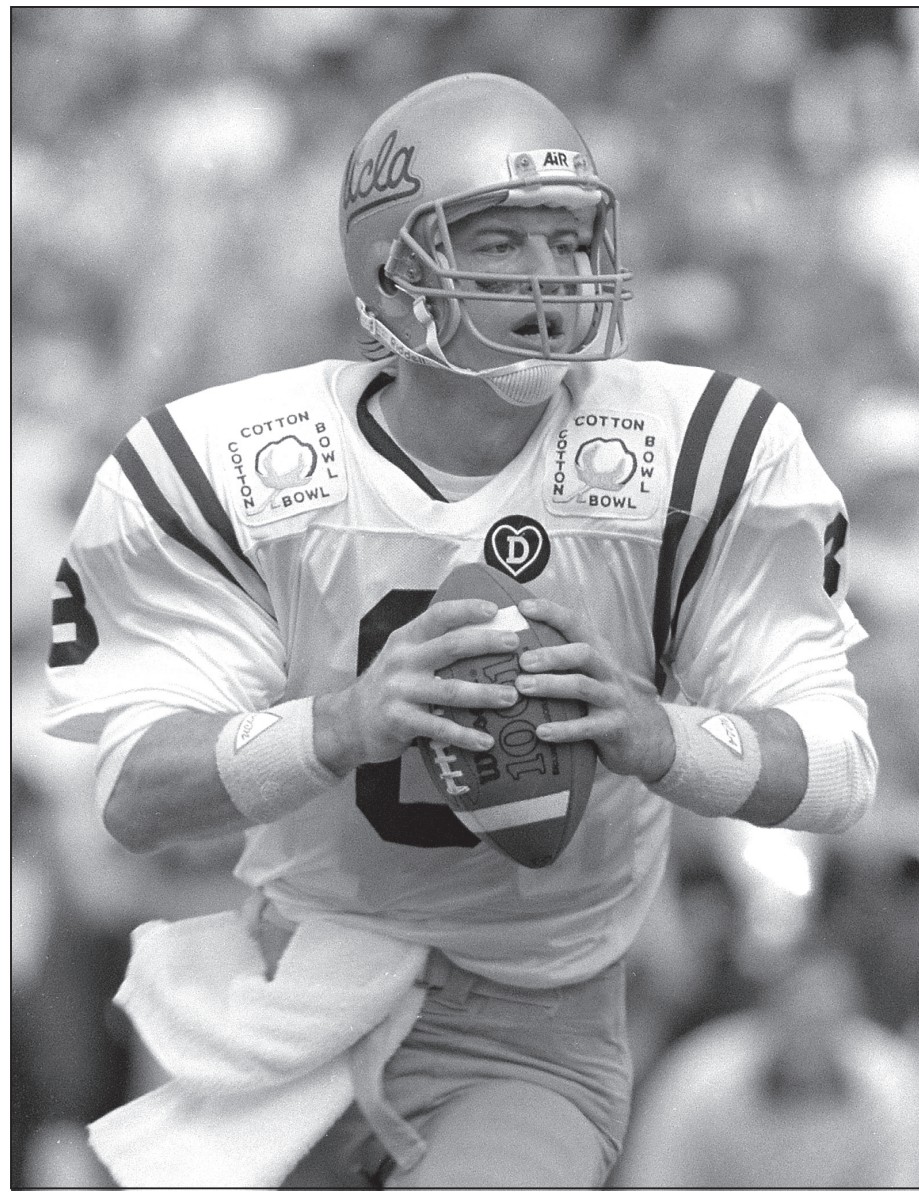
Woods must have felt like everything was stacked against him, because he's sure not used to failing. This was only the second time in 49 major championships as a pro that he failed to make it to the weekend.

"Kept making mistake after mistake," Woods said.

Now comes a weekend alive with possibilities, just none of them involving Woods.

The third round started in pleasant, partly cloudy weather, though that persistent breeze along the Scottish coast

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AP file photo

UCLA quarterback Troy Aikman looks for a receiver during action in the Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas Jan. 3, 1989. Aikman was enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame Saturday.

Among the greats

Aikman to enter College Hall, feels college career incomplete

By TOM COYNE

AP Sports Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Troy Aikman goes into the College Football Hall of Fame with a feeling his school days weren't complete.

It has nothing to do with the fact he didn't earn a degree before he was the first player selected in the 1989 NFL draft by the Dallas Cowboys. He filled that void last month when he earned his sociology degree from UCLA. The incomplete feeling comes from losing the two regular-season finales against USC his junior and senior years, costing the Bruins berths in the Rose Bowl both times.

"The one I regret I have on any level is that I didn't lead a team to the Rose Bowl," the three-time Super Bowl champion said. "I think a lot of times

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Yao Ming likely out next season with foot injury

CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets thought they had become championship contenders last summer when they acquired Ron Artest to join Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming, a pair of perennial All Stars.

Less than a year later, the Rockets are rebuilding

from scratch with no Artest and no idea when McGrady or Yao will play again.

The final blow came Friday, when Yao announced he would have surgery next week on his broken left foot, a decision that will likely keep him out all of next season. The team said there is no timetable set for the

See **YAO**, Page 2B

Sports in brief

BSHS football season tickets going on sale July 27 at ATC

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring High School football season go on sale for previous season ticket holders July 27 and will remain available through Aug. 6.

The general public can then begin purchasing season tickets Aug. 3 through Aug. 12.

Cost is \$30 for a total of six home games. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the dates allotted for sales.

For more information, call Kay Cook at 264-3661.

Big Spring Quarterback Club having first meeting of year

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 27, at the Athletic Training Center.

Parents of Big Spring Junior High or High School football players are encouraged to attend.

Also, anyone interested in placing an ad in the 2009 Football Program may pick up a form at the

ATC or contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Deadline to place ads in the program is Aug. 7.

Benefit golf tournament scheduled for Gilbert 'Tavi' Rodriguez

A benefit golf tournament has been scheduled for Sunday, July 26, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course for Gilbert "Tavi" Rodriguez.

Format for the tournament will be a four-man scramble and teams must be registered no later than 10:30 a.m. that day.

Play will begin at 11 a.m. Entry fees are \$100 per team — \$25 per player — and does not include green fees or golf cart rental.

Closest to the pin prizes will be available on Nos. 3, 6, 11 and 14.

All proceeds will go to Rodriguez's medical expenses.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 432-213-4943.

Howard College hosting three baseball camps

The coaching staff of the 2009 National Champion

Howard College baseball team is lending its services to baseball camps for three different age groups beginning Monday and lasting through Thursday at Jack Barber Field, located on the Howard College campus.

The first is called the Rookie League Camp and is for players ages 6-8 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day. Cost is \$100 if it is paid by Tuesday and goes up to \$125 after that date.

The Texas League Camp is for ages 9-12 and is from 10 a.m. to noon each day. Cost is \$125 by Tuesday and \$150 thereafter.

The Big League Camp is for ages 13-18 and lasts from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$150 by Tuesday and \$175 if paid after that date.

Howard College baseball camps are skill intensive teaching camps. They are designed to create a fun environment to improve skills and develop a love for the game. Group and individual instruction will be provided by the Howard College coaching staff and players.

Emphasis is placed on fielding and hitting techniques.

For more information, call the Howard College athletic office at 264-5040.



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Arugula Salad With Pork Chops

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Five-Ingredient Feast

Less is more! Fewer ingredients doesn't have to mean tasteless food. With only five ingredients, along with pantry staples such as salt, pepper and oil, you can serve gourmet meals any night of the week.

Grocery Gourmet

Grocery-brand items are just as good as gourmet but a whole lot cheaper. By buying flavorful, low-cost brands, you'll be able to make your investments in quality meats and produce.

Saved by the Slow Cooker

There's a reason one-pot meals are so popular: not only do they cut down on cleanup, but with everything in one pot, you don't have to make a side dish. A great way to save both time and money!

Clip and Save

Check the local paper for coupons; there's an average of \$350 in savings each week. Better yet, for more savings, search online for printable coupons at sites such as delish.com. You'll get even more savings when you combine coupons with store sales.

Arm Your Pantry

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Chicken stock is essential for making flavorful soups and stews, but it also plays a starring role in many low-fat sauces and side dishes.

Rice: Shelf life, two years

Enjoyed the world over, rice is economical and stays fresh for a very long time. Keep a well-sealed package of rice on hand for quick main dishes, sides and low-fat stuffing.

Cook Once, Dine Twice

Look for large quantity recipes, such as Family-Sized Soft Tacos featured here. Make the whole recipe and save leftovers for a meal later in the week. Or double a recipe like Arugula Salad With Pork Chops, Baked Chicken Alla Milanese or Oven-Fried Chicken and enjoy a hearty lunch the next day.

For more money-saving tips, recipes and how-to videos, visit delish.com.

Arugula Salad With Pork Chops

From Quick & Simple

Serves 4

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 6 minutes

Cost per serving: \$5.00

- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 bone-in pork rib chops, 8-ounces each
- 6 cups loosely packed baby arugula
- 2 cups cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 block (4 ounces) Parmesan cheese

Place 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large resealable plastic bag and shake. Put 1 pork chop in the bag and seal; pound the meat with a mallet or heavy skillet, avoiding the bone, until it's about 1/4 inch thick all over. Remove pork chop and repeat the process with the rest of the chops (no need to add more oil).

Combine arugula, cherry tomatoes and onion in a large bowl. Drizzle with vinegar and 4 tablespoons oil and toss well. Season with salt and pepper.

Oil grill grates and preheat grill to high. Season chops with salt and pepper, place on hot grill rack and cook 2 to 3 minutes on each side, until well browned.

Serve chops with salad piled on top. Use a vegetable peeler to shave thin slices of Parmesan over salad.



Baked Chicken Alla Milanese Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Griffin



Oven-Fried Chicken Photo courtesy of Q&S Digital Studio



Family-Sized Soft Tacos Photo courtesy of Philip Friedman/Studio D

Baked Chicken Alla Milanese

Serves: 2

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 25 minutes

Cost per serving: \$6.50

- 1 clove garlic
- 1 cup parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- Salt and pepper
- 2 boned chicken thighs, rinsed and patted dry
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 lemon wedges

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Chop garlic together with parsley and place in a small bowl. Add breadcrumbs, lemon zest, salt and pepper. Moisten mixture with 2 tablespoons oil.

Lay boned thighs in a heavy baking pan and coat the top of the chicken with breadcrumb mixture. Drizzle chicken with remaining olive oil and bake for 25 minutes, or until browned. Serve with lemon wedges.

Oven-Fried Chicken

From Quick & Simple

Serves 4

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Cost per serving: \$3.00

- 1 large egg white
- 2 tablespoons nonfat milk
- 1 teaspoons lemon pepper herb blend
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 4 4-ounce boneless, skinless, chicken breasts

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mist a shallow baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In a small bowl, beat egg white with a whisk until frothy; whisk in milk. In another bowl, combine herb blend, bread crumbs and paprika, mixing well.

Dip chicken in egg white-milk mixture and then coat with seasoned bread crumbs; transfer to prepared pan. Bake for 30 minutes, or until chicken is golden brown and juices run clear when thickest part of meat is pierced with a fork.

Family-Sized Soft Tacos

From Quick & Simple

Serves 12

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 35 minutes

Cost per serving: \$2.08

- 1 pound boneless beef top sirloin steak, visible fat trimmed away
- 1 pound boneless pork tenderloin
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 New Mexico chili pods or other dried chili peppers
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cube beef bouillon
- 1 cube chicken bouillon
- 5 cups water
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 24 corn tortillas, 6-inch
- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 1 pound reduced-fat feta cheese, crumbled
- 2 avocados, diced
- 1 bunch cilantro

Combine first 10 ingredients in large stockpot; cover with 5 cups water. Set pot over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 30 minutes, or until meat is cooked through.

Remove meat, chop into small pieces and set aside. Strain broth to discard chilies and return to pot. In a small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and 1 cup broth until smooth. Mix remaining broth to a boil; whisk in cornstarch mixture until broth is thickened.

Return meat to broth and toss to coat evenly.

Place a large skillet over medium-high heat and coat with nonstick cooking spray. Add tortillas (1 or 2 at a time) and toast briefly, 1 to 2 minutes per side. To assemble, place 2 tortillas on each plate. Spoon meat mixture onto center of each. Top with lettuce, cheese and avocado. Garnish tops with sprigs of fresh cilantro.

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Obituaries

James Thomas Averette



James Thomas Averette, 63, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 16, 2009, in Big Spring. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday from 2-3 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

James was born Aug. 8, 1945, to Gertrude and Thomas Averette in Selma, Ala. He came to Big Spring as a young child and has been a lifetime resident of Howard County since that time. He married Laura Risetter on June 15, 1966, in Big Spring. He was employed by West Texas Energy Services and had also worked for Robinson Drilling for many years.

James is survived by his wife, Laura Averette of Big Spring; three sons, Brian Averette and his wife Barbara of Big Spring; James Averette of Fort Worth, and Terry Don "Bobo" Averette and his wife Lindsay of Greenville; one daughter, Stacey Saucedo and her husband Albert of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren, Alyssa Hodnett, D'Amberly Averette, Jamie Averette, Justin Averette, Chase Averette, Chandler Averette, Abby Saucedo, Russell Strong, Tiffany Strong, Belinda Strong, Porsha Bryant and Keisha Yarbar; special friends, Trisha and Dwain Yarbar of Forsan; and six siblings, including Curtis Averette and his wife Mary of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Pallbearers will be Aubrey Crowley, Chad Averette, Mike Averette, James Ward, Mike Adkins and Butch Burcham.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Carol Yvonne Musgrove



Carol Yvonne Musgrove, age 60, passed from this life on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at Hospice House of Odessa. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She was born July 4, 1949, in Graham to Ernest Elbert Hughes and Nina Hortense (Severson) Hughes. She had retired from TxDOT after 28 years of service.

Carol is survived by one son, Chad Allen Musgrove of Big Spring; one daughter, Leslie Lou Mendy Musgrove of Big Spring; one sister, Gwen Hartin of Bangs; grandchildren, Kara and Zach Fuentes, Cashia Grant, Chase Musgrove, Chris and Adam Richardson, Hailey Grant, Reagan Grant, Carlie Richardson and Christopher Richardson; and many cousins who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Hughes, and her parents, Ernest and Nina Hughes.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2009, at Trinity Memorial Cemetery in Big Spring, officiated by Johnny Hughes. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel of Odessa.

Paid obituary

Juan Juarez

Juan Juarez, 73, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 17, 2009, in a local hospital. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Felix Garcia

Felix Garcia, 89, of Big Spring died Friday, July 17, 2009, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lupe Pineda



Lupe Pineda, 77, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Light House Restoration Center, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity

Memorial Park.

She was born June 26, 1932, to Santos and Simon Franco in Waco. She came to Big Spring in 1953 and married Manuel Pineda June 2, 1961, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Aug. 21, 1997. She was a homemaker and a member of Light House Restoration Center.

She is survived by four sons, John Flores, Carlos Rodriguez and Evaristo Pineda, all of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Angel Pineda and his wife Marsha of Haltom City; two daughters, Florinda Davis of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Valinda Pineda and husband Robert White of Big Spring; two brothers, Sonny Franco and his wife Maria of Boise, Idaho, and Simon Franco and his wife Mary of McKinney; one sister, Mary Franco of Austin; 21 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Frances Pauda, Georgia Pauda and Juana Pauda; and one brother, Danny Franco.

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

Carlotta 'Carla' Marentes

Carlotta "Carla" Marentes, 51, of Midland, passed away July 16, 2009, in Midland. A rosary will be Sunday, July 19, 2009, at 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Carlotta was born Jan. 20, 1958, in Midland to Juan Castillo and Beatrice Fuentes. She grew up and lived life in Midland and graduated from Midland Lee High School. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Marentes of Midland; daughter, Erica Marentes of Midland; sister, Nicky and husband Manuel Jara of Midland; brother, Johnny Castillo of Lewisville; sister-in-law, Aurora Castillo of Lewisville; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Maria Lara

Maria Lara, 74, of Big Spring died Friday, July 17, 2009, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- STEWART RYAN SHADE, 20, 1108 E. 11th, was arrested on five local warrants.
- MATTHEW MELTON, 26, 614 Steakley, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ERNEST CLARK, 69, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANGEL MIZELL, 47, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- SHAWN OVERTON, 21, 1203 Stanford, was arrested on two local warrants.
- JUSTIN MEEK, 23, 204 E. 11th Pl., was arrested on a local warrant.

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Rangers open second half with 5-3 loss to Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Talk about the Minnesota Twins, and All-Stars Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau quickly become the primary topic. Maybe it's time for the slugger who follows them in the lineup to be a part of the conversation. Jason Kubel hit a tiebreaking three-run homer after the recognized stars reached base and the Twins beat the Texas Rangers 5-3 Friday night, put-

ting a damper on Josh Hamilton's first home game in more than six weeks. Kubel's 15th homer of the season, after consecutive hits by Mauer and Morneau, put the Twins up 5-2 in the third against Vicente Padilla (7-5). The Rangers (48-40) and Twins (46-44) played Game 2 of their 3-game series Saturday and wrapped up Sunday. Scott Feldman (8-2) got the

start for Texas Saturday, while Scott Baker (7-7) pitched for the Twins. Hamilton had three hits, including a two-run homer and an RBI single, in his first home game since May 31. That was the day before the All-Star starting center fielder went on the disabled list for the second time this season — both times, he got hurt crashing into an outfield wall while making a catch.

Texas, which lost three of its last four games before the All-Star break, led 2-0 after Hamilton pulled a pitch just inside the right-field pole in the first for his seventh homer. His run-scoring single came in the fifth. Hamilton was activated from the DL on July 6, in time for the Rangers' seven-game trip before the break. The slugger didn't have an RBI in those seven games with only two singles.

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return of the 7-foot-6 Yao, a seven-time All Star, but that he is "expected to be available for the team's training camp in 2010."

McGrady, also a seven-time All Star, could be sidelined until next February as he recovers from risky microfracture surgery on his left knee.

Artest? He said at the end of last season that he wanted to stay in Houston — but only if he felt the Rockets had a legitimate chance to win the NBA title. He's now getting ready to play with Kobe Bryant and the NBA champion Lakers after signing a multiyear deal a few days after the start of the free agency negotiating period.

The Rockets knew some of this was coming, asking the NBA for a disabled player exception several weeks before free agency began. The NBA granted the Rockets' request, an acknowledgment that the league doubted Yao would play next season. The team promptly used the money to land forward Trevor Ariza from the Lakers.

But that's small solace to Rockets fan and general manager Daryl Morey, who called the 28-year-old Yao the franchise's "cornerstone" just a month ago.

Morey said that he isn't conceding next season, but acknowledges the Rockets are probably have little choice now but to build for the more distant future.

If the season started now, Houston's

starting lineup would likely be Ariza, Aaron Brooks, Shane Battier, Luis Scola and either new acquisition David Andersen or 6-foot-6 Chuck Hayes, who played center for Houston in the final four games in the playoffs after Yao was injured.

"We don't want to take any time off, with question marks on Yao and Tracy (McGrady)," Morey said. "It's put some challenges in our way. But we don't want to take time off if we can, so we want to keep adding players like Trevor, who can help us now and can be part of young core that's going to grow together and win a lot of games."

Morey has spent an exhausting few weeks scrambling to put together a competitive roster.

Literally the minute free agency began July 1, Morey showed up at Marcin Gortat's front door, trying to persuade the restricted free agent center to join the Rockets. The 6-foot-11 Gortat eventually re-signed with Orlando, where he's backed up Dwight Howard for the past two seasons.

This week, Houston acquire the 6-11 Andersen in a trade with Atlanta. Andersen is a former second-round draft choice, a two-time Olympian and a contributor on four championship teams in Europe.

But he's no Yao, a game-changing player and one of the NBA's most valuable and recognized ambassadors.

Thanks in large part to Yao's impact, the NBA launched NBA China in January 2008 and now has nearly 150 employees in four offices there. NBA games and programming are available on 51 television and digital media outlets in China and NBA merchand-

ise is sold in about 30,000 retail locations there.

Bryant has had the top-selling jersey in China for two straight seasons. Yao ranks 10th — most likely because most fans bought them in the first years after Yao broke into the NBA.

Houston drafted Yao with the No. 1 overall pick in 2002 and he averaged 13.5 points and 8.2 rebounds as a rookie. He was an All-Star starter in 2003 and has been voted the top center in the Western Conference each year since.

He never took a long break from basketball early in his career, playing for the Chinese National team in each of the first six summers after he was drafted.

The demanding schedule coupled with his extraordinary height may have contributed to the injury issues he began to encounter in the 2005-06 NBA season.

His last four seasons have been ended prematurely by serious injuries. He missed a total of 83 regular-season games between 2005-08 and sat out the first-round playoff series in 2008, which Houston lost to Utah.

His troublesome left foot is injured for the third time. He broke a bone in the foot with four games left in the 2005-06 season, then suffered a stress fracture in February 2008, during the Rockets' 22-game winning streak. He had pins inserted and rushed his rehab to play for China in the Beijing Olympics.

He played in 77 regular-season games in 2008-09, his most durable season since 2004-05. The foot held up fine until the second round of last season's playoffs, when he went down and then hobbled off the floor at the Toyota Center.

Yao returned to China after the season, leading a basketball camp and even voicing a character for a Chinese-language animated film.

He recently purchased his former team, the financially troubled Shanghai Sharks, but said that was not an indication that he was planning an early retirement.

Yao has been consulting with doctors and finally decided on a complicated procedure, similar to one performed on Cleveland's Zydrunas Ilgauskas in 2001. The surgery involves a bone graft to promote bone regeneration, the team said. He's also hoping to reduce the arch in the foot by realigning and restructuring the bones.

"This surgery will allow me to continue my career playing basketball and I look forward to returning to the court," Yao said in a statement. "I am very grateful to have the support of teammates, friends and fans as I dedicate myself to making a completely successful recovery."

Ilgauskas missed 58 games in the 2000-01 season with the same injury and had surgery on Feb. 7, 2001. He returned to action on Dec. 4, 2001, after missing the first 17 games of the season.

Dr. Tom Clanton, the Rockets' team doctor, will perform the surgery on Yao, who is due to make \$16 million this season and holds the option for returning in 2010-11.

The Rockets have gone 146-74 when Yao and McGrady play at the same time, but it's happened so rarely over five seasons that it has never mattered at crunch time. All Morey and the Rockets can do is wait to see if their two best players of the past decade will ever play again.

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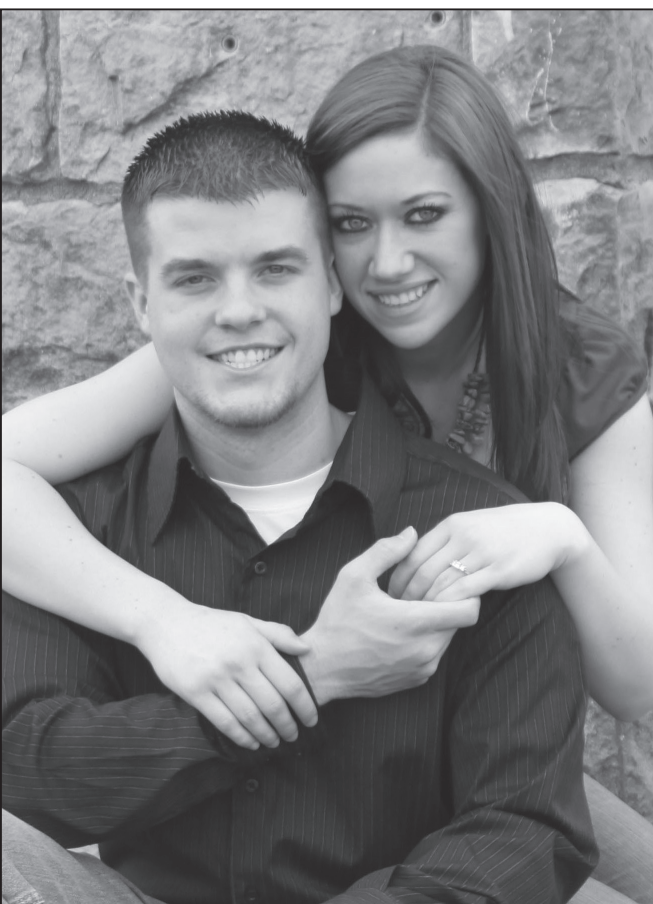
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Kirk Aaron Canada and Laci Lee Norton

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Laci Lee Norton and Kirk Aaron Canada, both of Lubbock, have announced they will exchange wedding vows in August.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dwayne and Ginger Norton of Albany. She is the granddaughter of Bonnie Duke House and the late Leon Duke and O.L. House of Rotan and Jim and Ann Buhrkuhl of Big Spring.

The prospective groom is the son of Karla Canada of Stanton and Selan Canada of Stanton. He is the grandson of Kay Simpson and the late Nolan Simpson of Stanton and Irma Canada and the late Selan Canada Sr. of Clyde.

Laci Lee is a 2005 graduate of Albany High School and a May 2009 honors graduate of Angelo State University with a degree in kinesiology in exercise science. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in occupational therapy at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Kirk Aaron is a 2005 graduate of Stanton High School and a December 2008 honors graduate of Angelo State University with a degree in kinesiology. He is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in physical therapy at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

They plan to wed at 7 p.m. Aug. 22, 2009, at the Paramount Theatre in Abilene.

Births



Lorelei Ann Herrod

Lorelei Ann Herrod, a girl, was born at 8:56 a.m. July 9, 2009, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

She is the daughter of Dustin and Ginger Herrod of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Tommy and Valarie Sullivan of Big Spring and Lorinda Herrod of Big Spring and David Herrod of Stanton.

She was welcomed home by big brother Austin.



Graham Allan Partee

Adam and Stormie Partee of Memphis, Tenn., announce the arrival of their son, Graham Allan Partee, at 11:13 p.m. May 15, 2009, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

His grandparents are Beverly and Daniel Silen and Dena and Alan Partee, all of Big Spring. His great-grandfather is Sandy Huff of San Antonio.



Mikah Hayden Rubio

Jarred and Rachel Rubio of Big Spring announce the birth of their son, Mikah Hayden Rubio, born at 3:52 p.m. June 30, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the maternal grandson of Gary and Angie Cole of Big Spring, and the paternal grandson of Jessie and Kim Rubio of Big Spring.

His great-grandparents are Frances Loftis of Big Spring, Maxie Cole of Moore, Okla., Anita and Roy Benz of Snyder and Joe and Kay Clark of Big Spring. His great-great grandparent is Inez Howell of Big Spring.

Mikah was welcomed home by big brother Lawson.

Menus

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

July 20-24

Monday: Baked pork chop, candied yams, Italian cut green beans, pineapple cake, rolls, milk.

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, fruit, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, baked tater tots, sugar cookies, milk.

Thursday: Chicken fajitas,

Spanish rice, chopped lettuce, tomatoes, picante sauce, cheese, mixed fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Chopped steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, dressing, peas and carrots, peaches, biscuit, milk.

July 27-31

Monday: Roast turkey, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, mixed green salad, cherry cobbler, rolls, milk.

Tuesday: Beef tips with pepper parsley buttered noodles, yellow

squash, tossed salad, cheesecake, rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, cinnamon apple sauce, cornbread, milk.

Thursday: Taco salad, refried beans, guacamole salad, tortilla chips, salsa, line pineapple gelatin, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Friday: Chicken nuggets, honey mustard sauce, baked french fries, coleslaw, fruit calad cup, biscuit, milk.

Local briefs

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas military personnel who have served or are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Apply at the Salvation Army, 511 W. Fifth St. These funds were granted by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can

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from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at (432) 553-8127.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has award-

tunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

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SETTLES

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in the basement. We estimate approximately 700 tons of debris has been removed from the building during demolition."

Ryan said structural repairs are also on the verge of being completed.

"Tommy E. Hixson and Associates Inc., from Eastland, recently inspected the historic structure and determined the Settles Hotel building is structurally sound," said Ryan. "According to Mr. Hixson, the only damage (to the structure) appears to be the result of moisture infiltration and vandal-

ism, and all the damage noted is repairable and the structure should continue to serve its intended use with the proper repairs and maintenance. Structural repairs, under the direction of Mr. Hixson, are approximately 90 percent complete."

Ryan said completion of the asbestos abatement and clean-up has allowed SHDC to take control of the building's title, part of an agreement between the development company and the Settles Hotel's prior owner, the city of Big Spring.

"The Big Spring City Council approved SHDC's bid of \$75,000 in November 2006 and subsequently entered into

a definitive purchase agreement. The agreement provided for title transfer upon completion of the environmental clean-up and asbestos abatement of the historic property."

And while hammers continue to swing inside the Settles Hotel — now being heralded by city officials as the crown jewel of the downtown area — Ryan said work atop the building is under way, as well.

"In addition, we recently completed removal of all letters from the historic rooftop sign," said Ryan. "The original letters will be catalogued and used as templates for replicating the historic rooftop signage."

Brint Ryan said the recent advances represent a milestone in the restoration of the hotel, which has endured numerous rehabilitation attempts in the past, along with vandalism and neglect.

"The title transfer of the Settles Hotel, along with completion of the environmental asbestos abatement and clean-up signals an important milestone in the restoration of the historic hotel," said Brint Ryan. "We would like to express our appreciation to Mayor Russ McEwen, the city council, officials with the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation for their continued support

of these efforts."

The building, erected for \$500,000 in 1930, was a destination of choice for travelers for many years — as well a center of activity for the community — but has been vacant and in an advanced state of dilapidation for more than two decades.

Brint Ryan, a Big Spring native, announced plans for the multi-million dollar renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors. The project's budget has ballooned from \$12 mil-

lion to \$20 million since its inception, but Ryan insists he isn't interested in the project for its profitability.

"I have no aspirations of making a bunch of money on this project. I would like to limit the amount of money I lose on this project, but it's clear to everyone that's looked at this that it will never achieve a market rate of return," Brint Ryan said in a previous interview with the *Herald*. "So, why am I doing it? I've been very fortunate in my career — some would say I've had some financial success — and I can't think of a better way to invest it in a legacy I feel will be tremendous for this community."

CHALET

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Donations for sale at The Chalet are being accepted, Nanny said.

Shelves and racks have

been restocked with new merchandise, Nanny said. "There are plenty of good bargains to make the trip downtown worthwhile."

Additional volunteers are always needed at The Chalet and the many other projects undertaken by the Volunteer

Services Council, said Billie Christie, director of Community Relations.

The 77 volunteers donate more than 4,900 hours a year, generating \$290,136 for the hospital's patients.

If you are interested in donating a few hours a week,

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Gregoria Escanuelas, 57, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

James Thomas Averette, 63, died Thursday, July 16, 2009. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lupe Pineda, 77, died Thursday, July 16, 2009. A Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Felix Garcia, 89, died Friday, July 17, 2009. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maria Lara, 74, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

CRONKITE

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Bush and Jimmy Carter.

"He invited us to believe in him, and he never let us down," Obama said. "This country has lost an icon and a dear friend, and he will be truly missed."

Cronkite was the broadcaster to whom the title "anchorman" was first applied; and his name was at one point synonymous with the role even outside the U.S. — in Sweden anchors were sometimes termed Cronkiters; in Holland, they were Cronkiters.

"Walter Cronkite was and always will be the gold standard," said ABC News anchor Charles Gibson. "His objectivity, his evenhandedness, his news judgment are all great examples."

CBS has scheduled a prime-time special, "That's the Way it Was: Remembering Walter Cronkite," for 7 p.m. Sunday.

"He was a great broadcaster and a gentleman whose experience, honesty, professionalism and style defined the role of anchor and commentator," CBS Corp. chief executive Leslie Moonves said in a statement.

A former wire service reporter and war correspondent, Cronkite valued accuracy, objectivity and understated compassion. He expressed liberal views in more recent writings but said he had always aimed to be fair and professional in his judgments on the air.

But when Cronkite took sides, he helped shape the times. After the 1968 Tet offensive,

he visited Vietnam and wrote and narrated a "speculative, personal" report advocating negotiations leading to the withdrawal of American troops.

"We have been too often disappointed by the optimism of the American leaders, both in Vietnam and Washington, to have faith any longer in the silver linings they find in the darkest clouds," he said, and concluded, "We are mired in stalemate."

After the broadcast, President Lyndon B. Johnson reportedly said, "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost middle America."

He also helped broker the 1977 invitation that took Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Jerusalem, the breakthrough to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Off camera, his stamina and admittedly demanding ways brought him the nickname "Old Ironpants." But to viewers, he was "Uncle Walter," with his jowls and grainy baritone, his warm, direct expression and his trim mustache.

When he summed up the news each evening by stating, "And THAT's the way it is," millions agreed. His reputation survived accusations of bias by Richard Nixon's vice president, Spiro Agnew, and being labeled a "pinko" in the tirades of a fictional CBS's "All in the Family."

Polls in 1972 and 1974 pronounced Cronkite the "most trusted man in America." Like fellow Midwesterner Johnny Carson, Cronkite seemed to embody the nation's mainstream. When he broke down as he announced Kennedy's death, removing his glasses and fighting

back tears, the times seemed to break down with him.

Cronkite was the top newsman during the peak era for the networks, when the nightly broadcasts grew to a half-hour and 24-hour cable and the Internet were still well in the future. In the fall of 1972, responding to reports in *The Washington Post*, Cronkite aired a two-part series on Watergate that helped ensure national attention to the then-emerging scandal.

As many as 18 million households tuned in to Cronkite's top-rated program each evening. Twice that number watched his final show, on March 6, 1981, compared with fewer than 10 million in 2005 for the departure of Dan Rather.

Rather, who replaced Cronkite at the anchor desk, called Cronkite "a giant of the journalistic craft."

Cronkite had stepped down at a vigorous 64 years old with the assurance that other duties awaited him at CBS News, but he found little demand there for his services. He hosted the short-lived science magazine series "Walter Cronkite's Universe" and was retained by the network as a consultant, although, as he was known to state wistfully, he was never consulted.

He also sailed his beloved boat, the Wyntje,

hosted or narrated specials on public and cable TV, and issued his columns and the best-selling "Walter Cronkite: A Reporter's Life."

For 24 years he served as onsite host for New Year's Day telecasts by the Vienna Philharmonic, ending that cherished tradition only in 2009.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Cronkite was asked to introduce the postponed Emmy awards show. He told the audience that in its coverage of the attack and its aftermath, "television, the great common denominator, has lifted our common vision as never before."

Cronkite joined CBS in 1950, after a decade with United Press, during which he covered World War II and the Nuremberg trials, and a brief stint with a regional radio group. At CBS he found a respected radio-news organization dipping

its toe into TV. He was named anchor for CBS's coverage of the 1952 political conventions, the first year the presidential nominations got wide TV coverage. From there, he was assigned to such news-oriented programs as "You Are There" and "Twentieth Century." (He also briefly hosted a morning show, accompanied by a puppet named Charlemagne the Lion.)

On April 16, 1962, he replaced Douglas Edwards as anchor of the network's "Evening News."

"I never asked them why," Cronkite recalled in a 2006 TV portrait. "I was so pleased to get the job, I didn't want to endanger it by suggesting that I didn't know why I had it."

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GOLF

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toughened things up. Just ask two-time champion Padraig Harrington, whose hopes of winning a third straight Open faded away when a 6-over 76 left him at 9-over 219. But American Bryce Moulder showed a low number was possible, posting an early 67.

Watson will take aim at Harry Vardon and his six British Open titles. One shot behind was 49-year-old Mark Calcavecchia, who won the Open 20 years ago up the coast at Royal Troon. He, too, survived the stretch of holes along the Firth of Clyde in a stiff wind that demanded so much of every shot. Calcavecchia made a 40-foot birdie putt on the 10th that carried him to a 69.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen twice saved par from 35 feet and had a 70, putting him in the group at 137 that included three-time major champion Vijay Singh. Thirteen players were within three shots of the lead, while Sergio Garcia (139) and John Daly (140) were both in striking distance.

"I guess the memories are with me, all the wonderful memories I've had playing links golf," Watson said. "Walking down the fairways, walking up onto the greens, people showing their respect for me, showing my respect for them. And it's been since 1975 — 34 years I've played links golf. And it's a fabric of my life, I can tell you that."

Woods failed to make the cut for only the sixth time in his career, and the first since the 2006 U.S. Open at Winged Foot, his first tournament after his father died.

"Everybody's entitled to a bad day," said Lee Westwood, who played with Woods and shot 70 to join the group at 138. "It was tough conditions out there, and the wind can play havoc

with your swing sometimes. And he hit a couple of poor shots at the wrong time."

Watson finished with a pair of birdie putts that were nearly as long as his odds of winning another claret jug. There was a 75-footer from the back on the 16th green, then a 45-footer at No. 18 to cap an even-par 70 that might have been more impressive than his bogey-free 65 on Thursday. This time, he had to bounce back after making five bogeys in six holes, four of them in a row.

"I wouldn't be here if I didn't think I could win," Watson said.

Woods always thinks he can win, but his performance on the back nine was abysmal.

He hit one tee shot that was never found in the high grass along the dunes right of the 10th fairway. He hit into a fairway bunker for the first time all week. It took him two shots to get up a bank and onto the green at the 13th.

Woods dropped seven shots during a wretched six-hole stretch, and not even two late birdies could spare him the indignation of missing the cut. Needing to chip in for birdie on the 18th hole, he came up a few feet short and tapped in for a 74 and 145 total, one shot off the cut.

"I kept compounding my problems out there," Woods said.

Watson was tied for the lead with Marino, a 29-year-old American who didn't know until last weekend that he had gotten into the British Open as an alternate, and then had to fly his father from Virginia to his home in Florida to fetch Marino's passport.

One year after Greg Norman made a stunning bid to win the British Open at 53, the prospects of Watson winning at 59 are staggering. The oldest major champion was Julius Boros, who was 48 when he captured the 1968 PGA Championship.

Watson won his first of his five British Opens at Carnoustie in 1975, five months before Woods was born.

Now Watson is trying to win another



AP photo/Alastair Grant

Tom Watson plays out of a bunker on the second hole during the third round of the British Open Golf championship, at the Turnberry golf course in Scotland Saturday.

er — and he doesn't have to worry about Woods getting in the way.

Tom Watson has a one-stroke lead through nine holes (4-under), bouncing back from his first bogey of the day with a birdie at Turnberry's seventh hole.

Watson already has two great par saves, overcoming a drive into a fairway bunker at No. 3 and another testy bunker shot at the fifth, barely clearing the lip before he rolled in an 18-foot putt.

He bogeyed No. 9 to slip to 4-under.

AIKMAN

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in the NFL a quarterback is measured by whether or not you lead a team to a championship. For me at UCLA, it was whether or not you led your team to the Rose Bowl. I failed to do that."

Aikman leads a class of 21 former players and coaches who will be enshrined at the hall Saturday night. Others being honored include former Oklahoma State tailback Thurman Thomas, 1959 Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon of LSU, former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz and former Ohio State coach John Cooper.

Aikman, now a Fox Sports analyst, accomplished a lot during his college career, leading the Bruins to back-to-back 10-2 seasons. Many people don't remember, though, that he helped Oklahoma win a national championship in 1985.

"Nor should they," Aikman quips. Aikman signed to play with his

home-state school after graduating from Henryetta High School in 1984. The strong-armed quarterback is still asked by people who know he played for the Sooners the same question over and over: "Why did you go to Oklahoma?"

The Sooners had switched from the wishbone to the I-formation in 1982 because it better fit the style of freshman tailback Marcus Dupree. Aikman thought he was being brought in to add a more potent passing dimension.

Aikman ended up working out of a modified wishbone and never felt comfortable. In his first start as a freshman when the starter was injured, the 17-year-old Aikman went 2-of-14 passing for 8 eight yards with three interceptions as the second-ranked Sooners lost 28-11 to a Kansas team that entered the game with a 2-5 record.

Aikman won the starting job for the Sooners in 1985, but it never felt right.

"I was never real happy with the football side of it," he said.

Although Aikman wasn't always at his best, Oklahoma managed to win its first three games. He was having his best game, completing 6-of-7 passes for 131 yards and a touchdown midway through the second quarter against Miami, when he broke his ankle in the Sooners' only loss that season.

"After he broke his leg we didn't have anybody else who could throw, so we went back to a true 'bone," said Jim Donnan, the offensive coordinator for that team who went on to coach Marshall and Georgia and also is being enshrined on Saturday.

When freshman Jamelle Holieway led the Sooners to eight straight wins, capped with a 25-10 victory over No. 1 Penn State in the Orange Bowl, Aikman knew the wishbone would stay at Oklahoma and he would leave.

"It was the best thing for him to transfer," Donnan said.

The experience shook Aikman's confidence, but he still believed he could be a starter on a good college team. And Aikman flourished at

UCLA. By the end of the first season, there was speculation about whether he'd leave early and be a top draft pick. He opted to stay and went into his senior year as the Heisman favorite.

He had a standout senior year, completing 64.4 percent of his passes for 2,771 yards, but Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders had a better season and won the Heisman.

Missing out on the Heisman doesn't bother Aikman. Missing out on the Rose Bowl does.

"My college career, in my opinion, is not quite complete," he said.

Aikman takes solace, though, in the fact he's being inducted into the hall with former Dallas teammate Jay Novacek, a former Wyoming tight end.

"Because he's also someone I think is worthy of the Pro Football Hall of Fame," Aikman said. "He's a very understated player. For me to have a chance to go in with him into the College Football Hall of Fame is about as meaningful as anything that could have happened."

CUBAN

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"The court employed a reasoned and thoughtful approach ... and chose not to be bound by labels and monikers or resort to 'technicalities,'" the statement said.

Cuban didn't respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

In a vague Twitter posting that seemed to address the ruling, Cuban wrote that Friday had been "a great day so far." In a later posting, he thanked supporters and said he wouldn't comment to reporters.

Five years ago, Mamma.com Chief Executive Guy Faure told Cuban by

phone that the company was planning to raise capital in a so-called private placement in a public equity offering known as a PIPE, the SEC lawsuit said.

Faure began the conversation by saying he was about to give confidential information and Cuban agreed to keep it to himself, the SEC said. According to the lawsuit, Cuban became angry because he said PIPEs dilute stock value for existing shareholders, and he ended the call by saying, "Well now I'm screwed. I can't sell."

The SEC alleges that Cuban sold his shares hours after the phone call from Faure, before the announcement of the private offering.

Fitzwater ruled that Cuban's state-

ment can't "reasonably be understood" as an agreement not to sell based on the information.

"Thus while the SEC adequately pleads that Cuban entered into a confidentiality agreement, it does not allege that he agreed, expressly or implicitly, to refrain from trading on or otherwise using for his own benefit the information the CEO was about to share," Fitzwater wrote.

Phillip Stern, a former SEC staffer now in private practice, said the

agency could pursue an appeal rather than try to amend the Cuban complaint.

He said the decision would come down to whether the agency thought it could successfully attack Fitzwater's ruling, which he said was surprising.

But another analyst said the SEC generally must prove what Fitzwater's ruling required: that defendants agreed to keep information confidential and promised not to trade on it.

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Creative cakes can become a family tradition

Interest rises in 'food crafting'

MELISSA DUTTON

The Associated Press
Kay Martin decided early on that she wanted special celebrations for her children's birthdays. For her, that meant homemade, hand-decorated cakes.

"I bought a cake-decorating book before my first kid was even born," said Martin of Plain City, Ohio. She wowed guests at her daughter's first birthday with a three-dimensional cake shaped like alphabet blocks. "It got rave reviews," she said.

Since then, she has created cakes resembling a country cottage, Legos and Noah's ark for her two daughters.

For a growing number of parents, making creative, even over-the-top birthday cakes has become a treasured family tradition. A survey by the Craft and Hobby Association, using data collected through March 31, said the number of U.S. households decorating cakes rose from 9.5 million in 2008 to 11.3 million in 2009.

"We're seeing a lot of interest in food crafting," said Victor Domine, spokesman for the Elmwood Park, N.J.-based association. "Millions of people across the U.S. decorate their own cakes not only as a way to save money and celebrate economically, but also as a creative outlet."

Amy Dunn figures she has saved hundreds of dollars over the years by making her own cakes. The mother of three also enjoys the challenge of finding the right cake to fit the theme of the child's party.

Dunn doesn't like to use decorating tools, so she usually relies on cookies, candies and ingenuity to bring her cakes to life. She once used Twinkies and cookies to create a cake depicting six girls in bed for a sleepover party.

"I don't make any claim to professional-looking cakes," said Dunn, of Apex, N.C. "The cakes look homemade. That's part of the charm. They're made with love."

The sleepover cake remains a favorite of Caroline Dunn, 11.

"My mom made each girl attending my party in cake form," she said. "I loved to look at each piece of cake and how it resembled her."

Every year, Dunn also makes Caroline a doll cake using the same figurine and pattern that her own mother used for her birthdays when she was growing up.

Dunn's first attempt at cake decorating was a teddy bear for her oldest son's first birthday.

"We lived in Florida at the time," the 49-year-old said. "I wasn't sure who would melt first, Å me under the pressure, or the cake."

First birthdays often prompt moms or dads to try cake decorating, said Nancy Siler, a spokeswoman for Wilton Food Crafts, an Illinois-based

company that specializes in cake-making products. Many even take cake-decorating classes to prepare for the big event, she said.

"It's an opportunity to show family and friends that you love your child and that you're a good mother," she said. "It is an expression of love. It is your creativity coming out."

When Leslie Green's daughter, Emma, was turning 3, mom spent hours making a Sleeping Beauty cake. When Emma was turning 4, Green tried to talk her into cupcakes, but Emma insisted on a Little Mermaid cake.

"She said, 'I don't want cupcakes. I want a pretty cake like last year,'" recalled Green, for whom cake-making then became a tradition. Party guests marvel over her creativity. She said she

has lost sleep over her cakes, but loves doing them.

"You can make people so happy," said Green, of Tampa, Fla.

Martin's 6-year-old daughter, Lexi, is already looking forward to her next birthday: "I go to school, so I'm going to have a school bus cake."

Martin said she'll start researching school bus cakes a few weeks before her daughter's birthday, checking out various Web sites where proud moms post photos of their creations and offer tips.

"When I start, I will not know what it will look like," Martin said. "There's always a certain point where I ask, 'Why did I get into this mess?' and I think about scrapping the whole thing. I like to take on the challenge of it."

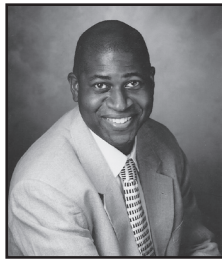


AP photo/Amy Dunn
Amy's mom has made this doll cake every year for Caroline since she was 1 for her family birthday celebration.



AP photo/Amy Dunn
A sleepover cake Amy Dunn made for her daughter Caroline's 10th birthday last year. The bodies are Twinkies, the heads are vanilla wafers, the pillows are marshmallows.

It is my pleasure to announce that on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM there will be a sacred concert at New Creation First Church of God. Edward (Eddie) Cumberbatch, a celebrated and award-winning Tenor soloist from the Caribbean Island of Trinidad, will be appearing here for one night only.



Mr. Cumberbatch (see picture to left) attended Anderson (In) University where he studied voice privately, and also participated in the school's Male Chorus and University Chorale. He has traveled extensively in concert work throughout the Caribbean area, England, South Africa, Hong Kong, and the Untied States. While in South Africa, he was awarded first place in an international vocal competition. Currently he is a faculty member of the University of Trinidad and Tobago, and is active professionally in solo and ensemble engagements.

Traveling with Mr. Cumberbatch will be Rev. Paul and Rita Jo Yerdens of Phoenix AR. The Yerdens are internationally known keyboard artists, and will provide accompaniment for the concert, as well as pre-concert organ and piano selections.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and be a part of this celebration of singing and praise. I am sure you would enjoy this rich voice and the music that accompanies this gifted singer.

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OUR VIEW

Obama initiative: For colleges, it's really about time

There's no question about it, community colleges give their students the biggest educational bang for the buck possible. They also give that same biggest bang for the buck to the districts they serve. Many of us have known that for a long time, but apparently the U.S. Congress and the Texas Legislature are beginning to get it.

It's about time.

Howard College's President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said it best, perhaps, when she was asked about President Barack Obama's call for a multi-million-dollar investment in the nation's community colleges.

"What's happening at the national level is just a reflection of what's happening at the state level," Sparks said. "Earlier this year, we saw the state legislature announce initiatives enhancing our work training programs. Needless to say, we're very pleased to see this new focus."

Obama announced Tuesday a four-part, \$12 billion program aimed at helping community colleges reach, teach and train more people "for the jobs of the future."

Under the plan, colleges could qualify for "challenge grants" which would give them money to try new programs or expand existing operations.

Community colleges could also spend money to renovate or build new facilities, something the federal government has never before done for community colleges. Other money would be targeted toward dropout prevention and providing greater access to online courses.

Sparks said lawmakers at both the federal and state level are coming to appreciate the role community colleges play in workforce training.

The reason for that heightened focus, she said, is the unique role community colleges play in their area.

Community colleges, by nature, are directly tied to the local community. They are therefore well aware of the community's needs, not only for academic opportunities for students planning to further their education elsewhere, but more importantly, perhaps, to the workforce training needed by local businesses and industry.

While federal funding's impact in the past has been more indirect for community colleges, particularly in the form of Pell grants and student loan money, President Obama's initiative could well help our area more than many federal programs could dream to.

"We have been watching the past few administrations ... and there has been a noticeable increase in interest in community colleges," Sparks said. "It's as if national and state legislators are seeing the role community colleges can play — and we're ready."

It's called answering the call.

And, after all, that's what community colleges do best.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, things turn around.

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Why shouldn't I be smiling?

Sonia Sotomayor makes me smile. Maybe I should have a more highfalutin response to the back-and-forth between the judge and the senators. But why?

They know (at least the smart ones do) and she certainly knows that while most of the cases that come before the Court can be decided without regard to anything but the statutes, the precedents and the logic of the case itself, the ones that split the Court down the middle and change history can't. Simple as that.

Did the Founding Fathers have a view about the limits of executive power to collect private information after a terrorist attack? Even if they did (Could they have foreseen not only the phone but the Internet?), are you really going to consider nothing else in deciding the issue?

But no one is going to catch Sotomayor walking into that trap. Over and over, she keeps telling these senators what they can't dispute: Her judicial philosophy is to apply the law and not make it; she respects precedent, keeps an open mind, does not prejudice. Do Latina women have wisdom

and experience the average white guy can't imagine, the kind of experience that may give them wisdom in making decisions that affect people's lives? You won't catch the judge saying that, even though she once did. No, she just meant to inspire young women.

Sotomayor makes me smile because she is so smart, way too smart to be caught up in trying to teach these guys the limits of original intent, or how experience shapes judgment, or why "big" cases can't be decided just by consulting the words of the Constitution.

Supreme Court confirmation hearings — regardless of what the anchors tell you — are not an opportunity for the country to learn how judges judge, and especially how Supreme Court justices do.

They are an occasion for the opposition party to try to trip up the nominee into saying something that they can use against them politically.

Sotomayor is not going to melt down. Not even close.

But confirmation hearings can, and should, also be an opportunity to celebrate for those who support the nominee and elected the man who picked her. Nothing makes me angrier than when people argue that it doesn't make a difference who wins elections, even presidential elections. I

take delight in the accomplishments of my students, whatever party they choose to support or join. It's the ones who don't even see the choice as worth making that upset me.

Sotomayor would not be sitting where she is in any other country. Her success makes me proud to be an American, proud that we are the country where a hardworking woman can raise her daughter to be a justice, and then sit behind her to share in the joy of that accomplishment. Her success makes me proud to be a woman of a certain age, part of the generation that put our heads down, pushed through those doors and then, as the judge has done, turned to offer our hands to those who came after us.

No one ever votes on the Supreme Court as an issue. When you hear the candidate saying that the next election will determine who sits on the Court, you know he's in trouble.

But the fact remains that Sotomayor would also not be sitting where she is if a Republican were in the White House.

Elections do matter.

Barack Obama won, and Sonia Sotomayor will sit on the Supreme Court.

Why shouldn't I smile?

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

In May of 2008, I went to Big Spring State Hospital and shared a story called, "Abilene's Child." I shared about having two brothers who, one at age 13, and one at either 9 or 13, went into BSSH. My most beloved brother stayed there until he was 17. He was released once and sent to Abilene, but no one wanted him so he went back to Big Spring. I wanted him.

I share how I was abused. I speak about trauma and recovery — I spent 16 plus years in intensive therapy.

In September 2008, I returned to Big Spring State Hospital, where I spoke to two groups of around 75 staff members each. I spoke for more than two hours each time.

I want to tell the world that Big Spring State Hospital's staff is just amazing. If you have a loved one in that hospital, know that they are being taken care of.

The staff, Ed Moughon and all the volunteers are amazing. This care that BSSH sends out is what makes Big Spring a special place.

SUSIE HORTMAN
ABILENE

TO THE EDITOR:

There has been an issue from this last past weekend that I am concerned about. A punk-rock band "Tokyo Tanlines" was scheduled to perform at the Comanche Trail Park Tennis Center. They had already paid for this building for the event and were setting up equipment, when an unfortunate event took place

which led to the Big Spring Police to shut down the entire event.

The unfortunate event that happened was not even at the tennis center. It happened down the street, completely away from park property.

We are not upset that the police are doing their job, but when they are taking enjoyable things away for the community's residents, then that's when I believe this is a huge problem.

As everyone knows that lives in the surrounding area, there is very little to do to keep the youth safe and away from negative activities. We know those negatives exist, because of us being informed through the local Big Spring police blotter.

It is already bad enough that the city pool didn't open, but it seems as though if the entire community does not want something to happen, then it just doesn't.

Not only was the building paid for, but many had already paid admission and were willing not to drink alcohol. But, since it was canceled, I'm positive there was plenty of activity to keep the police busy.

All we wanted to do was have a good time and listen to some music.

JACOB LAWSON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

To those of you who know about the Canterbury South street lights: I have lived here for 21 years in Apartment 107. I remember writing to the editor back in the late 1980s or early 1990s.

I ride a scooter everywhere that I go outside of Canterbury. I noticed that the street lights were not on in front of Canterbury South, especially at the south end where we have a lot of traffic, and I was wondering why? Because on a busy night, we have a lot of cars passing through that part of the neighborhood. It also makes it difficult to see when you are going in that direction.

W. KEITH OLDAKER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this to thank the Big Spring Police Department for watching our house while we went to Florida for three weeks.

We called them before we left to put our house on the watch program. We got home yesterday and this morning when we were leaving the house, the police showed up.

When I asked them what they needed they said they were from the police watch group.

I told them we got home the day before, called and said we were home but they didn't get the message. At least I do know they do watch our homes while we are gone.

Again, a big thanks to the police department.

I have some advice for anyone going out of town and want to put their money into travelers checks, dib't.

We did and we had so much problem when we had to pay for food, gas or anything. They

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2 doctors join Family Medical Center Surgical Associates staff

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) recently welcomed two new physicians to the medical staff practicing at Family Medical Center Surgical Associates.

Joining surgeons Dr. Alan Abel and Dr. Ladd Hoffman is board-certified general surgeon Dr. John Lang. Dr. Lang attended medical school at Penn State and, after his general surgery internship and residency in Harrisburg, Penn., completed a Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship in Michigan. He has

practiced in both Pennsylvania and Texas during the last six years.

Drs. Abel, Hoffman and Land are experienced in same-day laparoscopic and outpatient procedures utilizing advanced equipment that eliminates the need for a hospital stay.

Supporting the surgical team, anesthesiologist Dr. Carlos Ricaldi brings years of experience in anesthesia care to SMMC. While he graduated from medical school almost 30 years ago, most recently he has been a resident physician at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and will be eligible for board-certification

in 2010.

An open house to welcome the doctors is planned for Tuesday, July 28 at 4 p.m. in the lobby of the FMC Surgical Associates office on the first floor of the Malone and Hogan clinic. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will officiate at a ribbon-cutting during the Open House.

"Drs. Lang and Ricaldi have purchased homes in and are moving their families to Big Spring. We hope everyone will stop by to give their new neighbors a big Howard County welcome," said Kim Howell, SMMC Marketing Director.

Rule, flight team honored at banquet

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Air Evac Lifeteam base was awarded the 2009 Regional Community Service Base Award June 20 at Air Evac Lifeteam's regional awards banquet in Waco. The base was chosen out of 19 bases in the Texas region.

The Regional Community Service Base Award is presented to the base in the Air Evac Lifeteam system that has shown outstanding community service in their market area.

"Big Spring Air Evac Lifeteam is in a very competitive area and their efforts to stay connected in their community has contributed to their success. They have a consistent outreach program, working to teach classes and work with local hospitals and EMS agencies. The crews actively participate in all the events including the marketing events at local schools, fairs and festivals; EMS functions; and hospital events," explained Senior Director of Base Operations Andy Arthurs.

"They always promote the name of Air Evac Lifeteam and do so in a professional manner and they continuously support the community," he added.

Program Director Debra Wallace added, "It is an honor to receive this award recognizing the efforts of our team

members doing what they do every day. Each crew member is an active part of the communities in which they live and serve. We are blessed to live and serve in a community that has embraced us and invites us to participate in their various events. Spreading the mission of Air Evac Lifeteam throughout our service area is truly a pleasure for each of our team members."

The Big Spring Air Evac Lifeteam base opened in April 2003 in Sweetwater and moved to Big Spring in October 2007. They were acquired by Air Evac Lifeteam in April 2005 and are located 3300 Rickabaugh Drive.

Air Evac Lifeteam is a membership-supported air ambulance company that provides emergency care and rapid medical transport to rural communities throughout the central U.S. The company operates 85 bases in 14 states and is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Medical Transport Services. For more information about

Air Evac Lifeteam services, call 1-800-793-0010, or visit www.lifeteam.net.

Also at the awards banquet, Loran Rule, flight paramedic for the Big Spring Air Evac Lifeteam crew, was chosen as the 2009 Regional Safety Award winner.

The Regional Safety Award is presented to the employee who has provided a safe working environment and atmosphere for the employees of Air Evac Lifeteam.

Nominations for Rule included quotes like: "I do not believe AEL has anyone more safety conscious" and "I never cease to be amazed at his safety awareness."

Director of Safety David Hardin presented the award and added, "Loran takes the safety awareness past his flight duties at AEL and utilizes his status as a flight crew member to teach the importance of safety to others. As an example, at a PR with school age children, he held his flight helmet and educated the students about the importance of wearing a helmet while on their bicycle or any type of motorcycle.

His crew watched the student listen so intently as if thinking "Wow, he wears a helmet. That is cool.s"



Rule

States' jobless rates rising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment topped 10 percent in 15 states and the District of Columbia last month, according to federal data released Friday. The rate in Michigan surpassed 15 percent, the first time any state hit that mark since 1984.

The Federal Reserve this week projected that the national unemploy-

ment rate, currently at a 26-year high of 9.5 percent, will pass 10 percent by the end of the year. Most Fed policymakers said it could take "five or six years" for the economy and the labor market to get back on a path of long-term health. To get there, consumers must return to a regular spending groove and housing prices need

to start rising again.

Home to the nation's struggling auto makers, Michigan has been clobbered by lost factory jobs. Its jobless rate of 15.2 percent in June was the highest in the country.

Still, the U.S. Labor Department said it's the first time in 25 years that any state has suffered an unemploy-

ment rate of at least 15 percent. In 1984, it was West Virginia.

The state unemployment report underscores the damage that the longest recession since World War II has inflicted on companies, workers and communities.

The other 14 states where unemployment topped 10 percent last

month were: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Tennessee.

In May, the jobless rate topped 10 percent in 13 states and the District of Columbia. Alabama and Georgia joined the list in June.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



Sometimes you eat the bear and sometimes the bear eats you. The latter is certainly case for crude oil last week as the month to date performance numbers were down 12.25 percent, while natural gas was down almost equally hard at 10.95 percent for the same period.

Last week, commodities headed for their longest decline this year, as faltering global economic conditions heightened speculation that demand will decline for raw materials from crude oil to cotton

For its part, OPEC projects that the world will need less crude oil from the group in 2013 than it did last year as the lingering impact of recession crimps demand and rising biofuels supply makes up for shrinking production elsewhere. OPEC members supply about 40 percent of the world's oil and they slashed their forecast for global oil consumption in 2013 by 5.7 million barrels to 87.9 million barrels a day.

Last week, the G-8 leaders met to discuss our global economy and said they will delay reversing stimulus measures until an economic recovery is "assured" and will each decide on their own exit strategies. The strategies "will vary from country to country depending on domestic economic conditions and public finances." While some policy makers have expressed optimism that the global recession may be easing, reports indicate any recovery is likely to be slow. The IMF said this year's 1.4 percent global economic contraction will be worse than its 1.3 percent April forecast, but that 2010 growth should be stronger than its previously estimate 1.9 percent growth.

The message of the stock market amidst this gloom and doom continues to be that investors must have patience about both the stock market and the economy. Last week was another dull, boring tug-of-war market and overall, trading volume was light, which is both a summer thing as well as an expression of uncertainty. As far as the stock market goes, we remain in a now nine-week-old correction/consolidation within a trading range and we are lifting a bit off the bottom of that range. The correction is doing what corrections do, increasing fear and frustration, and decreasing glee and bullishness.

As for the economy, the outlook really has most people confused. Some believe the data suggests that the end of the recession is near, which would be good news for investors. However, the data also appears to indicate, as we have been saying for a month, that a strong economy is not just around the corner. In fact, in our opinion, a modest economic recovery in 2010 appears likely and could explain why the stimulus package was back-ended to provide help out a year or more. The good news here is that Vice President Biden defended the stimulus package last week and basically said be patient and that it is already starting to help. His comments should reduce fears of another stimulus package anytime soon. We certainly hope so.

The reality is that most underestimated how weak the economy was as we entered 2009 and in hindsight, the across the board tax cut we had hoped for several months ago would probably have been a good idea.

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Graffiti hurts

The best way to stop it may be through education

The reality is, graffiti hurts everyone: homeowners, communities, businesses, schools and you. Those who practice graffiti are at risk of personal injury, violence and arrest. They think their action harms no one.



PAT SIMMONS

There are several types of graffiti. Generic graffiti includes random markings, declaration of love, graduation events, and other non-threatening messages. Then the hip-hop graffiti consists of "tags," "throw-ups" and "pieces." A "tag" is the vandal's street signature, applied quickly and repetitively. A "throw-up" is a more elaborate version. A "piece," short for "masterpiece," is a large mural-like drawing. Gangs use graffiti to mark territory or send warnings to rivals. It may include letters, symbols, or numbers known to gangs and

law enforcement agencies. Graffiti can either be painted or applied with a marker, crayon, pencil, pen, or other home-made tool. Removal of graffiti is costly. In 2006, San Jose, Calif., spent approximately \$2 million in fighting graffiti. Las Vegas, Nev., a population of about 1.7 million, spends more than \$3 million each year cleaning up graffiti. It touches every community in every state and we need to find a solution.

Graffiti prevention and education is a key to turn vandalism around. We should consider the following:

Make every effort to keep the appearance of a neighborhood clean and neat. Remove litter and trash, fix broken fences, trim landscape. An exterior appearance that suggests apathy and neglect attracts vandals. Remove graffiti promptly. Rapid removal of graffiti is an effective prevention tool. Removal within 24 to 48 hours results in a nearly zero rate of recurrence.

Most Keep America Beautiful affiliates credit the reduction in graffiti in their communities to rapid removal.

We need to work with law enforcement, businesses, schools to curtail this vandalism.

I would hope that we can work with some of the schools. Here is something for educating youth:

Use the Graffiti Hurts curriculum and online games to incorporate graffiti education and prevention into classroom activities, after school programs and youth group activities.

Also, consider a mentoring program where high school students teach fourth and fifth graders about graffiti. I think that would be great!

I would certainly appreciate someone in the education field taking this on as a school project. If you are interested, please contact me. This would be another avenue to turn this vandalism around.

Pat Simmons is the founder of Keep Big Spring Beautiful. She can be reached at 263-4607.

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refused to take them, so we had to go to a bank and cash them.

Maybe if you go out of state, you might check with that state to see if they take them. Florida would not. The hotel we stayed at did, however, so just be careful and check first.

MARILLYN MIEARS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have had the most wonderful experience of my life this year. I had a beautiful baby girl, settled into my own home and spent some of time volunteering for the Girl Scouts.

I was a Girl Scout for many years as a young girl and had a truly inspirational leader that changed the direction of my life.

In our community with all of the gangs, drugs and shootings, our community needs to work together to give youth opportunities to change the path of their futures.

I am writing this because, in the past, the Girl Scouts had their own Girl Scout Hut. Unfortunately they no longer have that facility.

The First Baptist Church of Big Spring graciously offers space for the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to meet weekly during the year, and have for years, from what I understand.

I am asking the great citizens of Big Spring to help out the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest (the new name of Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin) with a donation of an empty building that would be cleaned, updated and well cared for by the Girl Scouts of Howard County.

With Girl Scouts growing at a fast pace here, having a place to craft, create and grow is what we are looking for.

If anyone has any suggestions for a new home for the Girl Scouts, please let me know. Again, thanks to Big Spring for supporting all of our local youth charities, especially Girl Scouts. They are our future.

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 Bianca Nicole Mireless vs. Mike Salazar, divorce.
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 Grantee: Settles Hotel Development Company, LLC
 Property: Lots 11 and 12, Block 19, Original Town of Big Spring
 Date: July 9, 2009

Grantor: Joy Fortenberry
 Grantee: Sue Robertson
 Property: Lot 27, Block 7, Stanford Park Addition
 Date: July 10, 2009

Grantor: R.H. Weaver
 Grantee: Ray Mendoza
 Property: A 5.19-acre tract out of NW/4 of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey; a tract approximately 1 acre out of NW/4 of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N; and 3.5-acre tract out of NW/4 of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey
 Date: July 10, 2009

Grantor: Flovell Thomas, Jerry Nell Thomas, Linda K. Thomas et al
 Grantee: Michael Nairn
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Grantor: Sheldon Finkelstein
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 Date: July 13, 2009

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Grantor: Leslie Diane Stevens
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 Date: July 14, 2009

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 Property: Lot 22, Block 11, Monticello Addition
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 Grantee: Jared Phillips
 Property: Lot 18, Block 1, Piner Heights
 Date: July 14, 2009

Grantor: Michael L. Seal
 Grantee: Jared Phillips
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 Date: July 14, 2009

Grantor: Michael L. Seal
 Grantee: Jared Phillips
 Property: Lot 24, Block 7, Stanford Park Addition
 Date: July 14, 2009

Grantor: Wesley Beauchamp and Kristi Beauchamp
 Grantee: Anthony Acosta and Amanda Chapman
 Property: Lot 11, Block 2, Re-plat of Wasson Place Addition

Family finance: How money can effect marriage

By EILEEN AJ CONNELLY
 Personal Finance Writer

Justin Dux and Elizabeth Mills had been dating for six years when they began talking about marriage in 2006. But something big stood between them and a walk down the aisle: Dux's stack of credit card bills.

The debt started to accumulate a few years earlier. While Mills was away at college, Dux bought into a rental home with a partner — an investment that didn't work out quite as planned. Meanwhile, he hopped through a series of jobs, from painting houses to working for a cable company to a few business ventures. His income fluctuated

wildly: from \$55,000 in his best year to \$24,000 two years later.

The result was about \$12,000 of debt that he was at first afraid to reveal to Mills.

When she learned how much he owed, she was not judgmental, despite having just \$6,000 in college loans and no credit card debt. She was, however, reluctant to start a life together.

"I knew what his income was, and I realized how long it would take to pay that back," Mills recalled. "Experience was showing that he wasn't going to be able to make the money that he needed to overcome that debt."

Their story has a happy ending. Dux was able to pay most of what

he owed by selling off his share of the rental house, and the St. Paul, Minn., couple celebrated their first wedding anniversary last month. And learning to talk about their feelings and viewpoints regarding spending and debt bodes well for their future.

Experts say couples that deal openly and honestly with money issues early on have tackled one of the toughest topics in a relationship.

"I don't know that I would say that finances are the number one cause of divorce, but they're right up there with the top causes," said Gary Nickelson, president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers,

who has practiced family law in Fort Worth, Texas, for 27 years.

There are dozens of reasons money issues can come into play in a relationship, from uncontrollable factors like job loss during the recession to secret spending.

Such spending and the resultant hefty debt, in particular, are surprisingly common. A study published in the American Journal of Psychiatry estimated 5.8 percent of the adults in the U.S. are compulsive shoppers.

Often, spouses looking for help bare their souls in anonymous places like the forums of money management Web site Wesabe.com. "My wife has a long his-

tory with overspending," one recent post began. "Twice in the past, she has run up over \$10,000 in credit card debt without my knowledge." Another came from a woman who admitted she ran up \$30,000 on her cards. "If my husband finds out, he will divorce me."

"As the Wesabe community has grown, it's gotten to be fairly common that this comes up," said Gabriel Griego, a vice president of the San Francisco-based site. "It is revealing that this probably goes on more than any of us realize."

Indeed Nickelson sees this a lot in his practice. "I see a lot of folks who have huge credit card debt," he said. "There

are people out there who have absolutely destroyed their relationships based upon their spending."

People posting such stories on sites like Wesabe typically seek advice on how to deal with the situation, which other members offer enthusiastically. Two avenues are typically suggested for addressing such issues: an honest accounting between spouses, and counseling in cases where the spending habits hint at deeper problems.

Dux said revealing the size of his debt meant first getting past his feelings of shame and embarrassment, even though most of it didn't arise from frivolous spending.

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Dear Annie: I have two adult stepdaughters who love capturing unflattering photos of me in my bathing suit and then posting them on various photo-sharing Web sites.

I'm not overweight, but in my late 50s, I no longer look stunning in a swimsuit. We do lots of water-skiing, so between getting in and out of the boat and getting on and off the dock, they have ample opportunity to photograph me in really awkward positions. I honestly believe they purposely select the absolute worst photos of me to post online, and their Web sites are viewed by people both in and outside our family.

I've asked my husband to talk to them and ask them to stop, but he refuses. I've never had a particularly close relationship with my stepdaughters, and there have been times of tension, so I guess my husband doesn't want to risk straining relationships that are already delicate. But I don't feel comfortable talking to them about this. However, I am tired of guarding myself from being filmed when we're in the water with the grandchildren. Short of buying a full-body, 1920s bathing suit, what do you recommend? — Victim of Family Paparazzi

Dear Victim: Since your husband is too cowardly to insist these juvenile bullies treat you with more respect, there is no way to avoid the photo-

graphs without rescinding all invitations to join you in the water.

Unless you can find a swimsuit that flatters you from every angle, we vote for an attitude adjustment. Revel in the awkward poses, shrug off the unflattering shots and just have a good time. Why let them ruin your fun? Pretend you don't mind their insensitive rudeness, and maybe they'll tire of embarrassing you.



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: My ex-husband died a few months ago after being on oxygen for many years fighting lung cancer. He had been a smoker for 50 years.

His death certificate said the cause of death was "natural," and the box that asked if it was related to tobacco was checked "no." How can those in charge of filling out these certificates lie about these things? I've been a family history researcher for many years

and now wonder how much of the information listing "cause of death" is correct. — Makes Me Think in Arizona

Dear Arizona: There was a time when people were highly sensitive to what was listed on a death certificate, and while outright lying was unusual, it was not uncommon to slightly amend the cause of death to be less upsetting to the survivors (or the insurance companies). Also, sometimes a person would suffer for years with, say, diabetes, and then have a heart

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job and getting together with friends helped. It took a full year for a nearly complete recovery. He is now in his second semester at a nearby university, doing well academically, and he has a social life. The most important advice I can give "Concerned" is to take very small steps, make sure your son is receiving the right treatment, and give him loving nudges. — Be Patient

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DEAR MARGO

Dear Margo: I'm 20 years old, premed, in my third year at university, maintaining a 3.6 GPA, and working two part-time jobs. I visit my family once a week (it's a two-hour drive back home). I'm loving life. My sister, however, is 21, married with a 2-year-old and three months pregnant with her second child. She is always putting me down about my "party" lifestyle and choices in men, telling me I need to grow up. It really hurts my feelings that she can't be happy for me. To be fair, I do go out drinking once or twice a week, I smoke pot occasionally, and I don't have a steady boyfriend. I've had offers; I'm just not ready to settle down and be serious. How should I handle this? I love her and my niece very much, but it's not my fault she got knocked up and had to drop out of college. Sometimes I feel that she's just jealous because of how different our lives are. To that point, I just landed an internship in France for the fall. It's always been my dream to go and I've worked very hard to get to this point, but I am dreading telling her my plans because of the sour notes I know she's going to sing. How shall I deal with my older sibling? — Torn in Tennessee



MARGO
HOWARD

Dear Torn: I would deal with her in as low-key a manner as possible. Be casual about France, and try to steer the conversation to her and her family. It seems quite clear that there is a competitive aspect between you, which is not abnormal. When it's feasible, try to frame things so that you are two girls who made different choices: she for home and hearth, and you to pursue medicine. Let us hope she hasn't picked up on your view that "she got knocked up and had to drop out of college." If you can appre-

ciate and compliment what you see of her life, I think a decent relationship is possible. It may be a bit of a charade, but time will likely help smooth things over. — Margo, temporarily

Dear Margo: I am 29. My love is 55. We were friends first, and then it turned into a real relationship. When we met, it was supposed to be "Friends with Benefits," but as the years went by we developed feelings for each other, which led to a relationship. I have a 5-year-old and he has a 16-year-old. I've said that maybe I want more children, and he has said he's open to it. But with our huge age difference, I am questioning it. What are your thoughts? — Non-Cougar in Calif.

Dear Non: Well, this is a "Fiddler on the Roof" question: On the one hand ... but on the other hand. The plus side is that older fathers often have more time to spend with young children because their careers are established and this "second chance" elicits a different kind of fatherly attention than their first go-round.

Also, middle-aged men marrying younger wives know that children may be part of the deal. The minus side was best expressed by a young woman of my acquaintance who was 13 when her 80-year-old father died. She told me she fervently believed there should be laws against geezers having children. She was angry with both her parents for setting her up for this predictable loss. Then, too, in playground and school situations, the father is frequently mistaken for the grandfather. In the end, each couple needs to talk it through and do what they think is right for them. — Margo, contemplatively

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Happy 40th birthday, Woodstock baby ... if you exist

MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press Writer

BETHEL, N.Y. — Welcome to middle age, Woodstock Baby — if you're really out there.

The babies reportedly born at the Woodstock festival 40 years ago remain the most enduring mystery from that chaotic weekend that defined a generation. Depending on the source, there was one birth on that patch of upstate New York farmland between Aug. 15-17, 1969. Or two. Or three. Or none.

There is some tantalizing evidence. Singer John Sebastian is captured on film announcing that some cat's old lady just had a baby, a kid destined to be far out. A couple of surviving eyewitnesses say there were births. The concert's medical director told reporters at the scene there were two births: one at a local hospital after the mother was flown out by helicopter; the other in a car caught in the epic traffic jam outside the site crowded with more than 400,000 people.

But no one has come forward with a credible public claim of giving birth to a Woodstock baby or being born there. No one has produced proof that it happened. If babies were born at Woodstock, they have lived their lives ignoring — or unaware of — the fact that reporters and researchers have been on their trail for decades.

"I've searched, I've spoken to the doctors and nurses from the main hospitals that were there," said Myron Gittell, who wrote the new medical history, "Woodstock '69: Three Days of Peace, Music, and Medical Care."

Like many before him, he found nothing.

"Almost statistically, you'd think if there are a half-million people, and half of them were women, and 95 percent of them were of childbearing age, and fertile, and active. Just statistically, someone would have had to pop a baby."

Problem is: No one has been able to dig up a birth record.

Rita Sheehan, town clerk for Bethel, which hosted the concert, said there is no local birth certificate on record. Still, it's possible the birth was recorded in one of the surrounding towns. Gittell says there were births recorded in neighboring towns in that period, but the records are sealed under state privacy laws. There's no way to check whether the birth mothers were locals or out-of-towners (the likely pool of Woodstock Moms).

That leaves a few eyewitness accounts, like that of Gladys Devaney, who was a member of the volunteer ambulance corps in nearby Liberty. She answered an ambulance call to a tent at the festival and saw a young woman in labor. Her overriding concern then was that other medical workers took her stretcher as they rushed the woman away. But Devaney knew labor when she saw it.

"I heard her screaming," Devaney said. "I didn't get a good look at her, she was thrashing."

Devaney never found out whether they took the young woman to a waiting helicopter or somewhere else.

Elliot Tiber, the subject of Ang Lee's new movie, "Taking Woodstock," tops Devaney. He says he helped deliver a baby that weekend.

Tiber, who has a reputation for being a raconteur, said the woman gave birth at his parent's hotel near the site, which — like the entire area that weekend — was mobbed. The woman wore a leather jacket, came in on a motorcycle and just flopped down.

"I see she's starting to give birth," Tiber recalled. "It was like the quote from 'Gone With the Wind': 'I don't know nothing about birthing no babies, Miss Scarlet' ... I was screaming, just screaming. Everybody was standing around stoned saying, 'Yeah, groovy!' They thought it was cool."

Tiber said the baby was taken away, though the mother came by in a cab a few weeks later with her baby in a blanket. He didn't get any names. He never heard from them again.



AP photo

Was there really a baby born at Woodstock?

After four decades, the Woodstock baby trail has gotten colder. The young people who packed into Woodstock are retirement age now. A number of the emergency and medical workers involved, including the concert's medical director, Dr. William Abruzzi, are dead. And if a baby was born onsite, there are curious gaps in the record.

Press accounts at the time mentioning the births did not provide names. Abruzzi wrote an exhaustive account of the event in which he tallied six pages of medical incidents over the three days (11 rat bites, 16 peptic ulcers, 707 drug overdoses, among them). The paper, now in the collection of the Museum at Bethel Woods, the onsite museum, does not mention a single childbirth.

"It could be one of those myths that grow out of major events," said Beth-

el museum Director Wade Lawrence. "It could be like the story of the New York State Thruway being closed. It wasn't."

Maybe the best argument against a Woodstock baby is that no one in the past four decades has stepped forward to publicly and credibly claim they were born or gave birth at Woodstock. There is a theory that neither mother nor child particularly want Woodstock to define their lives, and have chosen to keep their distinction a private matter.

But it bears saying as the 40th anniversary of Woodstock approaches. If you are a Woodstock baby or a Woodstock mother, please consider contacting The Associated Press at woodstockbaby@ap.org.

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News in brief

Suspicious harden about terrorist fugitive as police investigate suicide bombers

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Investigators worked Saturday to identify a pair of suicide bombers who attacked two American luxury hotels in Indonesia's capital, and health officials confirmed at least four of the dead were foreigners.

Suspicious hardened that the blasts were masterminded by Noordin Top, a Malaysian fugitive who heads a breakaway faction of the Southeast Asian militant network Jemaah Islamiyah.

"I'm 200 percent sure this was his work," said Nasir Abbas, a former Jemaah Islamiyah leader turned police informant who has worked with police on investigations into Indonesia's last three terrorist attacks.

Suicide bombers posing as guests attacked the J.W. Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels in Jakarta on Friday, setting off a pair of blasts that killed eight people and wounded more than 50, authorities said.

California lawmakers say budget deal is close, progress made in solving deficit

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A deal to solve California's \$26.3 billion budget deficit could come as early as this weekend after legislators and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger made "huge progress" during hours of closed-door negotiations, state lawmakers said.

"This thing is coming to an end sooner than later," Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said Friday. He said an agreement could come as soon as Sunday night, when talks are scheduled to resume.

Democratic Assembly Speaker Karen Bass said late Friday that she was optimistic they would reach a deal soon, adding that both sides "made huge progress today."

Hours before lawmakers and Schwarzenegger began their latest round of talks, the U.S. Department of Labor reported that California's unemployment rate remained at a record high of 11.6 percent, underscoring the challenges facing the state's economy.

Income tax revenue to the state has plunged 34 percent during the first five months of the year, leading to a massive imbalance between the state's income and its spending obligations.

Allegations of abuse in Iraqi jails raised as U.S. transfers detainees into Iraqi custody

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi officials outraged by the abuse of prisoners at the U.S.-run Abu Ghraib prison are trying to contain a scandal of their own as allegations continue to surface of mistreatment inside Iraqi jails.

Accounts of Iraqis being beaten with clubs, blindfolded and coerced into signing false confessions

are attracting increased attention partly because the United States is getting out of the prison business in Iraq. Since a security agreement took effect Jan. 1, the U.S. has transferred 841 detainees into Iraq's crowded prison system and more are on the way.

Allegations of mistreatment have persisted since 2005, when U.S. troops raided an Interior Ministry lockup in a predominantly Shiite area of southeastern Baghdad and found scores of emaciated prisoners. The matter returned to the spotlight after the June 12 assassination of Sunni lawmaker Harith al-Obeidi, an outspoken advocate of prisoner rights.

The issue is a test of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's commitment to the rule of law and to reconcile with the Sunni minority, who account for most of the prisoners held in security cases. Sunnis claim they are being unfairly targeted by security forces run by al-Maliki's Shiite-dominated government.

"The cases are as bad as what took place at Abu Ghraib, but it is painful when these things take place in Iraqi prisons," said Sunni lawmaker Salim Abdullah. "We met some of those who were released and saw the scars on their skins. They use different kinds of torture like tying the shoulders and hanging the body, which normally leads to dislocation of the shoulders."

Murder of Los Angeles woman on Mexico cruise, husband's arrest stun neighbors

SAN DIEGO (AP) — They were former high school sweethearts who found each other decades later and renewed their love. Robert and Shirley McGill were marking their 55th birthdays just days into their luxurious Mexican cruise when she was found beaten to death in their cabin.

The discovery led FBI agents to intercept the Carnival Elation cruise ship while it was at sea and interview dozens of witnesses, including Robert McGill. During questioning, the school teacher from Los Angeles told investigators he killed his wife "in the bathroom of their cabin with his bare hands," court documents revealed Friday.

McGill made the confession after being informed of his Miranda rights and telling interrogators he was willing to answer questions without the presence of an attorney, FBI Special Agent James B. Stinnett wrote in a probable cause affidavit attached to the criminal complaint charging him with one count of murder.

Calls to McGill's attorney were not immediately returned. At his court appearance earlier in the day, she declined to comment on the case.


McGill is charged with killing his wife on Tuesday, the day of his birthday, as the ship steamed home after a stop in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. U.S. District Magistrate William McCurine Jr. entered a plea of not guilty on McGill's behalf, as is common practice in federal court at initial appearances.

Clinton cites U.S. errors on pollution, urges India to help U.S. fight terrorism

MUMBAI, India (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton opened a three-day visit to India on Saturday by urging India not to repeat American mistakes in contributing to global pollution, and she passionately defended U.S. demands for help in fighting terrorism.

"We acknowledge now with President Obama that we have made mistakes in the United States, and we along with other developed countries have contributed most significantly to the problem that we face with climate change," she said. "We are hoping a great country like India will not make the same mistakes."

Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

Silence Is Golden

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A K 6 4		
♥	A Q 7 5		
♦	10 8 7 2		
♣	5		

	WEST		EAST
♠	J 10 8	♣	Q 9 5 3
♥	9 8 4 2	♥	J 10 3
♦	K Q 3	♦	4
♣	K J 9	♠	8 7 6 4 2

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

The bidding:
 South 1♦ West 1♥ East Pass
 2♣ Pass 2♠ Pass
 2NT Pass 4♦ Pass
 6♦ Dble

Opening lead — jack of spades.
Executing an endplay is a relatively simple procedure. In most cases, the only real difficulty is to recognize early enough that the ingredients for a potential endplay are present.
For example, take this deal where South got to six diamonds on the sequence shown and West doubled. It certainly wasn't hard for declarer to conclude, once dummy appeared, that West's double was based on the

expectation of scoring two trump tricks. South therefore decided to credit West with both the king and queen of trumps.
Proceeding on this assumption, South set about the preliminary groundwork necessary to achieve a trump endplay against West if he had exactly the right distribution. He won the spade lead with the king, cashed the ace, then ruffed a spade.
Declarer next played the ace of clubs, ruffed a club in dummy and cashed the K-Q-A of hearts, discarding the ten of clubs on the heart ace. With everything running smoothly thus far, declarer ruffed dummy's last heart and then trumped the queen of clubs in dummy.
Having survived all these risky but necessary maneuvers, South was now in position for the coup de grace. He had won the first 10 tricks, the lead was in dummy, and making the slam had become an absolute certainty. He led the ten of diamonds, ducked it, and poor West found that his two sure trump tricks had dwindled to one.
All of which goes to show that it's very unwise to double a slam when the double warns declarer he's about to run into an unlucky distribution. Without the double, it's hardly likely that South would have played the hand in such a cavalier fashion.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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She was referring to Obama's statement in Italy earlier this month that the U.S. had "sometimes fallen short" of its responsibilities in controlling its carbon emissions.

Speaking at a news conference on the pool side patio of the Taj Mahal Palace & Hotel, which was strewn with bodies after terrorists attacked this coastal city last November, she cast India and the United States as allies in the fight against terrorism.

"Yesterday's bombings in Jakarta, Indonesia, provide a painful reminder that the threat of such violent extremism is still very real. It is global. It is ruthless. It is nihilistic and it must be stopped," she said.

"We have a great sense of solidarity and sympathy, having gone through what we did on 9/11," she added.

Her voice rising, Clinton insisted that the U.S. demand for international action against terrorism should not be taken lightly.

Gunmen kidnapped foreign aid workers in Kenya, took them to Somalia

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Gunmen have seized three foreign aid workers in northern Kenya and taken them across the border into Somalia, a security official said Saturday.

Roughly 10 gunmen arrived late on Friday night at a house in the border town of Mandera where the workers were staying, shot the watchman in the head and kidnapped the three, the official said, speaking anonymously because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

He would not say who the victims worked for or what their nationalities are.

The watchman was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries, the official said.

The workers' kidnapping follows the seizure earlier this week of two French security advisers in the Somali capital.

Astronauts get set for first outing to attach new lab part at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — It's spacewalking day at the shuttle-station complex.

At high noon Saturday, two astronauts will venture out to help attach a platform for science experiments. It's the third and final piece of Japan's huge billion-dollar lab. And it's the first of five spacewalks planned for the shuttle flight.

Endeavour arrived at the international space station Friday, boosting the population for now to a record 13. Before docking, the shuttle performed a backflip for space station cameras. NASA says the analysis is ongoing, but so far Endeavour looks to be in good shape for re-entry at the end of the month.

An unusually large amount of foam broke off Endeavour's fuel tank at liftoff, and some pieces dinged the shuttle.

World's oldest man, WWI veteran Henry Allingham, dies aged 113 in England

LONDON (AP) — The world's oldest man, 113-year-old World War I veteran Henry Allingham, died Saturday after spending his final years reminding Britain about the 9 million soldiers killed during the conflict.

Allingham was the last surviving original member of the Royal Air Force, which was formed in 1918. He made it a personal crusade to talk about a conflict that wiped out much of a generation. Though nearly blind, he would take the outstretched hands of visitors in both of his, gaze into the eyes of children, veterans and journalists and deliver a message he wanted them all to remember.

"I want everyone to know," he told The Associated Press during an interview in November. "They died for us."

Only a handful of World War I veterans remain of the estimated 68 million mobilized. There are no French veterans left alive; the last living American-born veteran is Frank Woodruff Buckles of Charles Town, W. Va.

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A peerless anchor when TV news came of age

By FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer
NEW YORK — Walter Cronkite didn't just live the life of an anchor-man. He invented and embodied it.

He fulfilled the ideal of an anchorman before viewers even knew what to expect from the position, or from TV news in general.

Of course, Cronkite wasn't the first reporter to sit behind a desk and feed headlines to a camera. Newscasters, news readers and other talking heads preceded him into the television frontier.

But something set Cronkite apart from other TV pioneers, something that became more evident over time. As a communicator, he was authoritative yet companionable. He was a man the public understood and believed. With printer's ink in his veins and a wire-service background, he was a seasoned newsman and no stranger to a microphone. But he was looking ahead for the breakthrough medium where he belonged. He found it in TV, where he was a perfect fit for this new journalistic adventure.

Joining CBS' Washington bureau in 1950, Cronkite (with a support staff of one) was handed the task of hosting a nightly TV newscast on the startup local station. By April 1962, he had handled a decade's worth of high-profile network assignments. Then one Friday, he was told that, starting Monday, he was anchoring the network's prized evening newscast, until then known as "Douglas Edwards With the News." It would become "CBS News With Walter Cronkite." Cronkite's 19-year stretch as the evening news anchor, and all the hour-upon-hour breaking news stories he anchored, frames a crucial era in the nation's

history. It was also a pivotal era in TV news, which came of age on Cronkite's watch and, in no small part thanks to him, accustomed the public to count on TV to learn what's going on.

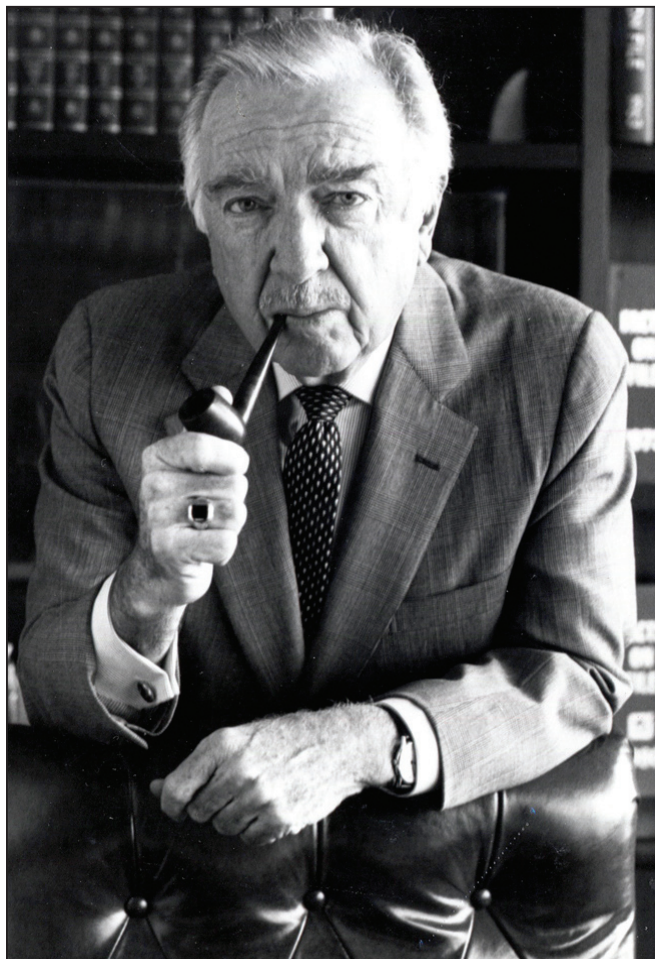
"And that's the way it is," Cronkite summed up in his bouncy cadence, signing off with a reassurance gratefully accepted by viewers in those often stormy, sometimes mind-blowing years.

On March 6, 1981, Cronkite retired from the anchor desk. He was 64, and a change of routine may have seemed like a good idea. Although it was not entirely his idea, since CBS was eager to get his heir apparent, Dan Rather, sworn in right away.

Cronkite's goodbye reflected an overabundance of modesty as well as misguided faith in his employer's pledge to keep him busy and productive after leaving the "Evening News" anchor desk.

"Those who have made anything of this departure, I'm afraid, have made too much," he told an enormous audience convened in some 18 million households.

Just three weeks later, President Ronald



Reagan was the victim of an attempted assassination.

"I realized right away I'd made a mistake," Cronkite told me in 2001. "I shouldn't have gotten off that desk!"

"Every big story, I think about it," he went on, at that moment referring to the latest big story: 9/11, just three months before.

But even "off that desk," Cronkite never disappeared from the

airwaves or from the nation's consciousness. He retained his standing as a trusted source of information (and, when he felt obliged to voice them, opinions) for another quarter-century.

Even viewers too young to have seen him with any regularity have benefited from his example: a newsman who never betrayed the enormous trust the public long ago learned to

place in him.

He remains the archetype for what, today, has come to be disparaged as the "voice of God anchor."

But the criticism has mostly been borne by lesser TV personalities, far too many of them on broadcast and cable talk marathons.

But no one ever thought of Cronkite as God. He was Uncle Walter.

And he never lost the common touch that helped inspire his last-nicknamed.

While interviewing Cronkite for a video in 2004, I tried, without bellowing too loud to be rude, to broach the fact that he had become hard of hearing.

"Hard of hearing!" Cronkite replied with a what-are-ya-gonna-do? chuckle. "I'm deaf as a post!"

I saw his grandly ordinary streak the first time I met him.

That was 1993, when he had made a documentary series for a cable network through his independent production company.

He wanted to talk about it.

In pinstriped jacket and slacks, seated in a wing chair in his handsome corner office, he looked every bit the

elder statesman of TV journalism.

And, I admit it, I felt thrown momentarily, confronting face-to-face someone so suited to the TV screen where I had followed him since childhood.

But there was no loftiness or star display. Cronkite made small talk. He discussed his program, which dealt with global defense for America. He even asked me some questions.

That would have been enough to make him seem like a regular guy. But then something happened on an even more telling level. As we shared conversation and morning coffee, Cronkite, in mid-sentence, rose from his chair and stepped across to his desk, where, from a drawer, he fetched a Bic pen.

His coffee needed stirring and, with no spoon available, he knew a simple ball point pen would get the job done.

Then, satisfied with his coffee, he returned to his chair and gave the sweet roll he was having for breakfast a good dunking.

In the no-nonsense company of Cronkite, known as the most trusted man in America, I felt my trust in him go up another notch.

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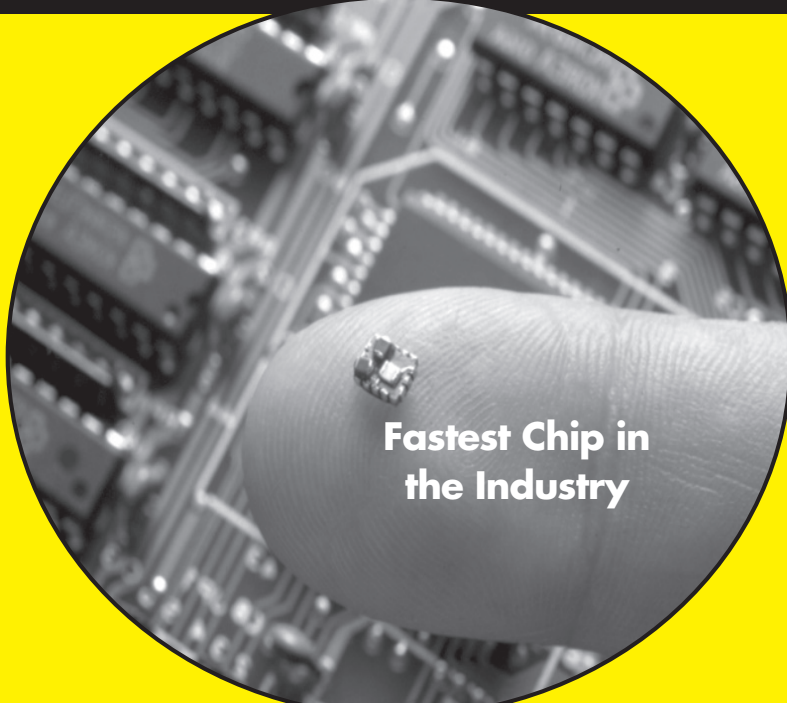
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To: Sallie J. Spearman A/K/A Sallie J. Fristoe, Doshia Spearman Beard, Nona Spearman Everett, Cleveland Spearman, John Belton Spearman, Abbie Spearman Shoden, Seth Spearman, Izora Holland A/K/A Izadora Holland, Fannie E. Beard, Sarah Penrod and H.C. Snodgrass Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 10 of August, 2009 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 118th District Court of Glasscock County, at the Courthouse in Garden City, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on June 10, 2009 in this case, numbered 1500 on the docket of the 118th District court, and Styled GLASSCOCK COUNTY- PLAINTIFF VS SALLIE J. SPEARMAN A/K/A SALLIE J. FRISTOE, DOSHA SPEARMAN BEARD, NONA SPEARMAN EVERETT, CLEVELAND SPEARMAN, JOHN BELTON SPEARMAN, ABBIE SPEARMAN HOLDEN, SETH SPEARMAN, IZORA HOLLAND A/K/A IZADORA HOLLAND, FANNIE E. BEARD, SARAH PENROD AND H.C. SNODGRASS DEFENDANTS.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit:
Ownership of Property Lots, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 24 in Block 24, Original Town of Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Garden City, Texas, on June 29, 2009.

ATTEST: Rebecca Batla, District Clerk
Glasscock County, Texas
#6186 July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2009

Many things could happen as the sun and Uranus come into a fortuitous alignment, the effects of which will last through July 21. You might get generous with your hot sauce or outlandish with your decorating scheme. You might rebel against your comforting habits and replace them with uncomfortable,

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**CITY OF BIG SPRING
ADVERTISEMENT AND
INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office of the Assistant City Manager, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2009 for the removal of sludge from the Phillips Pond reservoir.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council of Big Spring for award at a later date.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Big Spring, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of the Assistant City Manager of the City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established by the Secretary of Labor.
Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.
Honorable Russ McEwen, Mayor
#6190 July 19 & 26, 2009

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not sure whether you want to make someone laugh or nurture their deep and abiding respect for you. You can do both at the same time by understanding the polite boundaries of humor and not taking things too far.

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**CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:

1. Date/Time: Tuesday July 28, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., for the following
1. Prefabricated Pumping Station

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
#6189 July 19 & 26, 2009

Legals

No. P-13,754
THE ESTATE OF LYMAN O. GREER, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LYMAN O. GREER, Deceased were issued on the 30th day of June, 2009, under Docket No. P-13,754, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to MARJORIE SQUIRES.

Claims may be presented in care of MARJORIE SQUIRES to the estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Lyman O. Greer
c/o Marjorie Squires
122 Ponderosa Drive
Sweetwater, TX 79556
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2009.
MARJORIE SQUIRES, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Lyman O. Greer, Deceased.
#6188 July 19, 2009

Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

silly songs with reckless abandon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be trying to get someone's attention. The top advice you get at a time like this is "be yourself." But which you? You're so diverse, it's hard to know how to act. Wait until you're more relaxed and centered to make a move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Seize your opportunities, especially the ones that put you way out of your league. You won't regret the mistakes you made, but you might regret the ones you didn't make.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be playing around with people's perceptions of you. It's one of your favorite pastimes lately. Just when they think they know what they'll get, you change it. You love to keep them guessing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Visit your creative soul mate — the one who knows where you're coming from and inspires you to go places with your ideas. This person crystallizes your thoughts and presents them back to you, polished and gleaming.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one is really ordinary, though you may find that you're connecting with people who give you those very results. It's your job to inspire them to dig deeper and bring their own unique qualities to the mix.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Resist making commitments for others without consulting them first. Likewise, let each

person speak for himself or herself, even if you think you know what the person is going to say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be spending time with someone who speaks frankly and you'll find this person's honesty refreshing in small doses. Tonight, you'll enjoy learning and will make impressive progress in your studies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Loving and harmonious relationships make it possible for you to be productive doing the things that matter most to you. Take preventative steps to ensure a relationship will be smooth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're more creative and resourceful than you give yourself credit for being. You will be invigorated by a person who inspires you to think about yourself in different terms.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You attract and are attracted to uplifting people. Someone could mistake your friendly joking around for flirting. No one will get jealous as long as you spread the love and goodwill evenly.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Pisces and a working mother of a 2-year-old boy. I'm going through a lot of guilt and remorse over my choice to work outside the home. My son, a Sagittarius, likes his caretaker at home so much and always is happy to see her in the morning. Then when I get home, he doesn't even pay attention to me. He's usually happily playing with his toys and isn't interested in letting me hold him until much later in the evening. In short, I think he likes his nanny, an Aries, more than he likes me."

There is no good that will come from indulging in guilty, remorseful feelings. They only chip away at your self-esteem and make you see

natural occurrences of life as "problems." So stop feeling bad and start feeling great about yourself because you wisely chose to introduce your son to someone he loves and feels comfortable and happy around. This means that you rock as a mother. All children need to explore their independence during playtime and Sagittarian children will be even more independent and adventurous than most. Just make sure that you have your own playtime schedule with your son and start feeling wonderful about your choices.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Chace Crawford plays Nate Archibald on the hit television series "Gossip Girl" and is quickly becoming one of America's hottest heartthrobs. He's also following in the dancing footsteps of another famous Cancer, Kevin Bacon as he has been pegged to star in the highly anticipated remake of "Footloose." Moon and Mercury in charismatic Leo lend Crawford a love of the spotlight.

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