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Howard County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson discusses the need for new equipment in his department with county commissioners during a meeting Monday morning.

In clerk's office only...

County gives OK for technology upgrade

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners gave the go-ahead for \$85,000 in upgrades for the District Clerk's computer system Monday morning, but agreed to hold off on a systemwide upgrade that could cost more than \$200,000.

According to District Clerk Colleen Barton, half her office is already using the same computer system the rest of the county offices use and the purchase, which is estimated

upgrade my package to an obsolete package when we're fixing, maybe, to go ahead in the next year and upgrade again ..."

"I have a problem with spending \$75,000 to



between \$75,000 and \$85,000, would allow her to bring her entire office in line.

However, Barton said she's concerned the investment may not be in the best fiscal interest of the county if commissioners decide to upgrade the system in the next couple of years.

"Right now the county has software with Tyler Tech-

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City to adjust ordinance to ally with ADA

COUNCIL TO CONVENE AT 5:30 P.M. TODAY

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will discuss a number of amendments to

the city's subdivision ordinance tonight, an effort designed to bring city code in line with federal Americans with Disabilities (ADA) regula-

tions, according to city officials.

The council is expected to hold a public hearing during the meeting to look at the changes to the subdivision ordinance, which according to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, will address alley curb ramps, including entry points, and setting an effective date of Aug. 26.

"Anytime you make changes to your subdivision ordinance, you have to first hold a public hearing on the matter," said Darden. "These changes will help bring our ordinances inline with ADA regulations. This is part of our transition plan we've been working on."

The city began forming a transition plan last year after a lawsuit was filed against the municipality for failing

to meet ADA standards in a number of different areas, including Municipal Auditorium, City Hall and many of the city's sidewalks and curb

The council is also expected to entertain first reading of the same amendments to the ordinance during the meeting.

Also on tonight's agenda, the council will hold a public hearing pertaining to a possible zone change for a piece of property located on W. Highway 80.

According to Darden, the property — described as a 5.9-acre tract within Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N — was zoned as heavy commercial some years back when the owner decided to both run a business and live at the loca-

"Since that time, the property has been sold," said Darden. "However, because the property is designated as commercial, the bank that is holding the home loan won't do so as long as it's zoned for commercial. The new owner has no plans to run a business there, so we're looking to rezone it as general residential."

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JFK's sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver dies

MARK PRATT

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — President John F. Kennedy's sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who carried on the family's public service tradition by founding the Special Olympics and championing the rights of the mentally disabled, died early Tuesday surrounded by relatives at a Hyannis hospital. She was 88.

Shriver had suffered a series of strokes in recent years and died at Cape Cod Hospital, her family said in a statement. Her husband, her five children and all 19 of her grandchildren were by her side, the statement said. "She was the light of our

lives, a mother, wife, grand-

mother, sister and aunt who taught us by example and with passion what it



In this Friday, Nov. 10, 2006 file photo, Eunice Shriver Kennedy, founder of Special Olympics, attends an event at U.N. Headquarters in New York. Shriver has died at

means to live a faith-driven life of love and service to others," the family said.

The hospital is near the Kennedy fam-

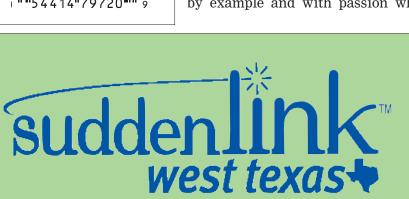
ily compound, where her sole surviving brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy, has been battling a brain tumor.

Sen. Kennedy said his earliest memory of his sister was as a young girl "with great humor, sharp wit, and a boundless passion to make a difference."

"She understood deeply the lesson our mother and father taught us — much is expected of those to whom much has been given," he said in a statement. "Throughout her extraordinary life, she touched the lives of millions, and for Eunice that was never enough." President Barack Obama said

Shriver will be remembered as "as a champion for people with intellectual disabilities, and as an extraordinary woman who,

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Cowboys' Ware, coach differs on new moves

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Twisting and turning, speeding up and slowing down, Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware is spending training camp testing all sorts of new ways of getting to the quarterback.

He asks offensive linemen what they think, sometimes making adjustments based on their advice. He watches film of contemporaries and old-timers, sometimes calling them for tips. He's pretty much willing to give anything a shot.

After leading the NFL with 20 sacks last season, Ware is convinced he needs to mix things up just to stay ahead of the competi-

"Every year, the offenses are gunning for

you and they're changing, so you've got to be able to change, too, to stay on top," Ware This must be a coach's dream, right?

Here's a superstar player in his prime trying to put more things in his "toolbox," as Ware calls it. Well, coach Wade Phillips wishes Ware

would cut it out. His point: Don't mess with a good thing. "I've told DeMarcus if he does too much

(tinkering) he hurts himself," Phillips said. "The moves he has now, that we've identified, we tell him, 'These are the ones we want you to use because these are the ones that are best for you." Phillips formed his less-is-more philoso-

phy over 32 years in the NFL, many spent as a defensive coach working with Hall of Fame pass rushers like Reggie White, Bruce Smith and Elvin Bethea. "They didn't have many moves," Phillips

said. "They had a great move that nobody could stop or, if they could stop it, they had a counter off it." Phillips compares an effective pass rush-

er's repertoire to that of a baseball pitcher. A guy with a blazing fastball doesn't need many more pitches, probably just a changeup, which comes in looking the same but slower, and a breaking ball, which moves a

Ware's arsenal is pretty similar. His best moves are a speed rush (the fastball), a start-and-stop move that Phillips calls the

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Cowboys coach DeCamillis out of neck brace

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Cowboys special teams coach Joe DeCamillis is stiff, sore and hurting — and couldn't be happier about it.

DeCamillis began working without a neck brace Monday, marking another milestone in his recovery from a broken neck suffered when the team's practice facility collapsed May 2.

"It's better than it is with that

thing on, that's for sure," he said. "It was like wearing a turtleneck all the time, man. It was hot as

The next part of his recovery is rebuilding the muscles that atrophied during the three months since he had surgery to stabilize fractured vertebrae.

"They said one of the biggest things that helped me was how big and strong my neck was," DeCamillis said. "Right now, you can see that it ain't big and strong any more. It will take a while to get it back."

The immediate challenge is getting used to sleeping in a bed again. DeCamillis has been sleeping in a recliner, but won't have it when the team goes to Oakland for the preseason opener Thursday night. Knowing this trip was coming, he's been slowly getting ready for it.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Macy Graves goes for the kill in a Lady Steers volleyball scrimmage Friday at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers begin the 2009 season at 7:30 p.m. tonight as they pay a visit to the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs.

Taking the court

Lady Steers open season on road tonight

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

There are still 13 days until kids and teenagers across the state return to school, but that fact is not going to keep the Big Spring Lady Steers off the volley-

The 2009 version of the Lady Steers volleyball team opens the season at 7:30 p.m. tonight with a visit to the Sweetwater Lady

For a second consecutive year, there will be a new face leading the Lady Steers into the season. Lynn Osbourne takes over the program from Meghan Blake, who departed from Big Spring after one season to take an assistant coaching job at Johnson County Community College in Kansas.

Osbourne is already fond of the team she inherited from Blake and was very complementary of

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AP photo/David Duprey

Tony Stewart drives through turn 1 during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race in Watkins Glen, N.Y., Monday. Stewart won the race.

Stewarts wins at Watkins Glen for record fifth time

By JOHN KEKIS

AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. -Seneca Lodge sits nestled in the hills overlooking this Finger Lakes village, and it's sort of a shrine to openwheel racing. Its walls are covered with photos of all the open-wheel winners in Watkins Glen International's storied history, from Jim Clark to

Graham Hill to Jackie

They might want to make some room for a former open-wheel guy who now races in NASCAR — because Tony Stewart is king of them

Stewart won the raindelayed NASCAR Sprint Cup race in the steamy air at Watkins Glen on Monday, muscling an ill-handling

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Sports in brief

Coahoma Bulldogs host Post in scrimmage to raise funds for THSCA

The Coahoma Bulldogs football team will be doing more than just getting ready for the upcoming season when they host the Post Antelopes in a scrimmage Saturday.

The two teams are also playing to raise money for the Texas High School Coaches Association's benevolence fund. The fund was created to assist Texas high school athletes and coaches with special needs or hardships.

To date, 130 schools have participated in the program and have raised more than \$45,000.

The junior varsity squads will scrimmage at 10 a.m. Saturday with the varsity to take the field at 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted at the gate.

Crossroads Youth Football signups slated for this month

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has begun signups for football players and cheerlead-

ers at the Big Spring Mall. Registration is scheduled for Saturday and then

again Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Late registration for football only will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 29.

For more information, call Jeff Vidal at 816-6871.

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association registration continues all week

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will continue throughout the week — Monday through Friday — from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day. The final day to sign up is Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost for registration is \$65 for the first child and \$5 less for each additional child. The cost includes

the full uniform. Boys and girls who are between the ages 4-11 are

eligible to play. For more information, call Isaac Miramontes at 935-9056.

BSHS football season tickets going on sale at ATC offices

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring

High School football season are available for the general public through Wednesday.

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.

For more information, call Cook at 264-3661.

BSCC schedules Over 80 Scramble to benefit Big Spring Shrine Club

The Big Spring Country Club will have an Over 80 Scramble, meaning the combined ages of each two-person team must be 80 or older Saturday and Sunday to benefit the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Entry fees are \$60 per player, plus golf cart rental. Private carts are welcomed, however.

Entry fees include barbecue on the course both days.

Practice rounds are available Friday.

Play will begin with a shotgun start on both days, and the field will be flighted by first-round scores. The number of flights will depend on the number of entries.

For more information, or to enter a team, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Obituaries

James F. Wallace Sr.

James F. Wallace Sr., 58, died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at the Golden Living Nursing Home in Wichita, Kan. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at the Price & Sons Funeral Home in Garden City, Kan. with the Rev. Randy Caddell presiding. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Garden City, Kan.

He was born May 20, 1951, in Garden City, Kan., to Harry F. and M. Reve' Gildart Wallace and married Ida M. Stover Sept. 29, 1979, in Titusville, Penn.. He was the owner and operator of Donuts, Etc. in Big Spring from 1981 until 1997 before returning to

He was a Christian.

Survivors include his wife, Ida; a son, James F. Wallace Jr. of Topeka, Kan.; a daughter, Jennifer Babitzke of Wichita, Kan.; a brother, Charles Wallace of Garden City, Kan.; two sisters, Avis Wallace and Anita Wallace, both of Garden City, Kan.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services are under the direction of Price & Sons Funeral Home of Garden City, Kan. Online condolences may be sent to www.priceandsons.com

James Beeson

James Beeson, 56, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, in Ruidoso, N.M. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Steve King officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Take Note

- West Texas Centers for MHMR invites the public to a reception from 10 a.m. until noon Friday at the Alsup Building board room, 409 Runnels, for Janet Payne, retiring mental health director.
- If you are considering homeschooling as an option for your family but aren't really sure how to begin or what is involved, there will be a homeschooling informational meeting Tuesday, Aug. 18. Several local families with the Big Spring Christian Home Educators support group will be available to answer questions about and share information regarding homeschooling in Texas. Free to the public, the meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. For more information, send e-mails to dnhlong@hotmail.com
- Former students of Gay Hill Common School near Luther will be having a reunion and time capsule dig at the remains of the school house at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Bring your shovels, metal detectors, etc. Organizers have planned the event in conjunction with the Big Spring High School 2009 Homecoming. More than 50 former students have been contacted and many are planning to attend.
- A benefit fund for stroke victim Rocky Dunlap has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton St. Dunlap has been employed for the past several years as a principal with Big Spring Independent School District.
- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities funds through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. West Texas Opportunities 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.
- An account to defray funeral costs for the family of Justin Hernandez has been set up at Western Bank — formerly known as First Bank of West Texas — located on FM 700. Hernandez was killed in a shooting May 29. For more information, contact the bank at 267-1113.
- Road to Recovery, a free service for those in the Big Spring area taking cancer treatments at Allison Cancer in Midland, is still in operation. The coordinator and phone number to call have changed. To get a ride to cancer treatment in Midland, please call Amy Carnes at (432) 334-6121, which is the American Cancer Society office in Odessa. If Amy is out of the office, you may leave your information with Melissa. An alternate number to call is 1-800-ACS-2345, which is the regional patient services offices; they will relay your information to Amy for the local drivers.



Police blotter

LOCAL

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7

- EMILIO DIAZ, 25, of 711 N.W. Eighth St., was arrested Monday on a charge of no driver's license when unlicensed.
 - THEFT was reported:
- in the 200 block of FM 700.
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- in the 800 block of Johnson.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: in the 1100 block of 12th Street. in the 2500 block of Langley.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2200 block of 25th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANDREA DENISE ALENDER, 36, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke probation.
- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOE LOPEZ CHAVEZ, 39, was arrested by deputies on charges of hindering apprehension or prosecution of a known felon and contempt of child support order.
- ERNEST CLARK, 69, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of criminal • EMILIO DIAZ, 25, was transferred from BSPD
- after being arrested on a charge of no driver's • JOSHUA JOHN FONDA, 23, was transferred
- from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. • KELLY DAWN FORSHEE, 41, was arrested by

deputies on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- DELENA LUTIA FRANCO, 38, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of forgery of a financial instrument and possession of a controlled substance.
- DANIEL LEAL FRAUSTO, 52, was transferred from the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEPHANIE LYNN GALAN, 21, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge
- EDUARDO GALLARDO, 49, was arrested by deputies on a charge of public intoxication. VICTORIA HANNABASS, 20, was arrested by
- deputies on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct.
- WILLIAM JAY MCNEW, 50, was arrested by deputies on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • ALFRED RAY MIEARS, 48, was arrested by
- deputies on a parole revocation warrant. • ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS, 43, was arrested

by deputies on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Third and Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- FALSE CALL was reported in the area of 15th and Settles.

Support Groups

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting, 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9

AA open discussion at noon at 605 Settles.

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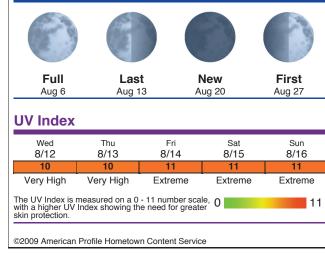
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Brownsville	96	74	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	73	t-storm
Brownwood	95	72	t-storm	Midland	95	73	t-storm
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Dallas	96	74	t-storm	San Antonio	101	76	t-storm
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Fort Stockton	97	73	pt sunny	Sweetwater	93	69	t-storm
Gainesville	94	72	t-storm	Tyler	92	71	t-storm
Greenville	93	70	t-storm	Weatherford	96	72	t-storm
Houston	96	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	94	70	t-storm

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Boston	78	62	t-storm		New York	82	68	t-storm
Chicago	81	60	sunny		Phoenix	102	82	pt sunny
Dallas	96	74	t-storm		San Francisco	80	59	mst sunny
Denver	90	61	t-storm		Seattle	72	55	pt sunny
Houston	96	75	t-storm		St. Louis	86	65	sunny
Los Angeles	82	64	pt sunny		Washington, DC	82	71	t-storm
Miami	90	80	t-storm					

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday

Winning numbers drawn: 15 - 19 - 22 - 23. Bonus Ball: 27.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

Results of the Cash Five Texas drawing Monday

Winning numbers drawn: 11 - 16 - 23 - 32 - 36.

Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: \$0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4 - 5 - 1 - 2. Sum It Up: 12.

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LADY STEERS

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the work her predecessor did with the squad last year.

"When I consider a job, I always look at a town where the program is a little down. It looked like they had a good coach last year. I know this team was on the rise last year because of her work," said Osbourne. "She just wasn't here long enough to get this program built. I like to build programs. That's how I generally pick schools.

"So far, the girls seem to be very coachable and are hard workers," she added. "That's a good combination to

Osbourne comes over from Breckenridge where she led the Lady Bucks to the Class 3A postseason in three out of the four years she spent with the program. In all, Osbourne has been a head coach for 13 years, with stops at Class A schools Prairie Lea and Somerville along the way, and has led her teams to the playoffs in 11 of those seasons.

"stutter" and Ware calls his "shake

and bake" (the change-up) and a

crossover similar to what basketball

Ware's speed is unique for someone

6-foot-4 and 260 pounds. He gets into

backfields so fast that he's been

wrongly flagged for offsides three

times in the last two years, according

Because blockers know they have

move quickly to get in his way, Ware

uses that against them with the stut-

When he slows down, they plant

"I usually wake up two or three

times a night, and try to get some

time in the bed, try to get used to

DeCamillis will be on the sideline

during the game against the Raiders.

players use (the breaking ball).

WARE

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Despite Big Spring being in the largest classification Osbourne has coached in, she doesn't feel the challenges of establishing a solid program here will be much different from her prior stops. "I haven't seen much difference.

I'm used to having big participation in programs. The numbers here are actually smaller than what I've had in the past," said Osbourne. "That's the one big thing I have to try and improve. I'd like to see more girls participating. We don't have the numbers I'd like us to have. That's part of building the program."

However, Osbourne does admit the competition will get tougher.

"The competition here is a bigger challenge because we'll face so many Panhandle schools and those are some established programs," said. "Getting out of the region is the biggest challenge."

In 2008, the Lady Steers finished 7-30, but came on strong at the end of the season to qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 2005. It was a short stay in the postseason as the Lady Steers fell to eventual Class 4A state champion Hereford in straight

"Franco Harris, he had that," said

Phillips, who saw Harris in his prime

at least twice a year while coaching

the division-rival Houston Oilers in

the 1970s. "DeMarcus has that kind of

As he's refined his moves, he's

Ware has gone from eight as a rook-

His 53½ sacks since 2005 are the

His 20-sack season puts him in

exclusive company, too. Only six oth-

ers have had that many since sacks

became an official stat in 1982. White

is the only one to follow it with at

least 14 sacks the next year; he had 18

He's not worried about anything

He's talked to other coaches around

the league who've recovered from

serious injuries and got some dos and

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explosion that not many have."

most by anyone in the NFL.

upped his sack totals.

However, Big Spring lost just three seniors from that squad, meaning it returns a majority of last year's varsity players.

"We have an enormous amount of potential," said Osbourne. "We're struggling with our passing right now, but the potential is there for us to be good at that, too. We have a good bit of hitters and if we can work on our transition then we've got a great chance to shine. That's what we're focusing on right now.'

One of Osbourne's goals for tonight's game with Sweetwater is to start figuring out the rotation she wants to

"It's tough for me to point out one or two girls right now who stand out above the rest," said Osbourne. "I have 13 girls with me right now. I'm yet to make final cuts. I had planned on doing so by now and I thought the scrimmage would help me do that, but I'm still not ready to make final cuts. There's 13 girls on this team right now because 13 stood out. I'm hoping I can make a final decision after the weekend.'

Osbourne did say she can envision junior Desiree Anderson and senior Macy Graves providing strong play at

their feet — then, he takes off around

That challenge motivates Ware. It's part of the reason he added five pounds of muscle over the offseason and why he's constantly searching for more moves.

"I've always said, how consistent can you be?" Ware said. "I always think about Michael Jordan. Every game, he's the guy. You can slow him down, but you can't stop him. That's what I'm trying to do."

Which brings us back to the friendly debate with Phillips: To experiment or not to experiment. Phillips isn't surprised Ware wants to branch out. He's heard it from the other great

"They get bored with beating everybody," Phillips said. "But what's wrong with throwing the fastball by

get out of bounds. Other than that, nothing's going to be different at all.

... I think everything will be fine." When training camp is done and the team returns to Dallas, DeCamillis will need more physical therapy. For now, his job is therapy enough. He runs the special teams drills the first 20 minutes or so of every practice, then goes up to a coach's booth to watch and rest.

four races, he's right on schedule. Stewart has finished fifth or better in eight of his last 10 starts — all top 10s - and leads Jimmie Johnson in the standings by 260 points. All he has to do on Sunday at Michigan is start the

Chase. Although Stewart has finished first the net and producing a lot of kills.

She's yet to make a decision about who will be the Lady Steers' libero, or defensive specialist, for the 2009 season, but has narrowed the competition down to seniors Sloan Davis and Selena Gonzales.

Osbourne also praised Cerbi Ritchey and Callie Shaffer as solid options at setter. "There's still a lot to figure out right now and we'll try some different rota-

tions to determine a lot of this," said Osbourne. "Obviously, our first goal against Sweetwater is to pull out a victory, but we've got a lot of things to work on still. I'm looking for how we work in transition and also to how the hitters respond to each setter." Sweetwater could be a perfect test to see how far the Lady Steers have

advanced since last year. Big Spring faced the Lady Mustangs early last season and was swept, 25-8, 25-14, 25-16. Sweetwater went 33-7 in 2008, finishing second in District 2-3A behind

only Class 3A state runner-up Brownwood. The Lady Mustangs were ousted from the playoffs in the first round by

them if they can't hit that?"

Lubbock Cooper.

Ware has the ultimate comeback: The stutter comes from his practicefield laboratory. He saw New York's Osi Umenyiora

and Philadelphia's Trent Cole use it, so he tried it one day against Dallas left tackle Flozell Adams.

"Ever since, I've been incorporating that in everything I do," Ware

Considering how well that worked out, it's no wonder Ware is still sneaking things in during practice and letting Phillips figure it out later.

"I'll just let him see it on film," Ware said, laughing. "Then he'll say, 'I don't like that move, I don't think it's going to work, DeMarcus.' So if I do a move, I've got to make sure it's a sack."

"It's just going to take some time, man, to get it right," he said.

Notes: RB Felix Jones missed the morning practice because his surgically repaired left big toe was stiff, but returned in the afternoon. "I don't foresee it being a problem," running backs coach Skip Peete said. ... CBs Terence Newman (groin) and Mike Jenkins (ankle) missed both practic-

STEWART

that," he said.

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car in the early going and then holding off Australian Marcos Ambrose over the final 21 laps for his Cuprecord fifth victory at the famed road don'ts about where to stand and how to protect himself. "I won't be head-butting the players any more, I know that," he said. "I'm going to try to stay out of the way of the gunners, I know that, when they

"There's just something about this place," Stewart said after his 36th career win. "We've been really good. but we weren't good enough in the first run to be fast enough to beat these guys."

Stewart always seems to peak in the hot days of summer, and with the Chase for the Cup title looming in or second in eight of the past 11 Cup

race to secure his spot in the 12-man

road races, he had to keep the hardcharging Ambrose at bay. Ambrose won the Nationwide race here Saturday with a daring move that surprised Kyle Busch for the lead, and he finished third a year ago in the Cup race after starting last.

'I was watching him (Ambrose)," Stewart said. "I think we were stronger in the parts we needed to be."

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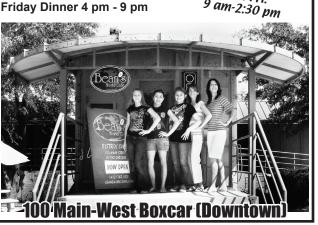
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nology, and it's called Able Term," said Barton. "Able Term is outdated now. We can still use it and we'll get along OK, but eventually, probably in the next year or two, you're going to have to upgrade anyway. I'm switching vendors right now from one company to Tyler technology, and the conversion on that is about \$75,000. If the county converts the whole package to the Odyssey upgrade, it will cost about \$200,000. That's not including the monthly fee.

"I have a problem with spending \$75,000 to upgrade my package to an obsolete package when we're fixing, maybe, to go ahead in the next year and upgrade again when mine's a good chunk of that \$200,000. I wanted you to consider going ahead and upgrading everyone to the Odyssey now. I didn't want to have to spend the money and then turn around and spend it again."

Barr said the Odyssey software package looks impressive, but when he talked to some officials in other counties that have used it, the consensus was less than encouraging.

County Judge Mark

"I've checked this out, Colleen, and I know the clerks really like this Odyssey deal, and I don't blame you," said

SHRIVER

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taught our nation — and

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As celebrity, social

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Shriver was credited

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"We have always been

honored to share our

mother with people of

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who believe, as she did,

that there is no limit to

the human spirit," her

family said in the state-

Shriver was also the

sister of Sen. Robert F.

Kennedy, the wife of

1972 vice presidential

candidate and former

Peace Corps director R.

Sargent Shriver, and

the mother of former

NBC newswoman Maria

Shriver, who is married

to California Gov. Ar-

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With Eunice Shriver's

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Barr. "However, when I talked to other counties — and I've only talked to two — they didn't like it. I talked to the judge in Hale County, and he said since they put it on they are having problems with it. I talked to the auditor in Scurry County, and he said if he had it to do all over again, he wouldn't do it. And the thing about it is it's so new — and I have a list of the county's from Lance (Howard, account manager for Tyler Technology) — and it's so new no one else has it installed except those two counties. They are the only two counties I could find that have it installed."

Barton said she believed some of the complaints regarding the Odyssey software were simply growing pains. "I think it's like any

new software. You're used to the way the old package went and you have to get your mind reprogrammed to the new one, and until you do that you're not going to be comfortable," said Barton. "Because you're out of your comfort zone."

Howard, who also attended the meeting, discussed the ins and outs of the software upgrade, including possibly integrating the Odyssey software with the SMART software currently being used at the county jail, but described the process as "cost prohibi-

drafting me as a coach for the Special Olympics." A 1960 Chicago Tri-

bune profile of the women in then-candidate JFK's family said Shriver was "generally credited with being the most intellectual and politically minded of all the Kennedy women." When her brother was

in the White House, she pressed for efforts to help troubled young people and the mentally disabled. And in 1968, she started what would become the world's largest athletic competition for mentally disabled children and adults. Now, more than 1 million athletes in more than 160 countries participate in Special Olympics meets each year.

"When the full judgment on the Kennedy legacy is made — including JFK's Peace Corps and Alliance for Progress, Robert Kennedy's passion for civil rights and Ted Kennedy's efforts on health care, work place reform and refugees — the changes wrought by Eunice Shriver may well be seen as the most consequential," Harrison Rainie, author of "Growing Up Kennedy," wrote in U.S. News & World Report in 1993.

It was Shriver who revealed the condition of her sister Rosemary to the nation during her brother's presidency.

"Early in life Rosemary was different," she wrote in a 1962 article for the Saturday Evening Post. "She was slower to crawl, slower

"The Legacy product that Howard County has been using for many years now is a 1980sbased technology and it needs to be replaced," said Howard. "That older product is going away. We still have about 60 or 70 clients that are still running that software, but all of the are migrating away from it. we're not defining a date that we're going to shut it down, but it is coming. I'd say in approximately five to seven years."

Barr said the upgrade for Barton's office alone will come out of a special fund, not out of the county's general fund. In the meantime, he encouraged the commissioners to continue looking at the issue, but not jump into a new upgrade blindly.

"I'd like to continue researching this some more. I don't want to jump off into something we may regret later on,' said Barr.

After discussion, commissioners agreed to spend the \$75,000 to \$85,000 to bring Barton's office in-line with the rest of the county's computer systems and look at the possibility of upgrading all systems at a later date.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com to walk and speak. ...

Rosemary was mentally retarded." Rosemary Kennedy underwent a lobotomy when she was 23, though that wasn't mentioned in the article. She lived most of her life in an institution in Wisconsin and died in 2005 at age 86.

The roots of the Special Olympics go back to a summer camp Shriver ran in Maryland in 1963. Shriver would "get right in the pool with the kids; she'd toss the ball," said a niece, former Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who volunteered at the camp as a teen. "It's that hands-on, gritty approach that awakened her to the kids' needs."

Realizing the children were far more capable of sports than experts said, Shriver organized the first Special Olympics in 1968 in Chicago. The two-day event drew more than 1,000 participants from 26 states and

Canada. "She believed that people with intellectual disabilities could — individually and collectively — achieve more than anyone thought possible. This much she knew with unbridled faith and certainty," her son Timothy, chairman of Special Olympics said in a statement.

By 2003, the Special Olympics World Summer Games, held that year in Dublin, Ireland, involved more than 6,500 athletes from 150 countries. The games are held every four years. Well into her 70s,

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Shriver remained a daily presence at the Special Olympics headquarters in Washington.

"Today we celebrate the life of a woman who had the vision to create our movement," said Special Olympics President and COO Brady

Juvenile delinquency was another issue that interested Shriver and spurred her to action. In his 1991 book "The Promised Land: The Great Black Migration and How It Changed America," author Nicholas Lemann said the Kennedy administration's juvenile delinquency commission, "a pet project that had been created to placate Eunice," became the precursor of the vast federal effort to improve the lot of urban blacks.

After he took office, President Lyndon B. Johnson tapped R. Sargent Shriver to lead his War on Poverty.

Eunice Shriver was the recipient of numerous honors, including the nation's highest civilian award, Presidential Medal of Freedom, which she received in 1984. In May, the National Portrait Gallery installed a painting of her — the first portrait commissioned by the museum of someone who had not been a president or first lady. Shriver was born in

Brookline, Mass., the fifth of nine children to Joseph P. Kennedy and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. She earned a sociology degree from Stan-

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ford University in 1943 after graduating from a British boarding school while her father served as ambassador to Eng-She was a social work-

er at a women's prison in Alderson, W.Va., and worked with the juvenile court in Chicago in the 1950s before taking over the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation with the goal of improving the treatment of the mentally disabled. The foundation was named for her oldest brother, Joseph Jr., who was killed in World War II.

In 1953, she married Shriver. He became JFK's first director of the Peace Corps, was George McGovern's vice-presidential running mate in 1972, and ran for president himself briefly in 1976.

Survivors include her husband, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2003, and the couple's five children: Maria Shriver, who is married to Schwarzenegger; Rob-

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Our View

Remember to join us for United Way kick off luncheon

nited Way of Big Spring and Howard County officials have set their 2009 fund-raising campaign goal, but aren't ready to announce it to the public. That is something they'll reveal during the 65th annual campaign kickoff luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

There's no question it will be a lofty goal, in keeping with this year's campaign slogan, "United Way — Now More Than Ever."

Indeed, United Way officials have this year's campaign designed to meet the growing needs of 14 member agencies.

Agencies that receive funds from the United Way are the American Red Cross, West Texas Division; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Howard County Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Salvation Army, Victim Services; Westside Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; Girl Scouts; and YMCA of Big Spring.

The key now is to meet that goal, so those agencies will be able to better serve the pub-

That's where we all come in. The United Way's campaign can only be successful if all of us do our part.

In the past few years, Howard Countians have proven they're capable of opening their hearts to the less fortunate, and we believe you will

So, we hope to see you all a week from today when the campaign officially gets under way with the kickoff luncheon which begins at 11:30 a.m. and is again being hosted by the Big Spring Rotary Club.

Motivational and inspirational humorist Suzie Humphreys will deliver the event's keynote

Tickets for the luncheon are \$12 and can be purchased at the United Way office at 808 Scurry, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Alon, State National Bank, Western Bank, Big Spring Gin, or by contacting Jeannie Coor at 267-5201 or be e-mail at uway@apex2000.net.

The deadline for reservations is Friday, so make your plans to attend now and get those tickets in hand.

What's more, be ready to answer the call when a United Way representative visits during the campaign.

As we have often noted, none of us needs to give until it hurts, but simply what we can honestly afford.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

With You, Lord, we have new possibilities.

Race always getting in way

efore the saga of Gatesgate (the arrest of Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., by Boston police) disappears into the limbo reserved for mountains made of molehills, let me make one comment:

That Boston police officer did not act "stupidly" in slapping cuffs on the renown black historian and hauling him off to jail. It was Gates who

acted stupidly.

I grew up in Detroit — not Grosse Pointe-Detroit or Bloomfield Hills, but Detroit, where the factories

once were — and one thing we learned early on was this: Do not give a policeman an

excuse to beat you up for he will often do it. And what's excuse enough for

a beating? Well, giving him lip ranks high on the list.

When I was a young reporter I remember a county attorney in Iowa telling me that every case of police brutality he had ever investigated began with the

victim challenging the authority

"It drives a lot of cops crazy," the attorney said.

of the law officers.

And so it does. I remember my surprise at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago when the student protestors expressed outrage and astonishment that the Chicago police were beating the hell out of them.

These kids were on the streets, calling the cops impolite names, impugning the virtue of their mothers, even throwing rocks at them, and they were surprised when the police responded by hitting them on the head with clubs? "Where did these kids grown

up?" I asked a colleague from Philadelphia.

"I don't know, but it wasn't Philadelphia," he said.

Do I think it's proper for police to beat people up simply because they're disrespectful? No I don't. I think all police should be saints. Saints with guns. But that's not the way of the world. Gates should consider himself lucky he didn't draw a mean, racist cop with an itchy nightstick.

On the other hand, I am perfectly willing to cut Gates some slack. He's a middle-aged man with a bad hip. On the night in question he'd just gotten off a plane after a 14-hour flight home from China, where he was making a documentary. Fourteen

He was tired. He was coming down with a cold. His hip probably was killing him and, to top it all off, he'd had to break into his own house because of a jammed

Add to that the fact that Gates' field of specialty is black history. He probably has as firm a grasp of this country's lamentable history of race relations as anyone alive. He lives with that history of the subjugation and oppression of African-Americans, the record of police brutality inflicted on blacks.

He carries with him the rage inspired by those injustices.

So when a cop showed up and hassled him in his own home in his own home! — he snapped.

Have you ever snapped? I've snapped, often with less provocation than Gates had, and always regretted it later. I just make sure I don't do it with cops. To me all cops are named "sir." I would still argue that it was

the police officer, ultimately, who should not have let things get out of hand. Gates is 58 years old. He weighs a wet 150 and he walks with a cane. He dresses like a Harvard professor. It should have been obvious to

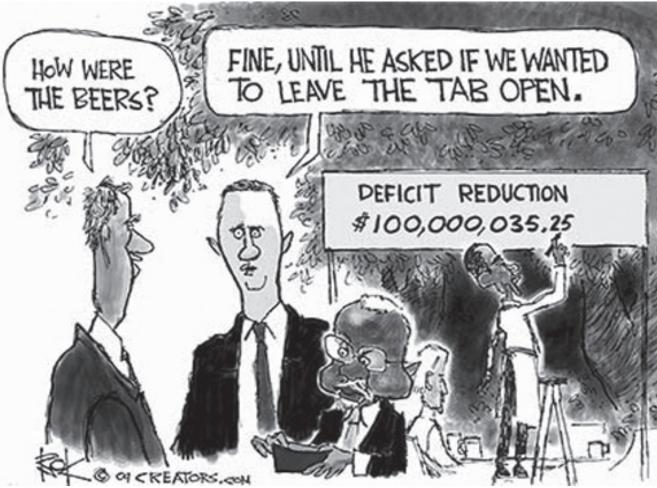
the officer that Gates presented no threat to society and that he was not a burglar. He was just a crotchety old man behaving like a jerk. That's not a criminal offense

and it's not worth the time and effort it takes to arrest someone The officer should have backed It would have been nice, also,

if President Obama hadn't been so quick to condemn the Boston police from his bully pulpit. He got it about right the second time around, but, really, no one was at the top of their game here.

It's amazing, however, how even people of good will can get crosswise when race is involved

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Journalists gullible on tax proposals

ournalism is at its best when it's both useful and surprising, when it challenges conventional wisdom and adds facts to the public debate that people can understand.

In the coverage of the debate about health care reform, there's an underlying assumption, in part reinforced by Republican leaders who repeat it, that people hate taxes, even taxes paid by the rich. This is the conventional wisdom, and it's



been reflected over the last few months in news coverage of the health care debate.

But it's not necessarily so. Like Americans, for example, support the basic notion that the federal government should "redistribute wealth by heavy taxes on the rich." Fifty-one percent of Americans agree with this, as they have for decades, according to a 2008 Roper poll.

age, 58 percent, does not believe the distribution of money in America is fair today, and they think that it "should be distributed more evenly." Further, 63 percent of Americans believe that their richest fellow citizens, making the most money, should be taxed more. This while conservatives say taxing the rich sounds like socialism, it turns out to be as American as apple pie in the minds of regular

So, as the Obama administration pushes for health care reform this September, funded by modest tax increases on those making at least \$250,000 per year or more, journalists should review polls monitoring public support for taxation. Different opinions, gleaned from different surveys, should be presented, particularly because of assertions that anti-tax sentiment dominates the public mood. Journalists should also put the

amount of tax in perspective by repeatedly comparing income to tax paid. For example, under the latest bill moving through the House of Representatives, a family of four with an income of \$450,000 would pay \$1,000 in additional tax, according to the Associated Press. A single taxpayer making \$5 million would

Reporters should go to extra

pay about \$400,000.

effort to remind Americans that the current tax rate, for middleincome and rich citizens alike, is near an historic low. Under the House bill, the top rate for taxpayers of high income would be 45 percent. This compares to

50 percent in 1986, for example. The tax rates in America should also be compared to those in Europe in elsewhere, to provide an international perspec-

tive as well. The health care debate will undoubtedly turn more heads of apathetic citizens than most news that comes from Washington. Journalists should take advantage of this situation and provide coverage that's nuanced and user-friendly. There's certainly the journalistic requirement to dig up new information and confront lawmakers as

But there's also a great need for simple fact-based context, something that's not a hallmark of the 24-hour news cycle.

The current debate on healthcare, with all its complicated elements, tests journalists to provide deep context, and to provide it repeatedly.

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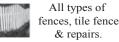
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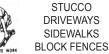
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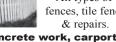
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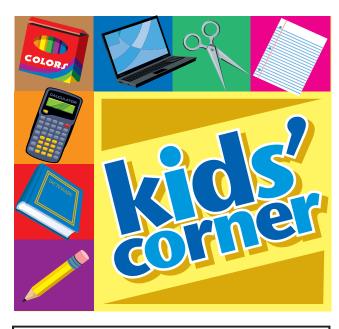
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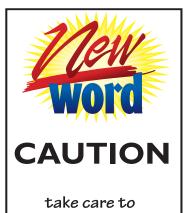
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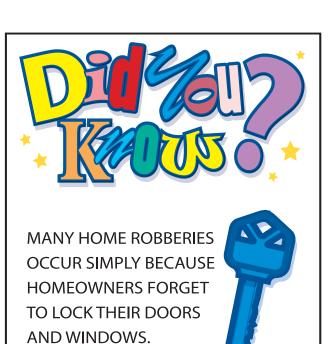
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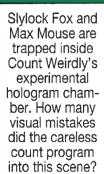




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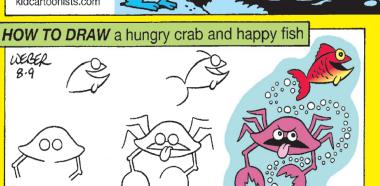
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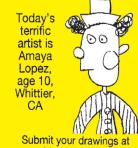
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because there is nothing to find. I have been faithful to him since Day One. He has gone for counseling, and it helped

some, but he still gets angry if a man looks at me for more than a second or talks to me too He gets upset if some-

one says I look younger than my age or that he looks older.

He yells, blows things way out of proportion Annie's Mailbox ®

and accuses me of behaving inappropriately. I am really getting tired of it.

His insecurities come from his past relationships. Do you think he will ever get over this nonsense? If he doesn't, he will certainly drive me away. — Good Wife from Iowa

Dear Iowa: Your husband displays traits of a potential abuser and could become dangerous. He needs therapy on an ongoing basis in order to learn how to let go of damaging behavior and embrace healthier responses to his insecurities. If he is willing to work

on this and you see definite improvement, there is hope. Otherwise, he is likely to get worse and so is your marriage. Be careful.

Dear Annie: When widowed father

developed some health issues, I drove halfway across the country to bring him to my home to take care of him. It was supposed to be temporary.

It has now been six months, and Dad shows no desire to return home. Worse, he smokes in

our house, is disrespectful to my husband and me, and drinks every day to the point of pass-He refuses to get a job

or contribute to the household. I don't want to put him

out on the street, but

what else can I do? —

Texas Tina

Dear Tina: If your father is able-bodied, there is no reason he needs to live with you, especially if he smokes, drinks, refuses to help

Drive him back home,

out and generally makes

you miserable.

or suggest he put his house on the market and use the proceeds to rent an inexpensive apartment.

He's probably depressed and would benefit from counseling and A.A.

We hope you will look into that for him, but make it clear you will no longer enable his self-destructive behav-

Dear Annie: "Baby Mama," the 19-year-old who wants to have a baby, is all that is wrong with today's society. She doesn't seem to realize having a baby will rob her of her youth. Phhhhht! Gone. And forget any further education — which means menial jobs with low pay and another child in a poor home.

How will she afford this baby? Every 19-yearold I know can barely afford a running vehi-

She wants one because her friends have one, as if a child is the latest cell phone. Talk about immature.

She wants a child without any real commitment from her boy-

friend. Do these women ever think about consequences? Pregnancy is a huge decision, not to mention

a huge responsibility. Get married. Get settled. Mature beyond craving "wants" that involve another human life. Sheesh, I can only

shake my head. — LKAnnie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Horoscope lomorrow's into" it — automatic

soon enough. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Warm up your crowd. There are many wonders in your arsenal of social graces. Your manners superb, your humor exemplary — and your cooking? Forget about

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Not everyone understands what is expected of him or her. This happens to be a talent of yours, but it doesn't come easily to some people. Be kind and patient with those who are socially out of step.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're being shown some tough love. It's not obvious. To you, it might seem that someone is simply ignoring vour wishes or doesn't want to connect. Let your intense desire lead you to your next move.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may be slow to get into your work. Perhaps you never really "get

pilot is fine, too. Your best ideas come when you're not pressuring yourself. The important part is that you show up where you're supposed

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You and a loved one understand each other perfectly — that is, as long as you're making the effort to communicate clearly. The old mind-reading tricks won't work, so use words. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Getting what you want doesn't have to be hard. There's a chance that you're making things difficult because you believe they should be. Reach for joyful thoughts and feelings of well-being and you'll move toward your goals.

(Oct. **SCORPIO** 24-Nov. 21). You're likely to get lost in the shuffle of other people's needs. Remember that you're a person who has needs, too. Take an hour out of your schedule to do something just for you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). You may feel a little less energetic than you'd like to be, but remember that you're never far from your energy source. Connect once more and ask to be restored and revitalized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The drama gets juicy. Maybe it's a little more complicated than you'd like it to be, but you can't deny that it's interesting. Friends will want to hear every detail of what's going on in your life.

(Jan. **AQUARIUS** 20-Feb. 18). Your internal compass is well honed. It's as though you are playing a game of "hot and cold." As you get closer to your goals, you'll feel happy. As you move away from them, you'll feel agitat**PISCES** (Feb.

ed.

19-March 20). Inside you feel like the same person you were yesterday. But something has changed. Evidence: Something you thought was crucial to your existence has turned out to be not so important after T O D A Y 'S

BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 11). Once you decide what you want to do, you'll astound friends with the speed at which you accomplish it. Deciding is a process, and you're careful to do it the right way. Investigate many options. Push your feelings into each possible choice, sensing where you'll be happiest. Finances improve markedly in November. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 16, 9, 22 and

C E L E B R I T YPROFILES: The busy

actress, dancer and model Alvson Stoner turns sweet 16 this year. Born under the sign of show business, she has natal Mercury in Leo as well. It's not surprising that Stoner has appeared in dance videos with Will Smith and Missy Elliott and performs in several shows on the Disney Channel including "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody," "Phineas and Ferb" and "Camp Rock."

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Bird Poop:

In the presence of real royalty?

lowly, methodically, the bird strode toward the fenced area. At the bottom of the chain-link barrier, in the thick growth of unchecked

weeds, might be an ample supply of grasshoppers. As it

walked along the perimeter of the storage area, the bird suddenly

ended its leisurely stroll. Remaining still, with its short neck hunched against its shoulders, the stalker waited for any sign of movement.

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Crawling up a blade of grass, an unsuspecting insect was hastily snatched by the bird's thick, yellow bill. Hurriedly swallowing the wiggling bug, it continued to search the enclosure for any lizards that might be hiding in mounds of discarded

Near a locked gate the bird found an opportunity to duck beneath the fence. Once inside. it continued to hunt.

When the call came from north of town, an explanation from an oil field employee was one of frustration. "That pit has been screened and fenced for years. I haven't checked it in quite a while."

Continuing, he told of finding a white bird near an area where erosion from heavy rains had undermined a fire wall and part of the fencing. "It needs cleaning."

Later, in the man's cardboard box, stood a cattle egret. Blinking in disbelief at its surroundings, the heron was coated in greasy. bottom sediment.

Still showing orange vestiges on its crown, breast and back from summer's breeding season, the egret was soon experiencing a cleansing bath. Found in pastures and open fields, the bird would consider being near water only when nesting.

While other herons

and egrets often frequent freshwater areas, the cattle egret was representative of its name. Following grazing livestock, picking ticks from their backs. and feasting on insects stirred up by their hooves, the bird was more likely to be found on ranches and farm land than near any body of water.

Even though the egret doused us with splashing protests, Art and I managed to remove enough oily residue so that it was not in danger from preening its feathers. Drying its three-foot wingspan, we knew its rapid wing beats could throw even more droplets.

Late afternoon temperatures had warmed our garage to an uncomfortable temperature. Although we were soon wetter than the bird, the egret seemed to enjoy the warm atmosphere. While it dried, we placed a call to Eos Wildlife Sanctuary.

As we drove our avian passenger to Midland the next day, we discussed its ancient heritage. Originating in Africa, the cattle egret had been considered a sacred Egyptian bird. From the dynasties of Pharaohs, and then the Old World, its descendents had somehow crossed an ocean and spread northward from



Beneficial to man, the cattle egret is often called a "cattle heron." Its colorful transition from a white bird with yellow bill and black legs to breeding colors is one of nature's artistic displays.

South America by the 1950s.

At the sanctuary, this member of the heron family had to endure another cleansing or two before being considered clean. While recovering from its

ordeal, it readily dined on insects and earthworms.

To have handled a "summer bird" so steeped in ancestry had increased our knowledge and appreciation of something we take

for granted. In essence, we had been privileged to be in the midst of royalty.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Contract

By Steve Becker South Finds the Winning Recipe

The bidding: East North 1 NT Pass Pass Opening lead — six of clubs.

Adequate transportation from one hand to the other plays a critical role in declarer's management of his assets. In the same way, it is just as important for the defenders to maintain communication with each other's hands. It follows that anything that can be done to interfere with the other side's means of communication is all to the good.

Consider the present deal where West leads a club against South's three-notrump contract. Declarer has

seven ready-made tricks, and his only chance for two more lies in

South must therefore try to arrange his plays so as to lead hearts twice toward dummy in order to establish his eighth and ninth tricks. At the same time, however, he must keep a sharp eye peeled for what the defenders are doing.

Thus, if South wins East's jack of clubs with the ace, he will finish behind the well-known eight ball after East wins the jack of hearts with the king and returns a club. West's clubs become established before dummy's hearts, and East-West wind up scoring three clubs and two hearts

to defeat the contract one trick. Declarer can avoid this outcome by allowing East's jack to win the first club trick. If East continues the suit, West's clubs drop out of the picture. Even though he may later establish them, he will have no entry to

cash them. East cannot overcome this difficulty by shifting to a diamond at trick two. In that case, declarer simply ducks as before, after which East cannot both establish and run his dia-

mond suit. In effect, it takes two ducks to cook East's goose!

Tomorrow: A neat swindle. ©2009 King Features Syndicate Inc

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Parent's Corner: It's OK to quit!

t one of the workshops I attended this ummer, I was guided to the words of the motivational

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speaker, Veranuda Jackson who very adamantly repeated, "It's OK to quit!"

She very humorous ly opened her views to an enthusiastic audience. Allow me to share

some of her pointed remarks:

Quit arguing with people about the same old foolishness! Respect their position and keep moving!

Quit telling people your secrets when you know they are not going to keep them, and if you keep telling them, then quit getting mad when they tell your secrets to others!

Quit trying to pull people on your journey who don't want to travel with you. Either they believe in you and value you or they don't!

Quit complaining about things you can't and won't change!

Quit gossiping about other people. Minding our own business is a full time job!

Quit blaming each other for things that in the big picture aren't going to matter three weeks from now. Talk solutions and then implement them!

Quit eating things you know are not good for you. If you can't quit, then eat smaller portions!

Quit buying things you know you can't afford them. If you don't have self control, then quit going to the stores.

Quit charging things, especially when you don't need them!

Quit staying in unhealthy relationships. I is not OK for people to verbally or physically abuse you so quit lying to yourself. It is not OK to stay in the marriage for the children! Ask



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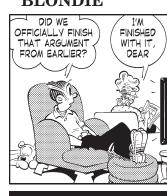
"Daddy's lettin' his whiskers grow. Why can't I let my dirt grow?"

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2009. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Aug. 11, 1909, the first recorded use of the S.O.S. distress signal in North America was by the steamship SS Arapahoe, which had broken down off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

On this date:

In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was signed by President Friedrich Ebert.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

In 1942, during World War II, Pierre Laval, prime minister of Vichy France, publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman nominated General Omar N. Bradley to become the first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Vietminh. In 1956, abstract painter

Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, N.Y. In 1962, the Soviet Union

launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight. In 1965, rioting and looting

that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan joked during a voice

test for a paid political radio

address that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes." In 1992, the Mall of America

opened in Bloomington, Minn. Today's Birthdays: Actress Arlene Dahl is 81. Actress Anna

Massey is 72. Songwriterproducer Kenny Gamble is 66. Rock musician Jim Kale (Guess Who) is 66. Country singer John Conlee is 63. Singer Eric Carmen is 60. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., is 60. Computer scientist and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is 59.

Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 56. Singer Joe Jackson is 55. Playwright David Henry Hwang is 52. Actor Miguel A. Nunez Jr. is 45. Actress Viola Davis is 44. Actor Duane Martin is 44. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 42. R&B musician Chris Dave is 41. Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton is 41. Hip-hop artist Ali Shaheed Muhammad is 39. Actor Will Friedle is 33. Rapper Chris Kelly (Kris Kross) is 31. Singer J-Boog is 24. Rapper Asher Roth is 24. Actress Alyson Stoner is 16.

Thought for Today: "A pessimist is a man who looks both ways when he's crossing a one-way street." — Laurence J. Peter, Canadian-born educator and author of "The Peter Principle" (1919-1990).

Answer to previous puzzle

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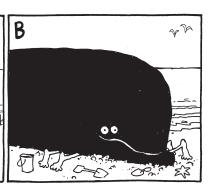




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BACKYARD GAMES by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman

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News in brief

1 hurt in Lubbock

County recycling plant fire

LUBBOCK (AP) - A Lubbock County recycling plant fire left one worker hurt in a blaze that firefighters fear could burn for weeks. The blaze on Tuesday continued

burning asphalt, wood shingles and other recycled items at a site near Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport. New Deal Fire Chief Randy Teeter

says the fire, which broke out Monday night, apparently was related to a spark from a worker's vehicle.

Teeter told KCBD-TV that the injured worker was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock. His condition was not immediately available Tuesday.

Teeter said one previous large fire at the recycling pilot lasted about three weeks, and "I've got a feeling we're going to be here for a while on

Spring mom, boyfriend held over death of girl, 4

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houstonarea woman and her boyfriend have been charged with felony injury to a child over the death of her 4-year-old

Abigail Elizabeth Young of Spring and Lucas Ruric Coe were held Tuesday in the Harris County Jail. Young was held on \$50,000 bond. Jail records indicated Lucas was held

Electronic jail records had no listing for attorneys for Young or Coe.

The Harris County Sheriff's Department says both were arrested Monday over the June 27 death of Emma Thompson.

Autopsy results indicated the girl suffered blunt force trauma, consistent with homicide. Investigator A.J. Kelly says the child also had a sexually transmitted disease.

U.S. to return \$2.4

million in stolen oil money

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. officials plan to hand over \$2.4 million in proceeds from stolen oil products to Mexican authorities. **Immigration** Customs

and Enforcement Director John Morton

will give the money Tuesday to Mexico's tax administrator, Alfredo Gutierrez Mena, at an event in San Antonio. The returned money was uncovered as part of an investigation into stolen Pemex products sold to U.S. refiners. The money is the first in what's expected to be a continuing investigation.

Mexican federal police commissioner Rodrigo Esparza told The Associated Press that drug cartel enforcers have been using false import documents to smuggle swiped tanker loads into the United States.

Officials: 3 arrested in cartel informant killing EL PASO (AP) — Three men were

arrested Monday night in the shooting death of a U.S. drug informant in front of his home this spring, authorities said. Police did not release the identities

of the men, details of their arrest or the exact charges they face in the May 15 death of Jose Daniel Gonzalez Galeana, a Juarez drug cartel lieutenant who was working for U.S. officials as a confidential informant. It is believed to be the first killing of a ranking cartel member on American Gonzalez, a 37-year-old legal immi-

grant, was gunned down in front of his home on a quiet cul-de-sac in an expensive neighborhood. Neighbors say they didn't hear a car on the street or any argument before the shooting.

Police first publicly identified Gonzalez as a cartel official nearly three weeks after his death.

Last month, two federal law enforcement officials and a local official confirmed to The Associated Press that Gonzalez had been telling U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement officials about cartel activities before his death.

One of those officials said federal authorities were monitoring Gonzalez's activities and where-

El Paso police Chief Greg Allen, who lives behind Gonzalez and heard the shots from his backyard, told the AP that no local authorities were told about Gonzalez's role in the cartel or his work with ICE until after his

In a statement to the AP, ICE spokeswoman Leticia Zamarripa said the agency does not "discuss nor comment on issues regarding confidential informants."

Powerful Mexican drug cartels have set up organizations in more than 230 U.S. cities and cartel-affiliated hit men have delivered violent, sometimes deadly discipline against lowlevel. American-based drug dealers. But police and experts who study Mexico's drug war have suggested that Gonzalez is the first ranking cartel member to be killed inside the

Contract worker killed by tire LEWISVILLE (AP) — A road crew

worker is dead after a 200 pound tire came off a tanker truck and struck Lewisville police Capt. Todd Taylor

identified the victim as 52-yearold state contract worker J. Pedro The accident happened Monday when a truck carrying flammable liq-

uid lost its first right rear wheel just after crossing the I-35 southbound bridge over Lewisville Lake. That tire struck two vehicles. Taylor said the truck continued for about half a mile when the second wheel

came off and it struck the worker

who was outside of his vehicle. An air ambulance flew Garcia to a hospital where he later died.

Manager Robert Sorenson said the truck company, Safety-Kleen, is cooperating with police during the investigation.

Bull gets loose in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) —A bull that got loose over the weekend in southwest Fort Worth ended up dead after it crashed into a car, causing injuries to the driver.

Fort Worth police Sgt. S. Hawkins said the bull was returned to its owner on Saturday but was spotted again Sunday on SW Loop 820.

Hawkins said police kept after the bull but it crashed into a car shortly after midnight Monday and died. A wrecker crew loaded it into the owner's truck.

MedStar spokeswoman Lara Kohl said the driver was taken to a hospital and his condition was unknown Monday. Hawkins said the matter would be a

civil court issue and no citation was

Teacher accused of having sex with student

PLANO, Texas (AP) —A 29-yearold suburban Dallas special education teacher is accused of getting a 14-year-old boy drunk and having sex with him several times at her home. Mariane Kieffer faces charges of

sexual assault and improper relationship between an educator and student. The Dallas Morning News reports the teacher at Carpenter Middle School in Plano turned herself in to Collin County authorities late Friday and was released on bond shortly after-A phone number listed for Kieffer

was disconnected, and she didn't immediately respond to an e-mail from The Associated Press. She told the Dallas newspaper that she couldn't comment.

A Plano school district spokeswoman said Kieffer is on administrative

Defense: Family dog could've mutilated Texas baby HOUSTON (AP) —Prosecutors told

jurors Monday that a Texas woman accused of cutting off her infant son's genitals two years ago was a drug abuser who showed no remorse or concern for her child as he was on the Katherine Nadal's defense attor-

neys, however, said an expert will back up the 28-year-old woman's claim it could have been the family dog, a 6-to-7 pound dachshund, that mutilated her son in their suburban Houston apartment in March 2007.

Nadal is on trial on a charge of injury to a child, a first-degree felony. She faces up to life in prison if convicted of attacking her then-5-week-old son,

During opening statements, prosecutor Denise Oncken told the jury that the night before Holden was attacked, Nadal indicated she was going shopping with a friend but actually "went to a dope house" with her son and got high.

Camden Gothia, Holden's father, testified that when Nadal came back, she was "not sober." Nadal, who authorities say has a history of drug abuse and has prior drug arrests, later tested positive for cocaine, methadone and another drug.

Nadal was still high the day Holden was mutilated, when she claimed the family dog, Shorty, attacked the infant in her bedroom as they slept.

- 1. False. A slap is a form of assault. Texas law specifies that assault of another person, including one's spouse, is illegal.
- 2. False. Battering (the same as assault) means causing bodily injury. Under Texas law, that includes causing pain. There does not have to be any visible injury at all. **3. False.** Many people who are violent toward family members never drink
- or use drugs. Others drink or use drugs but never batter. So we cannot say that alcohol or drugs cause family violence. However, about 60% of family violence cases also *involve* substance abuse; and when both are occurring, both are harder to stop. **4. True.** Children learn from their experiences-including violence. It is
- more likely that an adult man who was abused as a child or saw his mother being battered will abuse his wife or girlfriend. **5. False.** Of all the abused adults with visible injuries, 95% are women.
- While it's true that some women do hit men, it's the other way around in most cases. **6. False.** Battering causes more injury to women than auto accident, street mugging, and rape combined. More that one-third of women seen
- in emergency rooms have been recently battered. **7. False.** Threats, harassment, and assaults often escalate just after a battered women leaves her abuser. Leaving can be the most dangerous time in the relationship. That's why it's important for her to go to a safe,
- **8. False.** Texas law permits immediate arrest for suspected family violence, and many police departments now make such arrests. An average of 75% of urban police time and 35% of rural police time is spent responding to family violence.

secure place such as a battered women's shelter.

- **9. False.** Arrest and jail alone are not usually enough to make a batterer permanently stop being violent. Counseling is also necessary. However, arresting and jailing batterers is important because it temporarily stops their violence and lets them know that our society does not tolerate battering.
- **10. False.** One-half of American females experience family violence at some time in their lives; your daughter, sister, or neighbor could be next. That makes it your business. Family violence also touches your pocketbook. As a taxpayer, you are affected every time police answer a family violence as well are a provided to the policy answer as a family violence as well are a provided to the policy answer as a family violence as well are a family violence as well as a family violence as a family violence as well as a family violence as family violence call or a women visits an emergency room because of battering.

What You Can Do To STOP Family Violence

Call police *immediately* if you are aware of a battering in progress.

Support your local battered women's shelter through contributing

- Don't laugh at jokes that involve adults hitting each other. They're not funny anymore.
- or volunteering. Tell your local, state, and national elected officials that you support
- strong laws against family violence and you want those laws Stay informed by joining the **Texas Council on Family Violence**.
- Call our office for a membership application.

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them and they will tell you that they really would prefer to see you happy and that the misery you and your spouse are living with is affecting them!

Quit letting family members rope you into the drama; start telling them you don't want to hear it. Quit spreading the drama. Quit calling other relatives and

cousin or aunt. Go back to No. 5, minding your own business should be enough to keep you Quit trying to change

telling them about your

people! It doesn't work anyway. Quit cussing people

out when you know that they are just being the miserable and jealous people that they are.

Quit the job you hate. Start pursuing your passion, but find the job that fuels your passion before you quit.

Quit volunteering for things that you aren't getting any personal fulfillment from anv-

Quit volunteering for things and then failing to follow through with vour commitment!.

Quit listening to the naysayers.

Quit watching the depressing news if you are going to live in the doom and gloom of it

Quit making excuses about why you are where you are or why vou can't do what vou want to do.

Quit waiting on others to give you the answers and start finding the answers for yourself.

If what you are doing isn't working for you, then quit it.

Quit settling and start making your dreams a reality.

Quit being afraid and start living your life. Create the life you want. If you want something different than what you have had in the past, you must quit doing what you have done before and do something different.

Just quit it and start doing something to create the experience you Now, through the hu-

mor, all this does make sense doesn't it?

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News in brief

TV says Taiwan helicopter with 6 aboard crashes during typhoon rescue mission

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwanese TV stations say a helicopter carrying five crew members and a nurse has crashed into a mountain while on a mission to rescue villagers whose homes were destroyed by a powerful typhoon.

The reports say the helicopter was spotted lying in a valley after crashing Tuesday.

They say the helicopter crashed while flying to Sandimen, a mountainous region in southern Pingtung county. Mudslides triggered by Typhoon Morakot inun-

dated several remote villages in southern Taiwan on Friday and Saturday.

Authorities say at least 41 people were confirmed dead and 60 were missing. Officials said another 100 residents may have been buried alive in Shiao Lin village.

Already insured? Obama pitching health plan to those worried about changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is switching his message on his overhaul of the nation's health care system, readying a fresh pitch designed for those who already have insurance.

The White House is retooling its message amid polling that shows Americans — especially those who already have coverage — skeptical of the Democratic proposals to expand coverage to millions. Instead, Obama will use a potentially boisterous town hall-style meeting in New Hampshire to highlight how his proposals would affect workers whose employers provide their health insurance.

The shift also is a potential blueprint for lawmakers' August recess. Critics of the president's plan have grabbed headlines by disrupting town hall meetings, and the White House expects that Tuesday's event may be bumpy.

Concerns over Obama's proposal are heating up meetings, chat rooms and radio shows, driving his poll numbers down and threatening the future of his top domestic priority. While Congress is in recess for the month of August, lawmakers are hearing from constituents worried about divisive issues such as the government's role in health care and the costs of an overhaul.

"There's a lot of fear out there," said Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, a New Hampshire Democrat.

Myanmar court convicts Aung San Suu Kyi; junta chief orders her to house arrest

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — A Myanmar court found democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi guilty Tuesday of violating her house arrest by allowing an uninvited American to stay at her home. The head of the military-ruled country ordered her to serve an 18-month sentence under house arrest.

The 64-year-old Nobel Peace laureate has already

been in detention for 14 of the last 20 years, mostly under house arrest, and the extension will remove her from the political scene when the junta stages elections next year.

The sentence drew immediate criticism from around the world, with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown calling it "monstrous."

But the term was less severe than the maximum sentence she faced — five years in prison — and shorter than the one the court initially ordered Tuesday — three years with hard labor.

Five minutes after that sentence was read out, Home Minister Maj. Gen. Maung Oo entered the courtroom and read aloud a special order from junta chief Senior Gen. Than Shwe, cutting the sentence in half and saying it could be served at

Plane that collided with helicopter flew fateful route down N.Y.'s Hudson River

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP) — It was easy banter about which route the pilot of a Piper airplane would take through the busy airspace over New York's Hudson River. The air traffic controller at Teterboro Airport gave him two choices: Head down the river, or take a southwest tack.

The pilot chose the river route, and shortly afterward the small aircraft carrying three family members clipped a sightseeing helicopter carrying a pilot and five Italian tourists. Both aircraft plunged into the river. Nine people died.

On Tuesday, divers are expected to go back into the challenging waters of the Hudson to search for the ninth body. Seven victims have been removed from the murky water, and divers found the eighth on Monday when they located the wreckage of the Piper. They were unable to remove the body and late Monday afternoon called off the effort until morning. Police were consulting with the U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers about trying to pull the plane to the surface of the river, which is less than three-quarters of a mile wide at the crash site between New York and New Jersey. The wrecked helicopter was raised from the river Sunday.

Air traffic control transcripts described Monday indicate a worry-free exchange between controllers at Teterboro, in New Jersey, and Steven Altman, who was told he could pick his flight path toward Ocean City, where he was flying after picking up his brother Daniel Altman and teenage nephew Douglas Altman.

Strong earthquakes hit Indian Ocean and Japan, killing 1 and injuring dozens

TOKYO (AP) — Two powerful earthquakes struck Asia early Tuesday, killing one and injuring dozens in coastal Japan and sending panicked residents into the streets as tsunami warnings were issued

for countries skirting the Indian Ocean that were devastated by a deadly 2004 quake and tsunami.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the first quake, registering magnitude 7.6, hit the Indian Ocean about 160 miles (257 kilometers) north of Port Blair in India's Andaman Islands. A tsunami watch was called for India, Myanmar, Indonesia, Thailand and Bangladesh, but was later lifted.

T. Ramakrishnan, a police official in Port Blair, said there were no injuries or damage caused by

Clinton demands action against sexual violence in eastern Congo

GOMA, Congo (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday was demanding an end to rampant sexual violence that has engulfed war-ravaged eastern Congo. Clinton was carrying that message to govern-

ment officials and U.N. peacekeepers in the eastern city of Goma, which has become the epicenter of an epidemic of gang rapes and other sexual crimes amid continuing fighting between the army and rebel groups. The United Nations has recorded at least 200,000

cases of sexual violence against women and girls in the region since conflict erupted in 1996, something Clinton deplored as "one of mankind's greatest atrocities" before she arrived.

The figures, Clinton told a group university students in the Congolese capital of Kinshasa on Monday, are "astonishing and horrible." She urged the youth of Congo to mount nationwide protests against such abuses and said she would push the government hard on the issue.

Volunteers in 8 U.S. cities begin testing new swine flu vaccine

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Hundreds of Americans in eight cities are lining up for experimental swine flu shots in a race to get a vaccine out in case the new flu virus regains strength this fall and win-

Sharon Frey, who is leading the governmentfunded testing at Saint Louis University, said scientists have been working late nights and weekends to organize the studies and recruit volun-

"Typically it takes a year to do this," said Frey, an infectious diseases expert. "I can tell you we're working at breakneck speed."

About 2,800 people will participate in the government-led studies. Saint Louis University will test 200 adults and 200 children. Also under way are separate studies by five flu vaccine manufacturers under contract with the government.

Health officials expect to have about 160 million doses available this fall, with the first batch sometime in September. The studies will test the safety and effectiveness of vaccines developed by drug makers and help determine dosage.

Clinton in Africa, urging African oil producers to rule wisely and spread the oil wealth

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria and Angola are Africa's top two oil producers, yet most of their people live in wretched poverty, often in shanties dwarfed by fire-belching derricks.

Corruption has long kept oil revenues from making life better for ordinary people in the two countries, and the growing anger, which swells the ranks of militant groups, creates instability that threatens the world's fuel supply. This week it is drawing the attention of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as she travels across the

Her visits to Angola and Nigeria underscore the increasing importance the U.S. attaches to African oil as it seeks to reduce its need for Mideast oil. Clinton on Monday was wrapping up a two-day visit to Angola.



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