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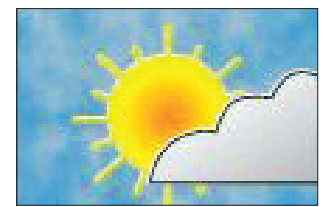
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Bagging trash, fighting drugs

Local pastor raises funds to educate youth about drugs

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

There are countless ways to support drug education. Kenneth McIntosh did so by picking up trash — lots of trash. McIntosh, pastor at First Christian Church, combined civic beautification with support for education to raise \$2,500 for Goliad Intermediate School.

The pastor said he came up with his unique idea for supporting drug education when he learned of the death of Big Spring Police Department's DARE anti-drug education effort. "I was concerned when I learned that the

"I believe drug education is a community responsibility. If we are ever going to be a drug-free community, we'll have to do it through education."

—Ken McIntosh



Kenneth McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church, holds an over-sized check representing the \$2,500 he donated to Goliad Intermediate School for use in its drug education program. McIntosh made the presentation during a meeting with Principal Tim Tannehill and campus teachers Thursday.

War on terror victims won't be forgotten

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 News Editor

Remember. Remembering those whose lives were lost in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and those who have died in the war on terror since that date are the purpose behind Memorial at the Mall, an annual event set, not surprisingly, for Sept. 11 here.

"We need as many people as possible supporting the families of those who have been lost," said Mike Tarpley, DAV junior vice commander. Tarpley built the

What: 9/11 Memorial at the Mall.
Where: Big Spring Mall.
When: 6:30 p.m., Sept. 11.

memorial on a wall in the mall four years ago to honor those who died in the 9-11 attacks, including police and firefighters, and those in the Crossroads area who have died in the war on terror. The ceremony, which specifically recognizes eight individuals from the Crossroads area who died in the



HERALD file photo Mike Tarpley plays taps during a 9/11 memorial service at the mall. This year's event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

war-torn Middle East since 9-11, will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. Those men memorialized on the wall are Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, U.S. Army; Steven Evrad, Big Spring Police Department; Pfc. Clayton Henson, U.S. Army, Pfc. Kristian Menchaca; Pfc. Chad

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JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

Trustees to cut \$500,000 from 2010-11 budget

Howard College board will convene at 12:30 p.m. Monday.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees are expected to formally approve the district's budget and tax rate for the 2010-2011 fiscal year when they meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.

A 5 percent cut in expendi-

tures mandated by state leaders have forced college officials to lop off \$400,000 from Howard College expenditures and \$114,000 from the South-West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf operating budget, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. State leaders are reducing expenditures of all state agencies by 5 percent to help Texas weather the current economic downturn.

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Resolutions mark county agenda for Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A number of routine items make up the agenda for Howard County commissioners

Monday morning, including resolutions of support for a pair of possible grants. The court is expected to consider approval of a resolution supporting efforts to obtain a state grant to help improve the water lines in the Sand Springs area, according to County Judge Mark Barr. "The application comes from the Water Control Improvement District, which has applied for this same

grant in past years, but been unable to get it," Barr said. It's hard to say if they will be able to get it this time around. However, they need the county's OK to be able to apply for it, and that's what I expect we'll be giving them Monday." Commissioners are also expected to consider a resolution of support for the Big Spring Senior Center, which is also trying to take advan-



Barr

tage of grant money for its meals on wheels program. "The grant would basically give them approximately 25 cents per delivered meal," Barr said. "We will be meeting with the center's director, Nancy Jones, to offer our support in trying to get the grant." Also Monday, the commis-

sioners court will meet with Sheriff Stan Parker to consider renewal of the civil fee contract. "This is simply the list of fees the sheriff has to use any time we have an auction," Barr said. "The list is about two pages long, so there are a lot of individual fees involved. However, there aren't any major changes to them"

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Conditioning key for Steers

Coaches hope players get in better shape

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Staying in shape may be a magnified issue for the Big Spring Steers this year.

With so many players playing both offense and defense, Big Spring football head coach Phillip Ritchey found out it may take some time for his players to get in top-notch shape and handle being on the field for most of the game.

"It takes a while," Ritchey said following the Steers' scrimmage against Lubbock Estacado. "You can condition and practice all you want to, but it's not the same as it is in a game. The intensity's different. Over time they'll work their way into game shape."

It's possible a scrimmage against Estacado will test a player's conditioning. Ritchey said Estacado was a fast team with a lot of experience on its side.

Offensively, Ritchey said the Steers drove the ball down the field against Estacado, but failed to execute inside the 25-yard line. However, he said this aspect of the game should get better with experience.

It was defensively where Ritchey said there were a lot of missed opportunities, and that might be attributed to not being in game-shape.

"We had some guys there to make some plays that we didn't make and allowed them to have some big plays against us," he said. "They scored two times. One of them was on 3rd and 9, where we had the guy. Shouldn't have been a yard gained and he broke some tackles made it to score a touchdown. Those kinds of things will beat you."

Special teams also was a focus in Friday's scrimmage. Ritchey said Jake Rhoton, who plays at receiver and safety was impressive at deep snapper and Dennis Merworth punted the ball well.

With a lot of focus on the passing game after the scrimmage against Andrews, Ritchey said it improved against Estacado. He said there were still some missed opportunities, but it had improved. In the previous scrimmage against Andrews, the Steers easily had big gains through their tailbacks and a speedy quarterback,



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

The Big Spring Steers huddle after practice during two-a-days. Head Coach Phillip Ritchey hopes his two-way players get in better shape in order to handle staying on the field for most of the game this season.

but had trouble making catches and completing passes.

With all the scrimmaging over and the season opener against Fort Stockton on Friday looming, Ritchey said facing Andrews and Estacado will help his team.

He said he had the chance to watch Fort

Stockton scrimmage and the Steers will see a lot of option and little passing in the season opener.

Andrews and Estacado are not the exact same type of team Fort Stockton is, but both team ran the ball a lot and Ritchey believes it will prepare his team for the season opener.

But for the first few games of the season, getting used to the speed of the game at this level will be key.

Ritchey said there were a handful of two-way players last season, but those players had a few years to get used to it.

"We've just got a lot of new guys that are hav-

ing to play both ways at the varsity level for the first time," he said. "It's just going to take some time to get in game shape, where they can give it everything they've got every play."

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237.



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Coahoma football head coach Trey Gardner looks on as his players run drills. The Bulldogs open the season at Midland Greenwood on Thursday.

Bulldogs shift focus with opener looming

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Now that all the scrimmaging is over, Coahoma football head coach Trey Gardner is ready for the first of what he calls the three seasons.

"Most of the guys I've worked for pretty much saw it as there are three seasons," he said. "You've got your preseason, you've got your district and you've got your playoffs."

It's the preseason where Gardner hopes his team will

make the most strides.

The Bulldogs scored twice on Clyde during their scrimmage Thursday, allowing four scores in return. Gardner said it was good test, considering Clyde's size and the defensive sets the Bulldogs' saw. Clyde spent the scrimmage in a 3-3 stack.

Gardner said the Bulldogs didn't have his starters on the field Thursday. He held out two offensive line-

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Wilson leads Rangers past Baltimore Orioles for 2-0 victory

BALTIMORE (AP) — C.J. Wilson had his way with the Baltimore Orioles in a commanding performance that included a career-high 12 strikeouts.

Unfortunately, the left-hander had no control over Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington.

Wilson came within an out of his third career complete game, allowing only three hits in a 2-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Friday night that ended Texas' four-game losing streak.

Wilson (12-5) retired 16 straight batters until Brian Roberts led off the ninth with

a double. Before that, the only two Baltimore hits were by Julio Lugo — a first-inning single and a double in the third.

After Roberts' double, Wilson struck out Lugo and retired Felix Pie on a ground-out. Then Washington emerged from the dugout,

and Wilson decided he wasn't going to merely flip the ball to the manager and walk off the mound.

"He knows I hate getting pulled. He was like, 'Don't even think about it right now,'" Wilson said. "I just looked at him. He's like, 'Don't even look at me like

that."

Washington, naturally, got his way. Neftali Feliz entered and retired pinch-hitter Luke Scott on a foul pop up for his 30th save, the first for Texas in August.

Mitch Moreland homered

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Ragball tournament

There will be a Ragball tournament Aug. 28 and 29 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Cost is \$10 per person, with a six-game guarantee.

All proceeds will go toward medical costs for Debbie Hicks, who is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant. Register at the complex between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Aug. 28 and games start at 10 a.m. that day.

For more information, call Rodney Jones at 213-3750 or James Statham at 213-7669.

Junior High volleyball tryouts

There will be volleyball tryouts for the Big Spring Junior High School team after school from 3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 23.

Contact coach Andy Couch at 682-225-2415 for more information.

CYFA Football sign-ups

Remaining sign-ups for this league will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The last day to sign up is Aug. 29.

Flag football league

The West Texas NFL Flag Football League is holding sign-ups from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Aug. 21 and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Aug. 28.

The location for Aug. 21 is Little Learners Christian Daycare at 105 Spring Creek Road in Sand Springs and on Aug. 28 at the Coahoma Community Center. Ages are from 9 to 11 and this is a co-ed league. Cost per player is \$40 and discounts are given for multiple children families. This covers an NFL jersey, flags and there is no fundraiser.

Call Adam at 213-7186 or Leslie at 213-7157 for more information.

Railroaders Golf Tournament

This tournament takes place Aug. 28 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Prizes go to the first-place team, longest drive for man and woman and closest to the pin for man and woman. Each player has a \$10 fee to play that will go to the BLET Auxiliary. The organization is also accepting donations. Call Sandy Shifflett at 816-1606 for more information.

Flying high again



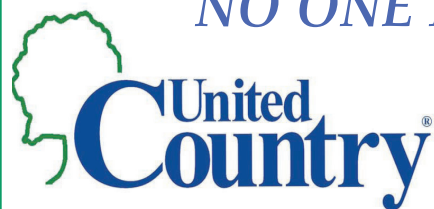
For the 10th year in a row, competitors from all over the nation — and the world — took to the skies above Big Spring for the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. According to competition coordinators, weather conditions for the annual championship were outstanding, allowing many of the pilots taking part in the event to reach their goals and complete their tasks. Described as a "yacht race in the sky," the pilots are given a set of coordinates they must fly to in order to complete the tasks assigned for each day of flying. The competition wrapped up Saturday evening. The U.S. competition is expected to return to the Crossroads area in 2011, according to coordinator David Glover.



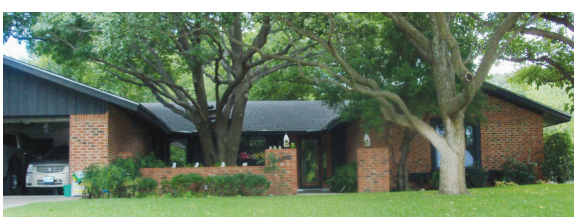
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Obituaries

Rosetta Louise Boykin

Rosetta Louise Boykin, 95 years of age, of Big Spring, died Aug. 20, 2010 at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born on March 12, 1915, to R.C. and Mae Hale of Carrollton in Dallas County. Louise was the middle child of seven children, with four brothers and two sisters, and she was predeceased by all of her siblings and her parents. She grew up in the then-farming community of Carrollton, where she worked in the cotton patch and helped her parents with chores including churning butter, collecting eggs from chickens, milking cows and sewing.

Following high school graduation, she attended nursing school and was awarded a registered nursing degree in May 1937 from St Paul's Hospital School of Nursing of Dallas. Her first employment was there as a nurse.

In October 1937, Louise moved to Big Spring, where she began working at the Bivings Hospital for Dr. P.W. Malone and Dr. J.E. Hogan. This hospital soon became Malone & Hogan Hospital and Clinic.

Mrs. Boykin was co-owner of R.H. Boykin Oil Company. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring and long-time member of the Couples Class and former Sunday School teacher. Her community service included serving as member of the 1938 Hyperion Club (past president in 1948); charter member of the Pink Ladies at Malone & Hogan Hospital; charter member of Big Spring Gardening Club; member of Child Study Club; and serving as adult leader/nurse at summer Girl Scout Camp in Abilene for several years. Over her adult years, she enjoyed, with her husband and friends, playing bridge, golfing, bowling, sewing and fishing. Her special passions were family get-togethers, gardening and cooking for her family and friends. She was a peach cobbler and homemade peach ice cream gourmet!

Louise met Ross H. Boykin on Jan. 1, 1938, on a blind date. They married Aug. 29, 1938, and remained married for 64 years until his death on Sept 2, 2002.

She is survived by four descendant generations, including two daughters and sons-in-law, Annette and David Hodnett, and Betty and Ronnie Wales, all of Big Spring; her grandchildren and their spouses, Angela and Conrad Solis of Dripping Springs, Russell and Tonja Hodnett of Big Spring, Stacey and Jim Kushaney of Hurst, Valerie Johnson of Pineville, La., and Craig Hodnett (now deceased); her great-grandchildren, Teran and Kenny Hagerich of New Kensington, Penn., Brittany Hodnett and Jace Nix of Hurst, Liana and Miranda Solis of Dripping Springs, Eric Kushaney of the U.S. Navy stationed in Groton, Conn. and Daniel Kushaney of Nacogdoches; and great-great-grandchildren, Macy and Kenny Hagerich of New Kensington.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th, Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Freda Blythe

Freda A. Blythe, 39, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2010 at the Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- DENNIS DEAN BOLT, 57, 417 Edwards, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRUCE ERVIN ESSIX, 44, Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- JOE WILLIAM PETTY, 45, 2011 Johnson, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ROD LEE PUGA, 48, 1409 Settles, was arrested on an other-agency warrant.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1200 block of E. 18th, the 1400 block of Stadium and the 2700 block of Ann.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, the 400 block of Fourth and the 2600 block of Gregg.

Take Note

• The local division of the Disabled American Veterans will be holding a 9-11 memorial service at the Big Spring Mall at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony is being held in honor of the of the Americans who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and the local men and women who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces since that tragic day. There memorial will be held just west of the Sears inside the mall, near the memorial wall. For more information on the memorial ceremony, contact Mike Tarpley at (432) 556-2227.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help.

A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 04-13-20-29-48, Mega Ball: 36.






The winning numbers in Friday evening's Cash 5 drawing were: 10-18-23-33-36.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-6-6. Sum It Up: 26.

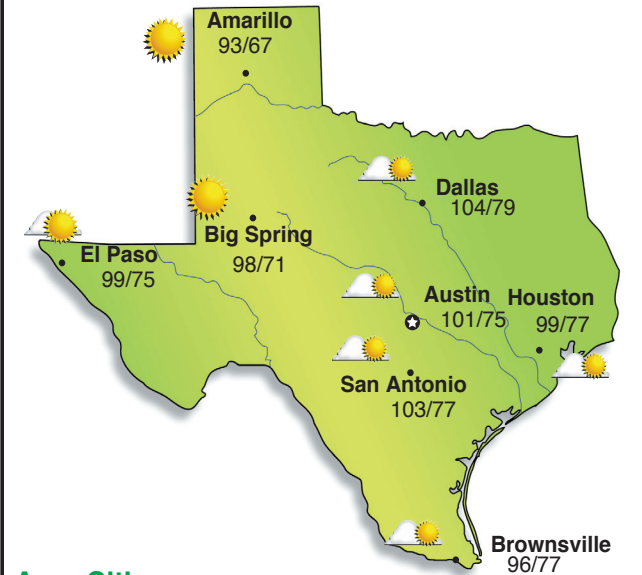
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-4-9. Sum It Up: 19.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 8/22	Mon 8/23	Tue 8/24	Wed 8/25	Thu 8/26
 98/71 Mainly sunny. Hot. High 98F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	 99/71 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 97/69 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	 89/68 Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	 90/68 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
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Texas At A Glance



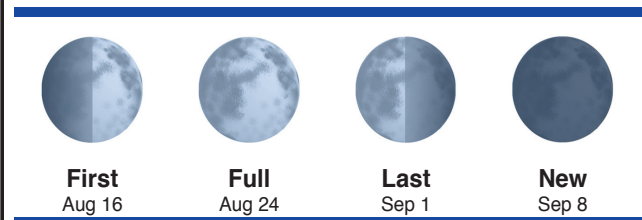
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Amarillo	93	67	sunny	Livingston	100	73	t-storm
Austin	101	75	pt sunny	Longview	99	77	t-storm
Beaumont	97	77	t-storm	Lubbock	95	70	sunny
Brownsville	96	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	100	75	t-storm
Brownwood	103	75	mst sunny	Midland	100	74	sunny
Corpus Christi	97	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	100	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	101	76	mst sunny	Rosenberg	99	76	pt sunny
Dallas	104	79	pt sunny	San Antonio	103	77	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	77	mst sunny	San Marcos	101	75	pt sunny
El Paso	99	75	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	103	77	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	97	70	sunny	Sweetwater	99	73	mst sunny
Gainesville	103	75	mst sunny	Tyler	99	75	t-storm
Greenville	102	75	mst sunny	Weatherford	104	76	mst sunny
Houston	99	77	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	103	72	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	73	t-storm	Minneapolis	89	68	sunny
Boston	76	66	rain	New York	80	74	t-storm
Chicago	83	64	sunny	Phoenix	101	84	pt sunny
Dallas	104	79	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	58	pt sunny
Denver	94	67	mst sunny	Seattle	60	51	rain
Houston	99	77	pt sunny	St. Louis	91	66	sunny
Los Angeles	83	64	sunny	Washington, DC	85	72	t-storm
Miami	89	79	t-storm				

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Tide starts where it finished: No. 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Alabama will start this season where it ended last season.

The Crimson Tide is on top.

Coach Nick Saban has the Tide rolling the way Bear Bryant did in his day, first in The Associated Press preseason poll for the first time since 1978.

Alabama received 54 of 60 first-place votes from the media panel and 1,491 points to easily outdistance second-ranked Ohio State in the Top 25 released Saturday.

The Buckeyes, who have been ranked no lower than 11th in the last eight preseason polls, received three first-place votes.

Boise State is third, its best preseason ranking, following another undefeated season. Underdogs no more, the Broncos even received one first-place vote.

Florida, Alabama's Southeastern Conference rival, is fourth. Fifth-ranked Texas received a first-place vote.

The rest of the top 10 has TCU sixth, followed

by Oklahoma, which received a first-place vote, Nebraska, Iowa and Virginia Tech.

The 10th-ranked Hokies face Boise State at FedEx Field, home of the Washington Redskins, on Labor Day night in the season's first huge game.

As for Alabama, Bryant was coach the last time the Crimson Tide was the AP's preseason No. 1. The Tide started and finished that 1978 season on top of the rankings, the first of two straight national championships for Alabama. The only other time Alabama was preseason No. 1 was 1966, when Bear's boys were coming off back-to-back national championships.

Saban's Tide, led by Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram, will try to make Alabama the first program to win back-to-back AP titles three times. Oklahoma and Nebraska also have done it twice.

But please don't call Alabama the defending champion — at least not in front of its coach.

"What was accom-



AP File Photo

Mark Ingram hopes to lead Alabama to another national championship. His team is No. 1 in the polls.

plished by last year's team has nothing to do with this year's team. The players have to

understand that," said Saban, who in three seasons has fully restored Alabama's status as an

elite program. "This team has to develop an image, an identity of its own by its performance.

What was accomplished last year is just a standard for somebody else to top.

BULLDOGS

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men and the starting middle linebacker because of minor injuries.

As far as the team is concerned, Gardner said the scrimmage showed there are a few mental errors his team has to overcome in order to

be successful.

With that said, focus shifts to Midland Greenwood, the Bulldogs' opponent for the season opener Sept. 3.

It's the first of what Gardner believes is a stacked non-district schedule. Comanche at home and Wink and Crane on the road.

"We'll try to gameplan a few things for Greenwood, but a large degree of the preseason

for us is really more about getting ready for district," Gardner said. "Obviously we want to go win a football game. But our major goal is to make sure we're improving and we're ready when district roll around."

Having that approach may be key to the Bulldogs' success this season, nestled in a district that includes powerhouse Idalou and a solid Post

team.

But Gardner said his players wouldn't have it any other way.

During a meeting with the team Friday, Gardner said he had the chance to talk with his team about the challenges this upcoming season presents.

"We watched some film (Friday morning) with the kids, talked a little bit about

that," he said. "It's not really any fun to go beat up on little kids. Our pre-district is going to be a tough schedule, but it's a lot more fun to get out there and find a way to knock off somebody that maybe you're picked to lose to than it is to go beat somebody 100 to nothing. It's not very good."

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Jessica Elaine Brady and Robert Craig Collins

Brady-Collins

Richard and Rebecca Wert of Houston announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jessica Elaine Brady, to Robert Craig Collins, the son of Ron and Cathy Collins of Fort Worth.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Shirley Brady of Houston.

The prospective groom is the grandson of ArLyn and D'Ann Roberts of Vernal, Utah, and the late Natalie Roberts of Big Spring and the late Floyd and Ina Mae Newsom of Big Spring.

The couple will exchange vows Dec. 18, 2010, at the home of the groom's parents in Fort Worth.



Ray Valencia III and Katie Strain

Strain-Valencia

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Strain of Big Spring are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Katie Strain, to Ray Valencia III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valencia Jr. of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mollie Padgett of West Union, W.V., and her late husband, Sherman "Butch" Padgett, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lon A. Strain Jr. of Big Spring.

Katie received her associate of arts degree from Howard College in 2007. She graduated cum laude with her bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 2009. She currently resides in Midland where she is employed by Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valencia Sr. of Big Spring and Linda Paredes and the late Alfredo Paredes Sr. of Big Spring.

Ray received his associate of science degree from Howard College in 2007. He currently resides in Midland where he is employed by ATMOS Energy.

The couple plan to wed Oct. 30 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring.

Who's Who

Michael E. Hutchison received his doctorate degree in sport management from Texas A&M University on Aug. 13. He will now be taking a professor's position at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

He is married to Crystal Wingert Hutchison, formerly of Big Spring. He is the son of Bob and Kathy Hutchison of Spring and the son-in-law of Chris and Karen Wingert of Big Spring.



Births

Brianna Nycole Partlow, a girl, was born at 2:39 p.m. Aug. 3, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Rebecca Rawls and David Partlow of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Gary and Laura Rawls of Big Spring and John and Christi Wilhelm of Snyder.



Isaiah Newton Daniel

Isaiah Newton Daniel, a boy, was born at 5:02 a.m. July 23, 2010, at University Hospital in Augusta, Ga., weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. He is the son of J.D. and Nikki Daniel of Augusta, Ga.

Grandparents are Corby and Barbara Tatom of Collinsville, Okla., and Jim and Kay Daniel of Augusta, Ga. Great-grandparents are Johnnie Tatom and Donna Reyna, both of Big Spring.

He was welcomed home by older brother Noah Spurgeon Daniel, who is 20 months old.

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Big Spring Area Retired Teachers meet

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association met Aug. 16 in

the Howard College Cactus Room. Ruth Nanny, a volunteer with the Big Spring State Hospital, gave a very informative and interesting program. She gave a brief history of the hospital's volunteer services and the Chalet. She said the

Chalet furnishes clothing for the clients of the hospital that need them. It also sells clothing, knick knacks and books at very reasonable prices. These proceeds go to help the patients at the hospital.

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Retired Teachers Association is for all retired school personnel who are eligible for the Texas Teacher Retirement System.

Their next meeting will be Sept. 27 in Howard College's Cactus Room.



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News in brief

After years of delays, Iran begins fueling first nuclear reactor with Russian help

BUSHEHR, Iran (AP) — Iranian and Russian engineers began loading fuel Saturday into Iran's first nuclear power plant, which Moscow has promised to safeguard to prevent material at the site from being used in any potential weapons production.

After years of delays, the fueling of the Bushehr plant in southern Iran marks the startup of a facility for energy production that the U.S. once hoped to block as a way to pressure the country to stop separate nuclear activities of far greater concern.

There have not been strong objections to the Bushehr plant itself as there have been with Iran's separate efforts at other sites to accelerate uranium enrichment — a process that makes the fuel for power plants but which can also be used in weapons production.

Even as Iran's nuclear chief said the plant demonstrated the country has only peaceful aims, he celebrated it as a defiant "symbol of Iranian resistance and patience" in the face of Western pressure.

Washington and other nations do not oppose Iran's stated aim of producing nuclear energy, but are concerned that if Iran masters the enrichment cycle it would have a pathway to weapons production.

Haiti's electoral council: Wyclef Jean cannot run for president

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's elec-

toral commission said Friday that hip hop artist Wyclef Jean cannot run for president of this Caribbean nation, ending his outsider's bid to lead a country struggling to recover from the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Jean, who faced a challenge to his candidacy in the Nov. 28 elections because he has not lived in Haiti for the past five years as required, issued a statement urging his supporters to remain calm and respond "peacefully and responsibly to the disappointment."

More than 23,000 workers affected by Gulf drilling ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deepwater drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico costs at least 23,000 jobs, according to a federal document that weighed the economic impact and alternatives to the drilling ban.

A six-month suspension would directly put 9,450 people out of work and indirectly affect nearly 14,000 other jobs, according to a memo from Michael Bromwich, the nation's top drilling regulator. The July 10 memo to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar outlined several options regarding the suspension of offshore drilling.

Salazar issued a moratorium in June, but it was struck down by a federal judge in New Orleans after oil and gas drilling interests said it wasn't justified following the Gulf oil spill.

The Obama administration issued a new moratorium July 13 — three days after the memo — that stressed new evidence of safety concerns. The White House hopes the revised ban will pass muster with the courts.

TRASH

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police department was not going to be doing any sort of drug education in the schools," McIntosh said. "But I believe this is a community that cares ... so I thought it would be fairly easy to get some support going for another program."

That the the inspiration for "Trash Drugs." McIntosh decided to raise money for Goliad's drug education efforts by collecting donations by picking up trash around Big Spring. After three days of effort this past spring, he collected 72 bags of trash — and \$2,500 in donations.

"There was a variety of people and organizations in the community that helped me. It wasn't just my effort," McIntosh said. "There were a lot of people behind the scenes on this effort."

During a meeting with Goliad Principal Tim Tannehill and campus teachers Thursday, McIntosh said there were "no strings attached" to how the school uses the money.

"You are the experts. You know what needs to be done," he told the teachers. "I really wouldn't know where to begin."

As a parent, McIntosh said he realizes the importance of drug education.

"I believe drug education is a community responsibility," he said. "If we are ever going to be a drug-free community, we'll have to do it through education."

McIntosh will be back to "trashing drugs" next year — and he hopes to bring company.

"I'd like to make it a team competition next year," McIntosh said, outlining his plan for pitting a team of three civic leaders against three church pastors. "If I can raise \$2,500, surely six people can raise \$5,000."

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COLLEGE

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The biggest impact of the reduction locally is the elimination of some positions and a hiring freeze in other areas, although no staff will be laid off, Sparks said.

"In order to make this thing work, we've reduced operating costs wherever we could," she said earlier this month. "We've deleted some open positions and kept other open positions but frozen them until we can fund them again."

Sparks estimated that Howard's Big Spring

campus will lose up to five positions (mostly in maintenance and administrative areas) while SWCID will lose four positions (two in faculty, one each in maintenance and administrative). Those losses, however, will not effect the number of courses offered at either institution, she said.

The good news for both students and taxpayers is that the college is not planning an increase in either tuition and fees or in the tax levy. Sparks said the proposed budget is fueled by a tax rate of 28.56 cents per \$100 valuation, which

is almost 4 cents lower than the 2009-2010 rate but will collect the same amount of revenue as last year.

Under the new tax rate, an owner of a median-priced home within the district will pay \$12.34 less in taxes during the coming fiscal year, Sparks noted.

An anticipated enrollment increase also will help the college offset the state-mandated belt-tightening.

"What's really helping us with the budget is the fact that we've seen consistent enrollment increases," she said. "With the anticipated

enrollment increase and the resulting increase in revenue from tuition and fees, we should be able to weather the decrease in state revenue."

In other business Monday, trustees will:

- Hear a report on renovations across the Big Spring campus. The biggest news in that area, Sparks said, is that upgrades at the men's and women's dormitories are now complete and the buildings are ready for occupancy.

Sparks lauded the work done by crews from RBR Construction in Weatherford, who

completed the renovations in less than three months.

"They did a great job of making that deadline and completing the project as planned," she said.

Other major renovation projects include the administration building (expected to be completed in six weeks), the science building (scheduled for completion in March) and the practical arts building (work on the nine-month project should begin in September).

- Consider the college's quality enhancement plan update and

catalog and handbook changes.

- Approve construction project bids.
- Consider board education and development topics.

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Metcalfe, U.S. Marine Corp; Staff Sgt. Clinton Newman; U.S. Army,

Spc. Robert J. Volker, U.S. Army; and Spc. Braden Long, U.S. Army.

Guest speaker for the service will be retired Army Col. Roy Dixon, who served in Vietnam

and Desert Storm.

The event is sponsored by DAV Chapter 47 and the Big Spring Mall.

Tarpley said he realizes people have their day to day plans, but hopes

they'll take time out to attend the ceremony.

"Every year I think this will be the last year but when the families come to me and hug my neck and say 'thanks

for keeping our son's memory alive,' I know we have to keep going," he said.

For more information, contact Tarpley at (432) 556-2227.

COUNTY

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compared to the last time we approved the fee contract."

Also during the meeting, officials are expected to present a plaque to local resident Jan Hansen for her work with the 2010 Census.

County Auditor Jackie Olson is to discuss invoices, purchase re-

quests and budgetary planning for the coming year. Treasurer Teresa Thomas is to discuss personnel considerations, while Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will discuss any pipeline crossings and concerns involving county road maintenance.

County Clerk Donna Wright will deliver her department's monthly report as well.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's office at 264-2202.

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Astros cruise past Marlins 9-0

MIAMI (AP) — Anibal Sanchez needed none of the run support he got. Not after his first RBI in nearly four years. Nevertheless, he had no shortage of it while pitching seven scoreless innings. Cody Ross and Hector Luna hit back-to-back homers to power the Florida Marlins to a 9-0 win over the Houston Astros on Friday night.

"The team helped me a lot, they made a lot of plays, and scored a lot of runs," Sanchez said.

Sanchez (10-8) allowed three hits and one walk while striking out five. He is 3-2 with a

2.00 ERA in seven starts after the All-Star break

"Anibal Sanchez had another outstanding outing, that's pretty much what he's been doing the last five or six outings," Marlins manager Edwin Rodriguez said.

Dan Uggla and Emilio Bonifacio each drove in a pair of runs for the Marlins, who have won four straight.

Sanchez (10-8) allowed three hits and one walk while striking out five. He is 3-0 with a 0.70 ERA in four starts against the Astros.

J.A. Happ (3-2) retired 10 straight before a 37-minute

rain delay. He was charged with three runs in six innings and struck out six.

"Happ battled all the way through," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "After the delay he felt fine and with the delay we didn't have any problem with him at all. He said he was fine."

The Marlins led 3-0 in the seventh before Sanchez delivered a run-scoring single.

It was his first RBI in 103 at-bats since Sept. 11, 2006 against the New York Mets.

"I was just trying to make contact, I wasn't trying to do anything else," Sanchez said.

The Marlins followed with three consecutive run-scoring hits as Ramirez and Bonifacio also had RBI singles followed by Gaby Sanchez's double that put Florida up 7-0.

"We were hitting the ball hard early in the game and then everything went our way after that sixth inning," Rodriguez said.

Ross and Luna homered in the eighth off Fernando Abad. It was the third time this season the Marlins have hit back-to-back homers.

Dan Uggla's two-run single in the sixth extended his hitting streak to a career-high 12

games.

"You hear all of these talks about MVP candidates and (Uggla) is not even mentioned, but I'm going to throw it out there," Ross said.

Notes: Marlins C Brett Hayes went 0 for 3 in place of Ronny Paulino, who was suspended 50 games Friday after he tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance under Major League Baseball's drug policy. ... Anibal Sanchez reached 10 wins for the first time since he went 10-3 as a rookie in 2006. ... Astros 1B Brett Wallace is hitless in 13 at-bats.

Kyle Busch makes it 2 for 2 at Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Kyle Busch moved one step closer to sweeping the weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway, winning the Nationwide Series race on Friday night after intentionally wrecking Brad Keselowski.

The boos rained down on Busch as he celebrated his 10th Nationwide victory of the season, and second since arriving at Bristol on Wednesday. He won the Truck Series

race, and will try to make it a clean sweep Saturday night in the Sprint Cup Series race.

Busch is the defending champion of the Cup race.

He had to work hard to get the Nationwide win, battling for at least a dozen laps with Keselowski for the lead. He finally made the pass with 31 to go, but as he slid in front of Keselowski, Busch didn't have him cleared and contact between the cars sent Busch

down the track and back to second.

He promptly drove back up to Keselowski's bumper and intentionally spun him. Keselowski, the Nationwide Series points leader, wound up 14th while Busch survived several late cautions to go to Victory Lane.

"I raced him, raced him, raced him, I don't know, 12-15 laps? I thought I had him cleared up the back and I

moved up in front of him and instead of him doing an (Dale) Earnhardt crossover, he decided to just run into the back of me and put me in the fence," Busch said.

"That's Brad Keselowski. So I went down into the next corner and I dumped him. He does it to everybody else, why can't I do it to him?"

The crowd showed its disapproval with strong booing toward Busch, who changed

his trademark victory bow for a mock wiping of his eyes like a crying baby.

And Keselowski earned a roar of approval when he vowed payback.

"He did a good job, almost cleared me and took it for granted that I would lift to let him in line and I didn't," Keselowski said. "That's his right. We're going to go to

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U.S. golf clubs in the rough as members start to drop away

MAMARONECK, N.Y. (AP) — A few weeds have popped up on the fairways, and summer's heat has scorched the grass here and there, but the golf course at the Hampshire Country Club is still tidy and scenic, its little waterfall

still burbling through the rocks.

Not that there's anyone around to notice. The Hampshire's 18-hole course on Long Island Sound, along with its tennis courts, pool and restaurant, is closed this year. Mem-

bers cited rising costs upwards of \$25,000 a year for a membership as the roster fell from several hundred at its peak to about 100.

"There was a lot of talk last year about the increasing costs, people not sure what they could

pay, the assessments always going up," said Barbara Mines, a member for 15 years who lives in a house on the Hampshire course. "I wasn't really surprised when it closed."

The same thing has happened in recent

years at hundreds of other courses nationwide — even in the golf meccas of Florida, Arizona and California — as the economic meltdown and changes in family dynamics combine to threaten club life. Whether it's

a \$45,000 initiation fee for a private club or a \$5 increase in the cost of a round at a public course, the price of a golf habit is giving some duffers pause.

"It's definitely con-

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Serena Williams pulls out of U.S. Open

(AP) — In 35 years of women's tennis rankings, never before has the No. 1 player missed the U.S. Open.

Serena Williams will be the first.

About 1½ weeks before the year's last Grand Slam tournament begins, the U.S. Open lost its female favorite and one of its leading characters when three-time champion Williams withdrew, saying she still is recovering from surgery to repair cuts on her right foot.

"It is with much frustration and deep sadness that I am having to pull out of the U.S. Open," Williams said in a statement released Friday by her publicist.

Williams, whose 13 major singles titles are the most among active women, said doctors advised her not to play so her foot can heal. She called missing the tournament "one of the most devastating moments of my career."

Last year, she lost in the U.S. Open semifinals after a tirade at a line judge over a foot-fault call, an outburst that drew a record fine.

The 28-year-old American reportedly was hurt by a broken glass

at a restaurant while she was in Munich last month — shortly after winning her fourth Wimbledon singles title on July 3, and before playing in an exhibition match against Kim Clijsters that drew a tennis-record crowd of 35,681 in Brussels on July 8.

Williams had surgery in Los Angeles on July 15. She already had pulled out of three hard-court tournaments she was scheduled to enter in preparation for the U.S. Open and also skipped playing World TeamTennis.

Williams' withdrawal also means she won't team with older sister Venus to defend the doubles title they won in New York last year. Venus, who hasn't competed on tour since Wimbledon because of a bothersome left knee, is expected to play singles at Flushing Meadows.

Andy Roddick, the 2003 U.S. Open champion, said Serena Williams' absence is a "fairly big-sized hit for the tournament."

"I haven't had a chance to talk to her about it, but I do know the U.S. Open is probably her favorite event, so obviously, if she's this far

out and is not going to play, it's got to be something pretty serious, which is unfortunate," Roddick said, "because there's no doubt about who the top draw card is in New York City as far as the women's side of the draw."

Williams is the only No. 1 woman to miss the U.S. Open since the rankings began in 1975, according to the U.S. Tennis Association.

Later Friday, No. 10 Jo Wilfried Tsonga and three-time U.S. Open quarterfinalist Tommy Haas withdrew from the tournament. Carlos Berlocq of Argentina and Dudi Sela of Israel replaced them in the main draw.

Williams has participated in the past 16 major tournaments; the last one she missed was Wimbledon in 2006.

She won her first Grand Slam singles championship at the 1999 U.S. Open, and also took home the trophy from New York in 2002 and 2008.

But in 2009, Williams lashed out at a lineswoman during her semifinal against eventual U.S. Open champion Clijsters. It was a profanity-laced event.

RANGERS

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and Josh Hamilton had two hits and an RBI for the Rangers, who ended a six-game road skid.

Wilson struck out every Baltimore starter at least once in surpassing his previous career high of 10.

"It's not about the strikeouts, it's more about keeping them contained," he said. "If every single dude hits a

groundball to the shortstop, we're probably going to get them all out, so it doesn't really matter."

Nick Markakis, the lone left-handed batter in the Baltimore lineup, fanned three times. After the third one, in which all three strikes were called, Markakis animatedly complained to home plate umpire Jeff Nelson and received his first career ejection.

"The first two at-bats ... he made good pitches." Markakis said.



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► Anniversary

Marco and Dolores Parker Westmoreland

Marco and Dolores Parker Westmoreland of Hillsboro will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 21, 2010, with their family.

They were married on Aug. 21, 1960, in Forsan. Marco graduated in May of 1964 from Texas Tech University and is a farmer and rancher. Dolores retired at the end of 2000 from the Veterans Administration Regional Office.

The couple have two children, Mark and Katie Westmoreland of Hillsboro, and Leigh and David Ussery of Liberty Hill; four grandchildren, Nick Acquaro, Adrian Ussery, Justin Ussery and Madison Westmoreland; and one great-grandchild, Dakota Ussery.



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Tuesday: Breakfast - Biscuits, chicken nuggets, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green peas, apricots, roll, margine, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit cup, milk. Lunch - Beef taco, corn, Spanish rice, border beans, lettuce and tomato salad, orange smiles, salsa, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Hot dog on bun, macaroni and cheese, fruit cocktail, Rice Krispies treat, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cherry frudel, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Barbecued beef, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, strawber-

ries, frush fruit, milk.

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Wednesday: Breakfast - Sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, rosie applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Hot dog, tater tots, Ranch Style Beans, sparkly apple, chocolate chip cake, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal variety, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruited gelatin, milk.

Can Orwell, Vonnegut, Austen lead you to love?

LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press Writer
 NEW YORK — Chin Ma is 25 and looking for love. He paddles regularly in the dating pools online, paying fees to navigate millions of profiles based on lengthy checklists and compatibility formulas.

So how'd he find his latest prospect? Through a book by Andy Warhol on Alikewise.com, a newcomer looking to connect people free of charge based on their favorite reads. It's a unique approach in a recession-hardy industry that has dozens of niche sites serving potheads to pet owners, millionaires to Mac lovers.

"Alikewise is more subject to your creativity than the larger sites," said Chin, a management consultant from Brooklyn. "There's more of that soft dynamic. You get to know people in a non-superficial way."

Hobbies and passions like reading are often included when online daters describe themselves or their dream mates. Site users can search and be searched by the books and book opinions they put up next to their profile pictures. There's also an option to respond to general open-ended conversation starters that include: "Two things I can't live without ..." and "The bravest thing I've done recently ..."

Other users can leave comments about your books, and the site sends notifications when somebody adds the same title or books in the same general interest area.

"There are plenty of niche dating sites, but they struck me as a bit too niche," said the co-founder, Matt Sherman. "They seem to orient themselves over one particular interest or type of person — athletics, religion. Our attitude is that books can be about anything. They're a means to an end to get the conversation going."

Sherman thought up the idea a couple of years ago after breaking up with his girlfriend, wondering if he'd ever find a woman who has read Nassim Nicholas Taleb's "The Black Swan" or F.A. Hayek's

66-year-old "The Road to Serfdom." The site went live in mid-July and has about 1,500 users, split about evenly between genders.

Among the most popular books posted? Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby." Among the most posted authors of the moment? Kurt Vonnegut and George Orwell. Stieg Larsson, Chuck Palahniuk and Jane Austen also pop up often.

The top subscription dating sites boast millions of users (Match counts 29 million), and the most popular free sites can have many thousands. Sherman


and fellow founder Matt Masina aren't looking to compete by that measure. Who's to say what your love match likes to read anyway? What does it really mean if they're paperback people, Kindle lovers or hardcover fanatics?

Emmaleth, a 26-year-old woman from Fresno, Calif., put up "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss: "Hello!!!! This man wrote the most poetic yet simple explanation of life! I LOVE this book and honestly I CRY sometimes when I read it. Yeah, enjoy knowing that."

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OUR VIEW

With our schools opening, please drive responsibly

With classes scheduled to start all over most of the Crossroads area tomorrow, it's definitely time for all of us to remember to drive safely in and around school zones.

Many of us have spent the summer driving past area schools not having to concern ourselves with those flashing lights and reduced speed limits imposed during school months.

But all that changes Monday and that's why school officials and local law enforcement agencies are advising motorists to take extra caution when driving these first few days of the school year.

In fact, Big Spring police officers will be patrolling local school zones in search of people breaking the law.

"Starting Monday we'll have more than 3,000 kids making their way to school. Most of these kids are going to be dropped off by parents or family members in or near the schools," noted Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "One of the things we have almost chronic problems with every year is traffic congestion in the school zones."

A new city ordinance passed last year creates a no parking zone on both the north and south side of Big Spring High School from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. — that's from Goliad Street to State Street on the north side of the school (10th Street) and from Austin to Owens on the south side (11th Place).

And don't forget there is a ban on all cell phone use while driving through school zones. Anyone caught in violation could face a fine of up to \$200.

Of course, we should all exercise caution whenever we're driving. And regardless of where we are during those times just before or after school hours, we should remember that many high school students will be driving or walking to school, and many younger students must walk to school as well.

Furthermore, we should all remember to obey the law and stop for school buses when they're loading and unloading students.

None of us is so busy, nor is there any emergency so important that we can afford to put the young people of our communities at risk by driving in an unsafe manner.

The bottom line, of course, is that none of us would want our own children endangered by a careless motorist.

We all need to remember that when we get behind the wheel.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we ask You, Lord, to help us with our ambitions we can succeed.

Amen

Mindlessness of non-issues

It has been noted that P.T. Barnum once said that "there's a sucker born every minute." He might as well have said, "Nobody ever lost a dime underestimating the taste of the American public."

At least that's my take on the popularity of most of the fare available on television these days. It also seems to be true for most of the films being made in Hollywood.

However, I've got a new saying we might want to consider: Nobody ever lost an election underestimating the intelligence of the American public.

That's right, Big John's on his political soapbox again, folks!

And before anyone wants to complain, it should be noted that today, I've got a shot or two to take at both Republicans and Democrats, because both parties are spending way too much time with what can only be called non-issues.

The first, I have to admit, is the current flap about the so-called "construction of a mosque at 'Ground Zero.'"

That's first on the list, because this past week I received a letter from a reader saying we shouldn't let a mosque be built two blocks from Ground Zero and, furthermore, went on to say we shouldn't let something like that happen as long as Saudi Arabia doesn't allow construction of Christian churches or Jewish synagogues there. It's the same point I've more than once heard Newt Gingrich espouse.

Yes, I know, the major television networks have given this story plenty of play and the propagandists at Fox News have absolutely had a field day!

One could spend a month going over the countless positions people have offered on this subject, but it all comes down to this: This is the United States of

America!

That's right. This is the country where religious freedom is a cornerstone.

As a matter of fact, maybe we should all remember the prime reason the Pilgrims came to the New World — was to obtain religious freedom!

And the last time I checked, Saudi Arabia was ruled by a monarchy and that means there's a "state religion." You know, kind of like England had in the 1700s.

Maybe the conservatives trying to make political hay out of the so-called "controversy," as well as the liberals running and trying to duck for cover on the "non-issue" should try to remember that.

There are a couple more mindless non-issues though. Like illegal immigration and the effort to repeal portions of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and, whether President Barack Obama is a Muslim or not.

U.S. Rep. Louis Gohmert, R-Tyler, was interviewed by CNN's Anderson Cooper recently and he spent a lot of time telling Anderson and all of us that we need to be afraid of "Terror Babies."

That's right, Congressman Gohmert is convinced radical Muslim women will come to the United States, give birth to children that are American citizens, and then send them back as terrorists 20 or 30 years later.

Say what?

That's only slightly less ridiculous than those wanting to change the 14th Amendment because they're convinced that some illegal immigrants want to have children here, and, that as American citizens, can sponsor them for legal immigration.

Yeah, right. Let's see, somebody's plan to become a legal immigrant involves having a child that by law can't sponsor anyone for legal immigration status until they're adults.

Once again, just how stupid do these people really think the American people are?

Surely they have enough gray

matter to realize that what they're shipping is clearly a bunch of bull.

Then again, maybe not. Thursday morning's Associated Press wire digest included a story about a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center and its affiliated Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life that indicates Americans are increasingly convinced — incorrectly — that President Obama is a Muslim.

What's more, a growing number are thoroughly confused about his religion.

Nearly one in five people, or 18 percent, said they think Obama is Muslim, up from the 11 percent who said so in March 2009, according to the poll. The proportion who correctly say he is a Christian is down to just 34 percent.

The largest share of people, 43 percent, said they don't know his religion, an increase from the 34 percent who said that in early 2009.

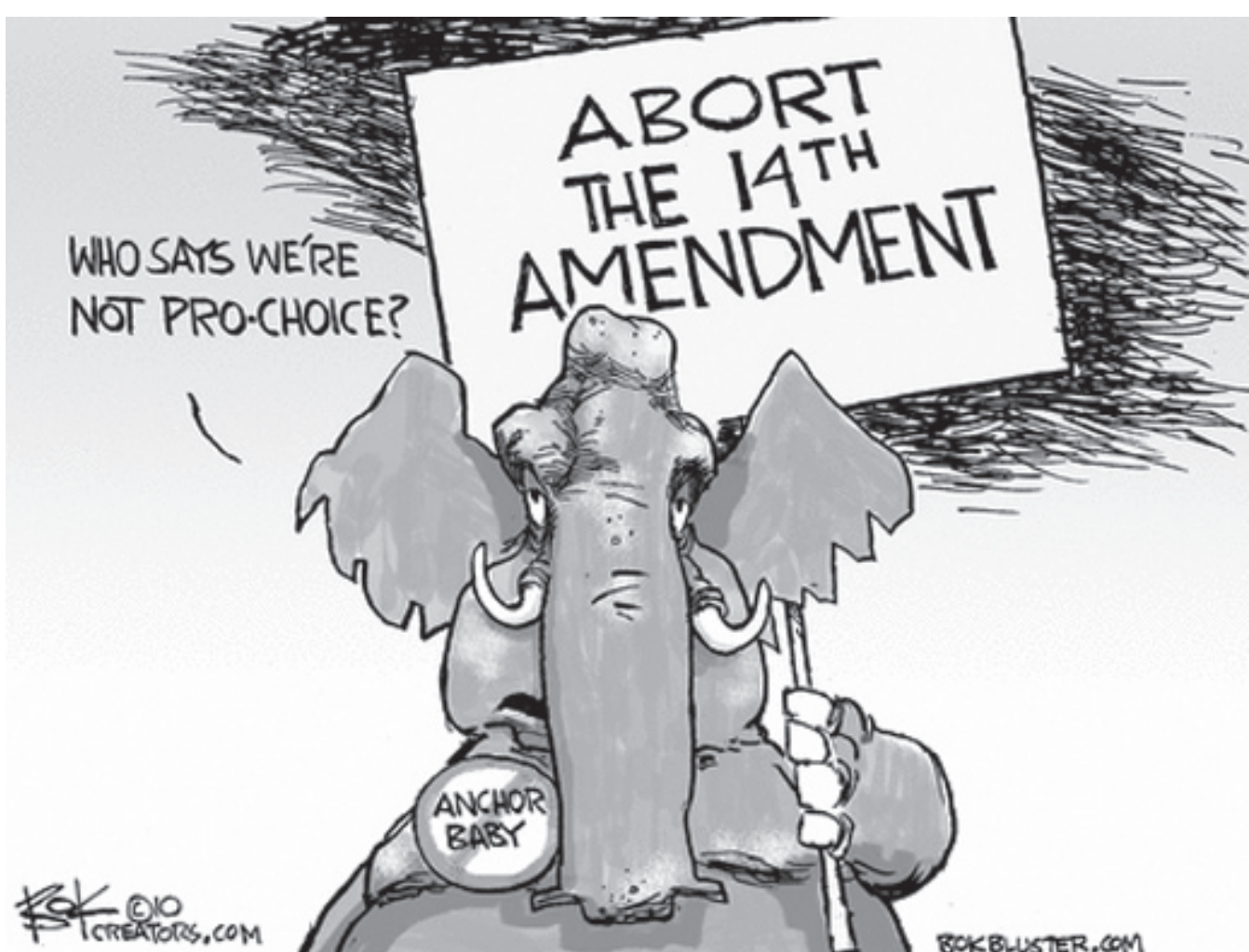
Obama is the Christian son of a Kenyan Muslim father and a Kansas mother. From age 6 to 10, Obama lived in predominantly Muslim Indonesia with his mother and Indonesian stepfather. He grew to maturity being raised by his mother and grandmother here in the United States.

Of course, those who subscribe to the Louie Gohmert school of lunacy are convinced that four years of his early childhood makes him a "closet Muslim."

As a matter of fact, I'm reminded what my old high school football coach and world history teacher J.T. Davis used to observe at times like this.

"Those people are living proof that you don't have to think to breathe," he often said when confronted with stupidity, "because if you did, they'd have strangled a long time ago."

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband and I spent the night in your town recently and what a phenomenal town you have!

From the Holiday Inn Express to the KC Steakhouse to the Dairy Queen, we were so taken by the quality of service and the friendliness of your local good people. I commend you all on the revitalization of your unique and historical downtown area, and I would be so pleased to see every building filled with a business on my next visit to Big Spring.

I will be staying for more than one night! Thank you again for the hospitality.

BEVERLY SPEARMAN
PITTSBURG

TO THE EDITOR:

There should be no mosque near Ground Zero in New York, so long as there are no churches or synagogues in Saudi Arabia.

The time for double standards that allow Islamists to behave aggressively toward us while they demand our weakness and submission is over.

The proposed "Cordoba House" overlooking the World Trade Center site where a group of jihadists killed more than 3,000 Americans and destroyed one of our most famous landmarks, is a test of the timidity, passivity and historic ignorance of American elites.

For example, most of them don't understand that Cordoba House is a deliberately insulting term. It refers to Cordoba, Spain, "the capital of Muslim conquerors who symbolized their victory over the Christian Spaniards by transforming a church there into the world's third-largest mosque complex."

Today, some of the Mosque's backers insist this term is being used to "symbolize interfaith cooperation" when, in fact, every

Islamist in the world recognizes Cordoba as a symbol of Islamic conquest. It is a sign of their contempt for Americans and their confidence in our historic ignorance that they would deliberately insult us this way.

Those Islamists and their apologists who argue for "religious toleration" are arrogantly dishonest. They ignore the fact that more than 100 mosques already exist in New York City. Meanwhile, there are no churches or synagogues in all of Saudi Arabia. In fact no Christian or Jew can even enter Mecca. And they lecture us about tolerance. If the people behind the Cordoba House were serious about religious toleration, they would be imploring the Saudis, as fellow Muslims, to immediately open up Mecca to all and immediately announce their intention to allow non-Muslim houses of worship in the

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Paulino test positive for banned substance

MIAMI (AP) — Saying catcher Ronny Paulino's decision to take a banned substance was "extraordinarily disappointing," the Florida Marlins will begin a top-to-bottom review of the organization and how it educates players on what they can legally take under baseball's rules.

Paulino was suspended 50 games Friday after he tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance under Major League Baseball's drug policy.

In a statement released by the team, the 6-foot-3, 250-pound Paulino said he took a diet pill.

"It is extraordinarily disappointing," Marlins president David Samson said. "And I'll leave it at that."

The Marlins have had four players suspended under the minor league policy this season as well.

Paulino's suspension begins immediately, and since the Marlins have only 42 games remaining, will extend into the 2011 season. The Marlins hosted the Houston Astros on Friday night.

"To control my weight this season, I used a dietary pill," Paulino said in a statement released by the team. "I recently learned that the

dietary pill contained a substance banned under Major League Baseball's drug policy. I am ashamed and saddened for disappointing and distracting my family, my teammates, the entire Florida Marlins organization and baseball fans."

Neither Samson nor general manager Larry Beinfest said they had spoken with Paulino, whose belongings were still in his locker as teammates arrived for work Friday.

"It's a tough situation for this whole team, for Ronny," said catcher Brett Hayes, who was in Friday's lineup.

"All I heard is that he got banned for 50 games. I don't know what he took. ... All that stuff is scary stuff especially nowadays in sports. I feel for Ronny. It's a terrible situation. He is a great teammate, he's still a great teammate, he's still a good person."

Beinfest was first to hear of the 50-game suspension, then contacted owner Jeffrey Loria, who ordered the team to review its practices on educating players.

"Everything we do, from the Dominican League up to the major leagues," Samson said.

Samson said players at all

levels of the organization are taught to look for what's known as NSF certification on anything they choose to ingest. NSF International is a company that gives athletes and consumers another resource to ensure the products they take are clean.

Otherwise, Samson said, it's DNT — Do Not Take, in Marlins vernacular.

"I don't care if it's a Flintstones vitamin or something in a hypodermic needle," Samson said.

Paulino is batting .259 with four homers and 37 RBIs in his sixth season in the majors.

IOC: Many countries interested in youth games

SINGAPORE (AP) — The International Olympic Committee says up to 17 countries have expressed interest in hosting future Youth Olympics, including the United States and others from Africa and Latin America.

The inaugural youth winter games will be held in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012 and the summer games in Nanjing, China in 2014. Lillehammer, Norway, which hosted the 1994 Winter Olympics, is the only city that has expressed an interest in hosting the 2016 winter games, and has until November to submit a formal bid, the IOC said.

The IOC's Olympic Games Executive Director Gilbert Felli said

Saturday that an African and Latin American country as well as "some cities in the United States" have expressed interest in hosting the event in 2018 and beyond, but would not name them.

"We have had discussions with the USOC (U.S. Olympic Committee) and some cities in the U.S. who have the idea for the winter or summer games," Felli said. "One day, they would like to come with a bid."

IOC spokesman Mark Adams said the IOC is emphasizing the use of existing facilities to make the youth event more attractive to cities with smaller budgets.

"It gives them a chance to participate, to take

part in the whole Olympic ideal," Adams said. "That is why there is interest from cities which would probably never have thought of getting involved and could never see themselves as serious contenders for staging an Olympic event."

IOC President Jacques Rogge praised the Singapore games as it reached the halfway point of the 12-day event. Education programs, including talks with elite athletes, have been popular with the youngsters. Fans have taken to the new sports like 3-on-3 basketball.

"So far everything is going smoothly and we've been very pleased with the organization, the competition and the

non-sport activities," Rogge said in a statement. "While it is impossible to provide a full assessment of the games until after they're over, so far we are very satisfied."

American athletes had their best day of the games Saturday, winning two golds, a silver and a bronze.

China leads the games with 20 golds and 33 medals overall. Russia is second with 15 golds and 32 overall, while South Korea has seven golds.

Tang Yi of China has been the star of the games so far. The 17-year-old has won six of her country's 11 swimming golds.

The IOC said the popularity of the games is

reaching well beyond Singapore. The Youth Olympics' YouTube channel, part of a broad social media campaign, has had 2.8 million hits. That's higher than the traffic for the 2010 Vancouver Games. The Youth Olympics has 3,500 followers on Twitter and a popular Facebook page.

Organizers from Innsbruck, who plan to host the 2012 winter Youth Olympic with 1,050 athletes from 70 countries, said the Singapore games have given them confidence.

"It's taken some pressure off us because now we know it can work," said Peter Bayer, chief executive of Innsbruck 2012.

Felli said the IOC had

concerns that many venues this week were far from full — despite all tickets having been sold.

"You have some sessions where people are coming in the morning and watching for a while and then leaving and they don't come for the afternoon and evening session. That is something of a disappointment," Felli said. "But it was much fuller last night than the beginning of the week, so they are working on that to bring more people in."

In other events, Odane Skeen of Jamaica ran 10.42 seconds to win the boys' 100 gold Saturday, beating Masaki Nashimoto of Japan and David Bolarinwa of Britain.

BUSCH

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work on beating him next week, and the week after and every other week."

Keselowski is on probation with NASCAR for a series of on-track incidents with Carl Edwards, and said he thought Busch took advantage of that because Keselowski has "my hand tied behind my back," when it comes to retaliation.

Concerned that his friend might

do something post-race to anger NASCAR, fourth-place finisher Dale Earnhardt Jr. spoke to him on pit road.

"I just told him he's going to be around here for awhile and to not make a tool of himself," Earnhardt said.

Jason Leffler finished second and was followed by pole-sitter Elliott Sauter and Edwards was fifth,

Trevor Bayne finished sixth and Clint Bowyer seventh.

Reed Sorenson, Parker Kligerman and Joey Logano rounded out the top 10.



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connected to the economic conditions and the ability of potential private club members to pay the fairly significant initiation fees and annual dues," said Jay Mottola, executive director of the Metropolitan Golf Association, representing 120,000 golfers and 500 golf courses in the New York region.

In 2009, about 140 of the 16,000 golf facilities in the country closed and 50 opened, said Greg Nathan, a vice president at the National Golf Foundation, which represents 4,000 courses nationwide. Mottola said that the industry has

lost 100 clubs a year for the past four years. (The figures count nine-hole courses as half a facility.)

Many members who "have had their individual problems with the recession" quit the clubs for financial reasons, Mottola said. Initiation fees for MGA clubs averaged just under \$50,000 last year; annual dues were about \$10,500. Mottola said while the fees were "trending downward" they remained the highest in the country.

The changing lifestyles of family golfers are also at play.

"It used to be that the man of the house could just say 'bye, honey,' and go to the club all day Saturday and Sunday," Nathan said.

"That dynamic has really changed over the last three or four decades."

Some clubs are trying to become more family friendly as a result, allowing adults to bring their kids in while they tee off and opening computer lounges for busy professionals.

"You can check your stocks and e-mails before you tee off," said Donald DeMasters, manager of the revamped Brynwood club in suburban Armonk.

In areas of the country where golf is played year-round, many courses were built to raise the prices of new houses around them, said Roger Garrett, who is a Phoenix real estate agent who has sold more than 150 golf courses nationwide.

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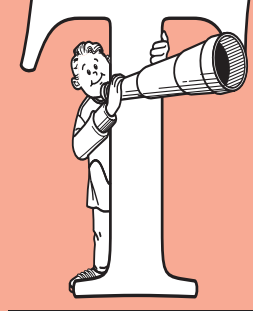
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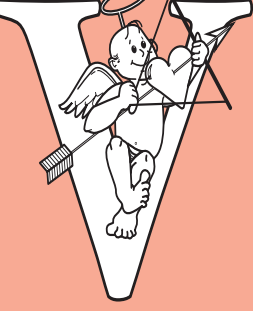
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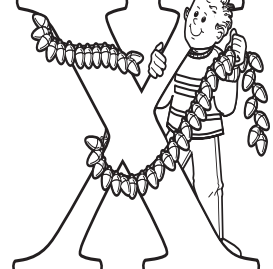
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Supporters seek release of former Hispanic leader

1972 gubernatorial candidate serving life sentence on drug charges

By **ELIDA S. PEREZ**
Associated Press Writer
DALLAS — Ramsey Muniz received 214,149 votes as a third-party candidate in Texas's 1972 gubernatorial race. Almost 22 years later, he received a life sentence for drug charges.

Now the candidate turned convict, 67, spends his days in a federal prison hoping a last-ditch effort to free him will succeed before it's too late.

Muniz has been a political activist, a Hispanic leader, a gubernatorial candidate, a high school and college football star, a drug felon, a bail jumper, a fugitive and now, at the end of his life, aging inmate number 40288-115. A series of federal drug convictions culminated in a 1994 life sentence without parole for charges of possession and intent to distribute cocaine.

Since his incarceration, he has been the subject of an intense effort to get him out of prison. His wife, Irma Muniz, and the League of United Latin Ameri-

can Citizens have lobbied presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush to commute his sentence. Supporters say they are frustrated, but won't give up the fight.

"You just keep trying with the legal system," Irma Muniz said. "Just because something is impossible today

doesn't mean someone can't find a way to fix it tomorrow."

Although Muniz denied a request to be interviewed for this story, he said in a letter that, "the offenses alleged against me do not morally or legally justify my death sentence, which is life without parole." "Whether he is guilty or not, he has served his time," said Rosa Rosales, LULAC's immediate past national presi-

dent who still sits on the board of directors. Rosales, whose four year term ended in July, said Irma Muniz was a strong advocate in gaining LULAC's support.

The organization also supports helping former prisoners become productive members of society and Rosales said Muniz also deserves

when he was arrested in 1994 after Drug Enforcement Agency officers observed him parking a car containing 90 pounds of cocaine. Muniz said he did not know there were drugs in the car and was driving it only because a man he was helping find an attorney asked him to return it to a rental company, said Dick DeGuerin, Muniz's former attorney.

A jury didn't buy it. Because of federal sentencing guidelines, Muniz received life in prison without parole. "Muniz was lawfully convicted and sentenced and the conviction and sentence were affirmed on appeal," John Bales, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern district of Texas, said.

Jose Gutierrez, a political science professor at the University of Texas at Arlington, said Muniz had a tremendous impact on the Latino community before his legal troubles began. Gutierrez met Muniz in 1970 when the future professor was helping organize for a new po-

"Muniz was lawfully convicted and sentenced and the conviction and sentence were affirmed on appeal."

John Bales
U.S. Attorney for the Eastern district of Texas

litical party, La Raza Unida. His charisma and passion for the issues convinced party leaders that he would make a good candidate for governor.

Dolph Briscoe, a Democrat, won that election, but Muniz received 6 percent of the vote.

After another unsuccessful run in 1976, Muniz, a Baylor law school graduate, opened a firm in Corpus Christi. But then came his arrest on charges of conspiracy to smuggle over three tons of marijuana from Mexico in 1976. Gutierrez said Muniz claimed he had been set up.

But instead of defending himself in court, Muniz pleaded guilty and jumped bail. He was caught in Mexico after a month on the run and was returned to the U.S., where he served five years in prison.

"(Muniz) says he was framed but he didn't

fight," Gutierrez said.

He was out on parole for his 1976 conviction when he was arrested again in a hotel room in Houston in 1982 for charges of possession of a small amount of cocaine, DeGuerin said. The arrest led to Muniz serving two years for violating his parole.

His wife and supporters, however, maintain his innocence.

Irma and Ramsey Muniz were married for 10 years before he was incarcerated. She said she knew of his criminal record and that she never believed he was guilty of the crimes.

She said not only was he a family man and hard worker, he was a man who had put his past behind him and was moving forward and happy.

"He did not do it, he is not guilty. There is no doubt in my mind," Irma Muniz said.

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kingdom. They should be asked by the news media if

they would be willing to lead such a campaign.

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Cornell Correction completes merger with GEO

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Cornell Corrections, which operates several privately run correctional units in Big Spring, has completed a previously announced merger with The GEO Group, a private provider of correctional, detention and residential treatment services based out of Boca Raton, Fla.

The merger completion was announced by GEO Group of-

ficials Tuesday. It became effective last Thursday.

Pablo E. Paez, director of corporate relations for GEO, said in an e-mail that the changeover will become more apparent to the public in the coming days.

"Over the next several weeks, we will be working on integrating and branding the facilities previously under Cornell management into GEO's existing operating

structure," Paez said.

Paez was non-committal when asked how the merger would effect local Cornell employees, saying that GEO would "continue to update our employees companywide as the transition and integration progress. We will also continue to update the public about our company's future projects and expansion plans."

GEO Group acquired Cor-

nell for stock and cash at an estimated enterprise value of \$730 million, including the assumption of approximately \$290 million in Cornell debt (excluding cash), company officials said.

In connection with the merger, GEO will issue approximately 15.8 million shares in exchange for 80 percent of the outstanding shares of Cornell common stock. The remaining 20 percent of the

outstanding shares of Cornell common stock will receive cash consideration totaling approximately \$85 million.

Following the merger, GEO will have approximately 65.0 million diluted shares outstanding.

"This strategic merger marks an important milestone for GEO and better positions the Company to meet

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Firm announces plans for solar energy farm in area

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

If all goes well, groundbreaking for a solar energy farm east of Big Spring will occur by the end of the year.

Friday morning, officials with RRE Big Spring Solar LLC signed a 120-day option to purchase approximately 300 acres off Midway Road. The land, owned by the Big Spring Economic Development Corp., will be sold for \$85,000.

Helios, Big Spring Solar's parent company, intends to construct a 30-megawatt solar energy facility on the site over the course of the next two years, said Angelos Angelou, site selection consultant for the company.

"This will represent a \$120 million capital investment on the company's part," Angelou said. "We've worked with many governmental agencies over the years ... but (Howard County), the Coahoma school district and (BSEDC) have been phenomenal to work for. We're very excited by the speed in which the entities have worked with us to make this possible."

Preliminary steps the company must make before constructing the facility include working with state energy officials to make sure adequate power transmission capacity exists in the area, as well as conducting environmental impact studies to satisfy federal regulations.

Once that work is complete, Angelo said company officials are hoping to begin site preparation in either October or November. Work on the 300-acre site would take between one and two years and employ up to



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Angelos Angelou, a site selection consultant with RRE Big Spring Solar LLC, discusses the company's plan to construct a 30-megawatt solar energy farm east of Big Spring. Construction of the site could begin as early as October.

200 workers during the construction phase and between four and five people once the facility is up and running.

If additional property can be obtained, the company has tentative plans to double the site's energy generating capacity in the future, Angelou added.

In addition, the company will work with both Howard College and Coahoma ISD in developing demonstration labs at no cost and helping to train students in solar energy technology.

"We're very much looking forward to being a partner to the community," Angelou said.

Officials tout solar power as a much more dependable source of "green" electricity than wind.

County and local officials are enthusiastic about the project.

"As far as the county in concerned, this is not going to be a major source of tax income," Howard County Judge Mark Barr said. "But for Coahoma ISD and Howard College, this is a very big deal. With

this being a new industry ... this is something we need and something we can hopefully build on. On the whole, it's good for the county."

CISD Superintendent Randy Brown also was enthusiastic.

"They're proposing to install solar panels at the schools, which would be a fantastic source of 'green' energy," Brown said. "And the training program would be a natural fit for the training consortium that's been established between Howard College and the area school districts."

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.



There is no relief yet from the Permian Basin summer heat and that seems to be a growing trend. The heat is on the United States economy as data continues to reveal a slow growing economy. The heat is on the Federal Reserve as it debates whether to initiate new measures to spark economic growth.

In addition, the heat is on the stock market as it enters a historically poor seasonal period, and deals with the rhetoric of the upcoming mid-term elections and the fate of the tax cuts due for expiration at year end.

Yes, the bases are loaded with plenty of heat to go around.

Last week kicked off on a strong note after better than expected earnings from two large European banks and a couple of strong reports on U.S. manufacturing. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) rallied 208 points, but then churned with the other averages through the rest of the week.

The market was entitled to a pause, given the DJIA and S&P 500 rose more than 10 percent from their early-July lows to the Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, closing levels. The biggest attention-grabbing news was Friday's dismal July employment report and the reaction of the stock market. The headline number for new non-farm payrolls declined by double vs. expectations and the June figure was revised down by nearly 100,000.

In addition, the number of jobs created by the private sector fell short by 20,000 vs. Bloomberg Data's estimate. The DJIA declined nearly 160 points in the morning, but recovered almost all of the loss by the close.

This action continued the see-saw ride that we have been talking about for some time. There are promising signs of the economy developing a self-sustaining pace, but we have cautioned it will be a rocky, bumpy road to get there.

The advance in stocks from the early July lows continues to chug along, despite the lack of volume. The major averages have broken above their downtrends from the April 2010 highs. In addition, these indexes have crossed above their 200-day moving averages and the June resistance highs.

We interpret the market's message to be that we are undergoing a normal correction in a bull market.

"The Heat is On" was a popular Glenn Frey song, and adopted as the theme for the 1985 National League Champion St. Louis Cardinals. Some of the words include "I can feel the fire — the heat is on..." and "Flames are burning higher — the heat is on."

Two weeks ago, it was written in this market commentary that sometimes an extended cooling off period is necessary to prepare for the next run. The implication was that after the sharp March 2009-April 2010 stock market rally, it is normal to go through an extended period of consolidation to work off some of the excesses created during the advance.

We continue to expect wide trading ranges for the major stock market averages for the balance of 2010, without much net progress from current levels. However, rather than a cooling-off process, we expect the heat to be turned up higher on Congress, the White House and the Fed to navigate through what will be a very interesting next couple of months.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced Aug. 10 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors chief market strategist. Wells Fargo Advisors did not assist in the preparation of this article and its accuracy and completeness is not guaranteed. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Wells Fargo or its affiliates. Additional information is available upon request at 432-684-7335.



Oncor lineman Jay Foster was one of several Oncor employees that volunteered to install the blue fire hydrant reflectors in the Coahoma, Sand Springs and Forsan areas.

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News in brief

Dallas-area man gets life for fatal baby beating

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas area man has been convicted of fatally beating his 4-month-old daughter and sentenced to life in prison.

A Dallas County jury found 24-year-old Franzwa Miller of Mesquite guilty of capital murder Friday.

Testimony revealed that Lea Miller was slapped unconscious in June 2009.

The Dallas Morning News reports that doctors who treated the baby said she had old rib fractures, a broken arm, a skull fracture, bleeding in the back of her eyes and brain injuries.

The infant's mother, Alesha Dean, testified that Miller once broke a spatula beating Lea with it. Dean said he forced her to keep the baby in a crib in the bedroom closet.

Twenty-year-old Dean said she didn't intervene because she feared Miller.

Aryan Brotherhood members arrested in Texas

BEAUMONT (AP) — Two alleged members of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas have been indicted and arrested in connection with a 2008 murder in Liberty County.

U.S. Attorney John M. Bales of the Eastern District of Texas issued a statement Friday saying that 43-year-old Steven Walter Cooke of Tomball and 28-year-old David Jason Michels of Magnolia have been charged with violent crimes in aid of racketeering activity, including murder.

The indictment states that the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas began as a white supremacist group that initially protected white inmates in prison but expanded its focus to include criminal enterprises across the state and nation.

Border agents seize 2 tons of pot in Texas busts

EDINBURG (AP) — Border Patrol agents seized more than two tons of marijuana in south Texas during four busts in one day.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a Friday statement that the drugs, worth more than \$3.5 million, were seized near Hildago and La Rosita in the Rio Grande Valley.

In at least two cases, authorities say they recovered the big bundles of marijuana when drivers of a car and a pickup abandoned their vehicles as local, state and federal authorities approached on land and via helicopter.

Numerous arrests were made and the 4,500 pounds of marijuana were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for investigation.

Dallas police chase suspect faces several charges

DALLAS (AP) — A man arrested after an hour-long chase that ended when he crashed a stolen pickup through a fence at Dallas Love Field was charged with evading arrest, criminal mischief,

unauthorized use of a vehicle and aggravated robbery, officials said Friday.

U.S. Attorney's Office spokeswoman Kathy Colvin said it still is too early to say if Michael Laurence Browne, 46, will face federal charges.

Luis Casanova, a spokesman with the Transportation Security Administration, said there are several levels of security at airports. Despite Browne breaching the perimeter fence, law enforcement responded quickly, he said.

"All airports have an approved security plan that includes perimeter security," he said. "But I would think in light of this incident there would be some considerations made."

Daniel Weber, the city's director of aviation, said Friday the department had not made any decisions about whether there will be changes to airport security. He said the response to the incident was effective.

"We're going through the investigation," Weber said. "We have no conclusions as far as whether any changes need to be made."

He said Love Field security is in line with Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

Texas court dismisses appeal of nuke bond vote

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's highest court has dismissed an appeal by two West Texas sisters opposed to a new radioactive dump site.

The sisters wanted results of an election that narrowly approved \$75 million in bonds for the project overturned.

Documents filed by the Texas Supreme Court on Friday dismissed the appeal of the May 2009 bond election in Andrews County, saying it lacked jurisdiction to review the case.

The bond referendum allows Andrews County to borrow to build the nuclear waste disposal site for Waste Control Specialists.

The bond issue was approved by a three-vote margin, and a recount verified the 642-639 vote. Peggy and Melodye Pryor unsuccessfully challenged the balloting, and an El Paso appeals court upheld that outcome in May.

Dominion, Marathon Oil pay \$6.9 million settlement

HOUSTON (AP) — Marathon Oil Co. and Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration and Production Inc. will pay \$6.9 million to resolve claims the two Houston-based energy companies separately underpaid natural gas royalties to the government and Native Americans, the Department of Justice said Friday.

Most of the \$2.2 million paid by Dominion Oklahoma Texas and \$4.7 million by Marathon will be distributed to federal, state and American Indian accounts affected by the underpayments, the department said in an announcement from Washington. More than \$1.8 million will go to heirs of a whistleblower who filed a lawsuit more than a decade ago in Beaumont.

Companies are required to report to the Interior Department each month the value of natural gas

produced from their federal and Indian leases. A percentage of that value is paid as royalties.

The government contended the companies made improper deductions from royalty values and violated the False Claims Act by underpaying the royalties.

Assistant Attorney General Tony West said mineral royalties provide an important source of income for Native Americans, the federal government and several states.

The man who filed a lawsuit over the issue in 1998, Harrold Wright, has died, and his heirs will receive payment under the whistleblower provisions of the False Claims Act. The law allows private citizens to file actions on behalf of the United States and share in any recovery.

Wright's suit alleged a number of energy companies systematically underpaid royalties. Settlements with other companies have already been reached.

Burlington Resources agreed to pay \$105.3 million. Shell paid \$56 million. Chevron, Texaco and Unocal agreed to \$45.5 million, and Exxon Mobil settled for \$32.3 million.

Dad buys newspaper ad after daughter breaks curfew

SOUTHLAKE (AP) — A Texas teenager who broke curfew is headed for a reluctant adventure in baby-sitting.

Robert Rausch placed an advertisement offering his daughter's free baby-sitting services in the community newspaper in Southlake, a wealthy suburb of Dallas-Fort Worth that is home to business leaders and professional athletes.

The advertisement names Rausch's 16-year-old daughter and says, "Want a FREE BABYSITTER for a night out?" It explains that she is in trouble for missing her curfew and offers 30 hours of free baby-sitting.

Rausch says he wanted to discipline his daughter and help others at the same time. And it appears his daughter has already learned a lesson. She says she won't violate curfew again or throw any more late-night parties.

NASA: Pick shuttle wake-up tunes or write your own

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Now's your chance to help pick astronauts' wake-up music.

NASA is holding a first-of-its-kind contest to select some songs that will rouse the crews of the final two shuttle flights. Normally, astronauts' family and friends choose the tunes.

The space agency's Top 40 list is posted online. The two top vote-getters serve as wake-up calls during Discovery's November flight. The choices include Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon" and Tom Petty's "Free Fallin," as well as some U2 and Elton John.

NASA also is seeking original space-themed songs. Two winners will wake up Endeavour's crew in February.

The contest is styled after NASA's face-in-space promotion.

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Requests for comments from Cornell officials were referred to GEO's corporate headquarters.

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Name changing for gay couples not a straight line

By **LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press Writer

In October 2008, racing against California's gay marriage ban, Chloe and Frankie Frankeny wed legally in San Francisco with one chore already done: Chloe had taken her wife's name two years before.

"It was the only way we had to fit into a mainstream role that was understandable to anybody," said Chloe, managing editor of a fashion website. "When I told my father I was taking Frankie's name he was sort of blown away because I definitely consider myself a feminist."

With a battle over the state's ban on gay marriage possibly headed to the U.S. Supreme Court, it's likely more same-sex couples will do the same. For the Frankenys, the name switch couldn't magically grant all the marriage benefits denied same-sex couples when compared to one man, one wife, but it was one more way to express their union. It's a symbol rendered even stronger now that legal gay marriages are on hold in California, and for partners who've never had the option.

Logistically, a name-change for gay couples isn't always as simple as trotting out a marriage certificate, the proof most required in heterosexual marriage. Emotionally, the journey is about love, commitment — and a way to ease anxiety over being misunderstood as non-relatives in emergencies or considered less than as parents.

who runs the online gay wedding 'zine Equally Wed, shed Ott for the surname of her partner, Maria, last year without benefit of a state-sanctioned union in Georgia. She's seeing more couples go to court for name changes, settling on hyphenation or one partner's surname over the other.

"We have grown stronger and are speaking out for ourselves in this way," said Palladino, 32. "There's nothing stopping us from taking each other's names, even if we can't get a marriage certificate."

After a five-year courtship, the Palladinos had a wedding at an antebellum mansion in Decatur, Ga. Kirsten became a Palladino after running a newspaper announcement of her intentions once a week for four weeks and appearing before a judge, just as people going through a formal name change for reasons other than marriage must do.

"I was nervous. I didn't know how the judge would feel, but he was great. Personally, I had to deal with some identity issues after, but becoming a family unit with my wife trumped anything else for me," she said.

College sweethearts Kathryn and Heather Kraft of Newton, Mass., just celebrated 12 years together and have a new baby. They had a church wedding five years ago in white gowns with 10 bridesmaids after obtaining a marriage license under their state's gay marriage law.

Whose name did they choose? Kathryn said

her Kraft over Heather's Cole "because we're very close to my family and wanted to add to that family in a noticeable way." They had considered combining names into a new one that "represented both of our ancestry, but in the end we're very traditional people." Cole is now a middle name for the entire family, including baby Esther.

Making the switch with a legal marriage certificate was no trouble for Heather, until she tried to get a U.S. passport ahead of a trip to Europe. "We were shocked when Heather's application was denied," said her 32-year-old partner, a family therapist. "The passport office would not recognize our marriage certificate as proof and insisted that she had to go in front of a judge to have a court-ordered name change."

After six months, she was issued a "known as" passport identifying her by both names. "It's a small thing that isn't noticeable when you look at her passport, but the process was long and an unnecessary reminder that things aren't exactly equal," Kathryn said.

Jason and Anthony Cline committed to each other in 2001 during a hotel ceremony in their native Indiana, where gay marriage is outlawed. They thought about heading to a state where their union would be legal but decided not to bother knowing they'd return home to suburban Indianapolis without that recognition.

Jason, 33, legally changed his name, go-

ing through a newspaper notification process and enduring questions from a judge as Palladino did.

"The process seemed cold but it helped prove our relationship to our friends and family that maybe weren't as advanced in their thinking on the topic. It helped solidify our relationship to the people that we knew and to the world," he said. "It starts a conversation. It tells a story."

Chloe Frankeny sees other practical outcomes to changing her name, including proof of family status in case of a medical crisis.

"With the same last name we could say we were sisters," she said. "We've all heard stories of partners kept apart in emergency rooms. That

was a precaution we wanted to take."

From nearly 80 percent to 95 percent of heterosexual couples marrying for the first time legally adjust their names as the age of the average bride has risen to about 27 over the last 20 years, according to research. Professional identity before marriage motivates others — in same-sex and heterosexual couples alike — to keep their original names informally or incorporate them as middle names.

Elisa Hebert, 32, wasn't attached to her surname before she traveled with partner Megan from their home outside Denver, Colo., to Rehoboth, Mass., a plus since most of their friends and family are from New England. Back home, Elisa appeared in court

to complete her legal name change before a judge managing a roomful of ticked-off parents and their kids hauled in for truancy. "I felt like a 12-year-old who was in trouble," she said.

Marni Kahn, a doctoral candidate in sociology in Atlanta, took partner Casey Brown's last name after a marriage ceremony that blended their Jewish and Southern Baptist roots. "It really did tie things up nicely," said Casey, a marketing analyst.

Actor and writer Marcos Mateo Ochoa, 29, of Los Angeles chose to hyphenate instead. He goes by Cermak-Ochoa after marrying partner Frank Cermak on Oct. 4, 2008, a union legally recognized in California with 18,000 other same-sex marriages.

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anyone to cook or clean for him, although he can well afford it. As a result, he has lost a great deal of weight and does not bathe regularly. He recently told me he will not be attending my wedding next year because it's too far away, even though he regularly flies the same distance for other reasons.

Although my father lost a great deal of money in the economic downturn, he continues to play the stock market. I fear this is an addiction.

I think he is severely depressed and may be experiencing a type of mental illness. He insists everything is fine and that he is happy. Dad refuses to see a doctor and writes prescriptions for himself instead. I am very uneasy about his physical and mental health. Do you have any suggestions? — *Concerned Daughter*

Dear Concerned: Is Dad's behavior recent, or has he always been so difficult? Any

changes, such as cutting off family and friends or giving up showers, could indicate mental illness, dementia or physical decline. Dad may write his own prescriptions because he fears something is wrong and doesn't want anyone to know. Have you seen him lately? If not, we recommend a visit to check on his physical condition, as well as his home environment, and to decide whether you need to contact his local Adult Protective Services and have him evaluated.

Dear Annie: I am a seven-year breast cancer survivor who does not wear a pink ribbon. I am grateful for the treatment I received, but I don't want to talk about it.

Because I used to be fairly prominent in my small community, I could not hide the fact that I was going through chemotherapy. But I don't like to be reminded of it, and people refuse to let me forget. I am approached at weddings and while shopping, pump-

ing gas and getting my nails done. I don't mind being asked how I've been, but I resent the personal health questions, the pitying looks and, worst of all, those who announce it to the room.

I appreciate the concern but consider this a private matter. I have politely said that I don't wish to talk about it, but it falls on deaf ears. Some of us would like to be able to forget the dark times and move on. Is that wrong? — *California*

Dear California: Of course not. These intrusive people mean well and probably consider you an inspiration to others. But by seeing only your illness, they diminish who you are, which is more than a recovered cancer patient.

It's perfectly OK to tell them this and hope it will sink in.

Dear Annie: I'm writing in response to "Hungry in Grand Island," who wants to

keep a lunch thief from stealing her food from the office refrigerator.

A friend of mine helped me with the same problem. When my cans of soda repeatedly came up missing, I put them in a plastic bag in the refrigerator with a note inside saying, "I licked the top of several of these cans. Guess which ones!" With my leftovers, I took a plastic spoon and blotted my lipstick on it. Then I left that spoon inside my plastic container along with my lunch. My leftovers were never taken again. — A.

Dear A.: Disgusting but effective. Thanks.

Annie'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, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

Classic Ann Landers

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: My fiance, "Wayne," is 22 and lives at home with his parents. He works full time and attends college at night.

Wayne's mother constantly reminds him that her house is "not a hotel" and that he spends way too much time with me. When Wayne and I are out for the evening, he is expected to call her and check in. Sunday is "Family Day," and his mother demands that he stay home

with her or that she be included in whatever we may have planned.

I know Wayne cannot change his mother, but it bothers me that he seems intimidated by her. He believes that asserting himself or disagreeing with her is disrespectful. Although he complains about his mother and her domineering ways, if I suggest that perhaps his mother has too much control over his life, he becomes annoyed with me.

Wayne and I plan to be married in the next two years. I want to know if this is a normal mother-son relationship, or if I should expect problems in the future. I need your thinking on this. — *Future Daughter-in-Law*

Dear D.I.L.: If you marry Wayne, be prepared to be part of a gleesome threesome for a lifetime. All the signs are there. Any 22-year-old man who has to call his mother during the evening when he is out with a girlfriend has "Mama's Boy" stamped on his forehead. If you have a hat, Dearie, grab it and run.

Dear Ann Landers: I am an 80-year-old widow in love with an 80-year-old widower. I'm sure some of your younger readers will find this incredible, but it's true. Eighty-year-olds can be in love. "Herman" and I have been dating for six years, and we enjoy our time together immensely.

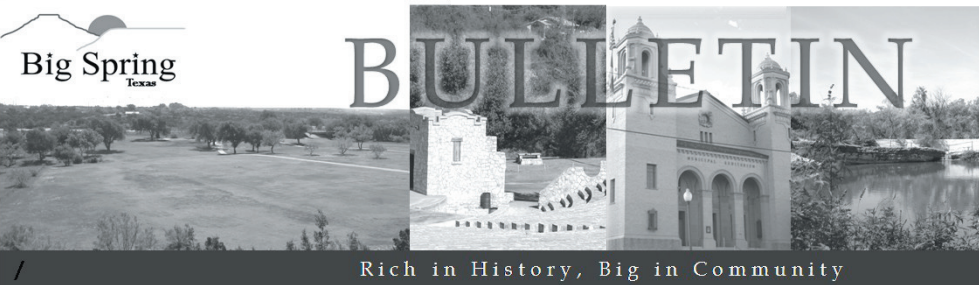
We both had long-term first marriages and know what happiness is. Herman is a pleasant and interesting companion, and we rarely have disagreements. We have gone on several trips together, and are compatible in every way. Our children are happy

for us and have been very supportive.

However, we have one obstacle, Ann, his sister, "Selma." She is so jealous of me that Herman cannot even mention my name in her presence. We have to sneak around so she doesn't know we are together. I have never said a negative word about Selma. I would like to ask this woman what her problem is and get things out in the open. Would it be wise for me to do that? — *Needing Guidance in Michigan*

Dear Michigan: No. You already know what her problem is: She is resentful of your brother's life and wishes you would get lost. She would love to have Herman all to herself.

Steer clear of Selma whenever possible, and make no negative comments about her to Herman. Be as sweet as pie to the woman, and keep planning those wonderful trips with Herman. Keep your focus on him, and forget about her.



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The 2010-2011 school year begins on Monday, August 23rd. Here are some tips on what parents can do to make sure children get to and from school safely

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- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.
- Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, & to wait at bus stops with other children.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or accept gifts from them without your permission. Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school they should tell an adult immediately.
- Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and zip code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.
- Work together with your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

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Dear Margo by Margo Howard

'Love You' But Not 'In Love with You'
Dear Margo: More than once I have noticed you voice your dislike for the phrase "I love you, but I am not in love with you." Well, actually, you attack the phrase. Tell me, what does "in love" mean?



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I love my husband of 50 years, and my heart still skips a beat when I see him enter a room. But "in love"? No, I don't know what that means.

A crush? Infatuation? Tell me. — *Somewhere in Massachusetts*

Dear Some: It seems to me that any woman married 50 years whose heart still skips a beat when her husband enters a room is in love.

You do raise an interesting linguistic point, though. I guess my distaste for that phrase in domestic situations comes from the frequency with which I hear it.

Most often, people use it as a "delicate" way of announcing that they are on the way out — and the reason is usually something, or somebody, else.

I think to feel "in love" with someone may be the beginning of love — the active, high-pitched part.

You could be right that a crush or an infatuation could be construed as the "in love" part.

Although once beyond the initial red-hot phase of a romance that matures, anyone who expects to feel that way forever is either not psychologically astute or has seen too many B movies.

Thanks for the chance to talk about this. — *Margo, musingly*

OCD and Other People

Dear Margo: I am a 26-year-old man with problems in social situations due to Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

It is manageable except for really bad days, and I am discussing my issues with a psychiatrist.

The condition was always present, but until I graduated college two years ago and started working, it was kept under control by contact with close friends.

Now I live in a different state, and all my friends are far away, so I end up spending most of my free time alone.

Meeting people is not easy. Dating has always been an issue, too. I've been celibate for five years.

This past weekend, I visited my family, and

the OCD was acting up. I need people to be careful of how they speak to me: Be attentive. Don't baby me. Be assertive when you have to be, but it's OK if you disagree with me; just respect my experience.

One problem is that I'm compelled to balance my lack of control over my environment with an internal resolution: I just walk away and sit by myself.

This is more accept-

able than bouts of anger. Recently, I met a woman I am interested in, and I plan to ask her out. But again, as with my family, I know that there are rules she needs to follow in order to get along with me.

It is a struggle changing my behavior for the comfort of others, and doing so adds to my anxiety.

I accept people for who they are, but the question on my mind is:

Can they accept me? How do I let my family and any potential girlfriend know to take it easy on me without making them feel like they're walking on eggshells? — *Good Guy*

Dear Good: Good luck explaining to a new woman friend that "there are rules she needs to follow."

Sadly, you are the one with the problem, so it must be you who strives

to modify your behavior.

What might be useful would be to try cognitive behavior therapy to figure out triggers for your anxiety and anger and learn alternative ways to react.

I am assuming your psychiatrist has you on anti-anxiety meds. I would suggest that you ask your doc to suggest a CBT therapist. Difficult though it may be, the ball is in your

court. — *Margo, realistically*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you can relieve someone's suffering, you will rack up the good karma points. If that someone happens to be you, it still counts. Do what it takes to achieve a measure of peace — it's better for the whole world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't need very much to be happy. You'll be faced with the challenge of making many small decisions, which you might find both tedious and mind-boggling. Keep it simple. Simplicity is the essence of happiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll encounter wonderful diversity. Some people are uncomfortable with people, things and ideas that come from foreign worlds. But not you — you see each surprise and variation as a wonderful gift.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not a particularly vengeful person, but there are certain injustices that you feel you absolutely must put right. And you will get your comeuppance in time. Until then, try not to obsess.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Consider whether a technological advance is the right one for you at this time. "New," "faster" and "more" are not always better. Stay away from so-called conveniences that actually complicate your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Align yourself with the ones who are extraordinarily talented. Caution: They may have huge egos and will probably be more difficult to deal with than your average Joe. What you learn will be well worth the inconvenience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something you want will require a great deal of upkeep, time and energy. Remind yourself that happiness does not depend on what you have

— especially when what you have actually has you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Letting go of attachments is supposed to bring you joy and energy. So why does the very idea of it bring up feelings of loss and regret? Everything is a process. Be gentle and patient with yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are many ways to heed the inner nudge to connect to life on a spiritual level. You could pray — which is like speaking to the universe. Or you could meditate, which is listening to the universe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will consider an expense to protect your assets — perhaps insurance or an alarm system. Whatever offers you peace of mind will be worth the cost.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Steer clear of excessive television, advertisements, temptations and surprise visitors. Avoid anything that clouds the issue at hand or distracts your mind from the focus you had planned for this day.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 22). You already know that you are a socially desirable person. While interacting gracefully with your public, you'll focus on developing a tighter relationship with yourself. New interests, hobbies, passions and relationships will spring up. October features declarations of love. An investment pays in January. March brings travel. Cancer and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 3, 24, 38 and 1.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The Virgo identity has been claimed by many cultures. She is Ishtar to the Babylonians; to the Greeks she is Zeus' daughter, Justice; and to the Indians she is Kauni, the mother of Krishna — and the list goes on.

Maybe her universal appeal has something to do with the fact that we all come from mothers and continue to be shaped in some way by the feminine forces of the universe. Those forces are encouraging our growth big-time this week, as events conspire to remind us that nobody's perfect.

Furthermore, the ones who profess to "have it all going on" are the first to suspect of being seriously troubled. And though it's not usually a good idea to dwell on our various problems, it wouldn't hurt to take a personal inventory of our top issues of concern for the purpose of addressing a few of them. There's no time like the present — the sun will be on your side! Yes, the annual solar transit through Virgo begins this week. The Virgo sun marches into our world like a benevolent but bossy mother, prompting us to straighten up, figure it out and generally get our acts together.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: NBA high flyer Kobe Bryant is a Virgo who was born under the Taurus moon. These two earth-sign influences lend a stellar work ethic, as well as uncommon strength and endurance. His Mercury, the sign of communication, in Leo, the sign of the spotlight, is an attention-getting aspect. In 2010, Bryant became the highest scorer in the history of the Los Angeles Lakers.

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Summer vegetable soup

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With summer heading toward its waning stages, enjoy the best of the farmers' market or your garden by creating a tasty vegetable soup enhanced by a combination of herbs.

Brown rice is the best choice from the paddies because it hasn't been hulled and refined, retaining its fiber and nutrition and producing a slightly nutty taste. For the best leeks, look for large white bases that are not slimy, dried out or browning.

Celery, rich in vitamin K, originated in the Mediterranean and was used as a medicinal herb. The ancient Greeks called it selinon, and it's mentioned in Homer's *Odyssey*, which dates back to 850 BC. Available year round, the most common variety is the pale green Pascal. Purportedly, it was introduced to the United States when a Dutch immigrant arrived in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with a sack of celery seeds in the 1870s. Cooking softens it and celery provides a wonderful texture to the soup.

The dill, an ingredient in many Scandinavian and German dishes, is in the same family of plants as anise, fennel, cilantro, caraway and cumin. Pungent and aromatic, it adds a decidedly refreshing taste to the mixture. The thyme contributes a somewhat lemony, earthy flavor.

Rounding it all out and providing a pleasing consistency are the bite size pieces of asparagus. These graceful spears have always been prized and Roman emperors were so fond of them that



they supposedly kept a special fleet for fetching them so they could be used in their kitchens.

This soup is easy to prepare and provides a bowlful of taste and nutrition. You might want to prepare some extra because it's great warmed up the next day as a leftover.

Summer Vegetable Soup

- 5 cups low-sodium vegetable broth (water may be substituted)
- 1/4 cup uncooked brown rice
- 1 potato chopped into 1/2 -inch pieces
- 1 carrot, peeled and sliced thin
- 1 tsp. dried dill
- 1 Tbsp. thyme
- 1 tsp. sage
- 1 tsp. rosemary
- 3 leeks, sliced, stems removed
- 2 green onions, sliced, including stems
- 1 stalk of celery, cut into 1/4-

- inch slices
- 10 stalks of asparagus, sliced into 1/2 to 3/4 pieces, include stems
- Salt and white pepper to taste
- Nonfat Greek yogurt (optional)

Bring broth (or water) to boil in large saucepan. Add rice and simmer, covered 20 minutes. Add potatoes, carrots and herbs and cook until potato is tender, about 15 minutes.

Add all other ingredients. Simmer 5 minutes or until asparagus are bright green and just tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with a dollop of yogurt if desired.
Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 110 calories, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 24 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 150 mg sodium.

HealthTalk

Q: I am a breast cancer survivor, is it safe for me to be exercising?

A: The bottom line advice from a recently published gathering of experts on exercise in cancer survivors is, "avoid inactivity." The panel stated that overall, exercise is safe for breast cancer survivors, both during and after treatment. The expert panel's research review concluded that physical activity benefits breast cancer survivors' quality of life, fitness and anxiety levels; and it seems to decrease fatigue and may help improve weight or body fat versus muscle composition in some women.



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There are a few conditions that require some attention. Roughly half of breast cancer survivors can have arm or shoulder problems related to treatment; these should be resolved before beginning a program of upper body exercise, and women can learn steps to be proactive in preventing injury.

Likewise, women with extreme fatigue or anemia should get these resolved before beginning an exercise program. Women with lymphedema, a swelling that can occur after lymph node removal or radiation to the underarm area, should wear a well-fitting compression garment during exercise, including strength training.

Conditions that require some adjustment in exercise plans include heart conditions, decreased immune function and bone metastases or hormonal treatments that put bone health at risk.

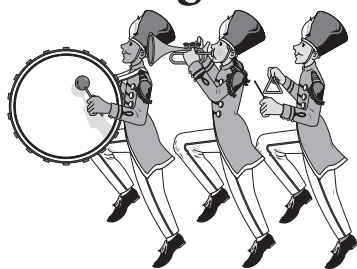
Survivors currently in chemo- or radiation treatment are advised to take extra precautions to avoid the spread of infections if they work out at public gyms.

Breast cancer survivors should not let that list of precautions scare them away or give them the impression that exercise is risky, however. With so many benefits, they're urged to gradually incorporate both aerobic and strength training into their lifestyles, but to do so wisely with input from their physician and, ideally, an exercise trainer with cancer-specific expertise.

Survivors can check with their local cancer treatment center for suggestions, and with the local YMCA to see if they participate in the LiveSTRONG partnership with the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) is the cancer charity that fosters research on the relationship of nutrition, physical activity and weight management to cancer risk, interprets the scientific literature and educates the public about the results.

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Neighbors: Home where bear attacked man a 'zoo'

COLUMBIA STATION, Ohio (AP) — The roars and howls emanating from the property of a man who kept a menagerie of wolves, tigers and bears had many of his neighbors fed up even before one of the bears attacked and killed its 24-year-old caretaker.

"It's a pain in the neck," said Tom Burrington, 68, a retiree who lives two doors down. "There are coyotes hollering at night, lions roaring at night, junkyard dogs barking all day."

A bear attacked caretaker Brent Kandra on Thursday evening after being taken out of its cage for a routine feeding, Lorain County Sheriff's Capt. James Drozdowski said. Owner Sam Mazzola, who years ago earned the wrath of animal rights activists for letting people wrestle one of his bears, used a fire extinguisher to force the beast back into its cage.

"We don't know whether something startled the bear or what prompted the bear to get aggressive with the caretaker," Drozdowski said.

Kandra, of Elyria,

died Friday morning at MetroHealth Medical Center of injuries consistent with a bear attack, a coroner said. It didn't appear that the bear in the attack had even been used in wrestling, officials said.

In comments to reporters outside his compound, Mazzola said he was the only witness to the attack. He declined to describe what happened, but said the bear was the victim's favorite.

"It's one that he played with constantly, every time that he was here," Mazzola said.

Whether the bear will be euthanized will be up to the victim's family, Mazzola said.

"I want them to know that Brent loved the bear very much and I'm sure the bear loved him very much," he said.

Mazzola showed off a facial scar he got from a bear encounter and said he had gotten 2,000 stitches from injuries suffered while working with animals.

"These are the things that happen when you deal and love these type of animals," he said.

Kandra was an experienced worker who helped Mazzola main-

tain the compound in Columbia Township, the owner's attorney, John Frenden, said Friday.

Mazzola had filed for bankruptcy this year and had convictions for illegally selling and transporting animals. Authorities will investigate before deciding on any criminal charges.

The property held about seven to nine bears and 20 wolves, and possibly a lion and three or four tigers, Drozdowski said. Neighbors said he also kept coyotes. Mazzola said in his bankruptcy filing in May in federal court in Cleveland that he owned two white tigers, two Bengal tigers, an African lion, eight bears and 12 wolves.

The filing also listed "Ceasar the Wrestling Bear" as a Mazzola trademark.

For more than 20 years, Mazzola took money from people to wrestle a bear or have a picture taken in a cage with his other bears or a tiger.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals demanded in 2006 that the U.S. Department of Agriculture take away Mazzola's license to exhibit exotic animals.

Mazzola's response at the time was: "To be able to bring an animal out into the public and do what we do is not easy. I mean we're talking about a bear! Do you even realize how much work, time and love we put into that? It's like nobody stops to realize that."

The USDA did revoke Mazzola's license to exhibit animals, spokeswoman Andrea McNally

said, but noted that the agency does not regulate private ownership of exotic animals.

Ohio requires permits for anyone owning bears in the state, and Mazzola has had such permits for 20 years, including one for nine bears for 2010, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Ohio does not regulate the ownership of non-native animals, including lions or tigers.

Mazzola's street divides Cleveland's outer suburbs from rural Lorain County, with an upscale development on the suburban side and older, widely separated homes on the other. His gate was closed Friday with a no-trespassing sign posted, and sheriff's deputies were posted nearby.

Neighbors said they

were fed up with noise and the risk to the neighborhood.

Raymond O'Leary, a retired Cleveland police officer who lives in the development, said it was like living "next to the zoo."

"It's a concern to all of us," said O'Leary, 76. "We can hear the animals in the evening, at feeding time, roaring over there."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Putting the Pieces Together

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 8 5 2
♥ K 7 6 3
♦ Q 6
♣ J 4 2
WEST
♠ 10 7 6 4 3
♥ Q J 8 5 2
♦ 8
♣ Q 7
EAST
♠ —
♥ A 10 9 4
♦ A 3
♣ A K 10 9 8 6 3
SOUTH
♠ A K Q J
♥ —
♦ K J 10 9 7 5 4 2
♣ 5

The bidding:
East 1♣ **South** 2♣ **West** Pass **North** 2♥
3♣ 4♦ Pass 5♦
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Opening lead — queen of clubs.

At these tables, the opening lead was invariably the queen of clubs, and the outcome now hinged on what East played to this trick. Some Easts, taking it for granted that the contract was sure to be defeated, didn't give the matter much thought. They played the nine or ten of clubs on the queen, requesting a club continuation. West obliged, whereupon declarer ruffed, drove out the ace of diamonds and took the rest of the tricks for a score of plus 750.

Other Easts wisely attempted to discourage a club continuation by depositing the three of clubs on the first trick. However, all but one West then shifted to the queen of hearts, and again the contract came rolling home.

At the one table where five diamonds was defeated, West thought over his play at trick two very carefully. Clearly, his partner's three of clubs demanded a shift to another suit, but which one?

West reasoned that if the defense had any heart tricks coming, they could not get away, since dummy had no suits that could provide discards. He reasoned further that his partner could hardly be void in hearts, since South hadn't supported North's hearts during the bidding.

There was, however, a possibility that East might be void in hearts. So West shifted to a spade at trick two, and East happily ruffed to sink the contract.

This freak deal from a pairs tournament produced a wide variety of results, ranging from six hearts doubled by East-West (making with an overtrick after a diamond lead) to a diamond partscore played by North-South.

The hand was played at dozens of tables, and the most common contract was five diamonds doubled. Some of those who reached this contract did so following a sequence such as the one shown, while other Souths simply bid five diamonds directly over one club.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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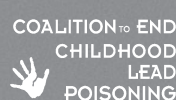
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By **HARRY R. WEBER**
Associated Press Writer
NEW ORLEANS — For months, the U.S. government talked with a boot-on-the-neck toughness about BP, with the president wondering aloud about whose butt to kick.

But privately, it worked hand-in-hand with the oil giant to cap the runaway Gulf well and chose to effectively be the company's banker — allowing future drilling revenues to potentially be used as collateral for a victim compensation fund.

Now, with a new round of investigative

hearings set to begin Monday on BP's home turf and the disaster largely off the front pages, there's worry BP PLC could get a slap on the wrist from its behind-the-scenes partner. That could trickle down to states hurt by the spill and hoping for large fines because they may share in the pie.

"I don't think they've been as tough as they should have been from Day 1," said Billy Nungesser, president of Louisiana's hard-hit Plaquemines Parish. "We were at war. You don't go to war and hope people respond."

In the past few weeks, public messages from BP and the government have been almost in lockstep. The government even released a report — criticized by academic researchers and some lawmakers as too rosy — asserting that much of the oil released into the Gulf is gone, playing into BP's message that its unprecedented response effort is working. A recent AP poll shows that BP's image, which took a beating after the oil spill, is recovering.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., said Thursday that White House sup-

port for the oil report shows the administration's "pre-occupation with the public relations of the oil spill has superseded the realities on the ground."

That differs from the atmosphere early on, when BP was the recipient of some very tough talk from the government. A little more than a week after President Barack Obama's on-air comment about "whose ass to kick" in early June, BP executives encouraged White House officials at a meeting in Washington to back off on the rhetoric. They reminded the government that a bankrupt company pays no bills, according to a person who was briefed on the details of the meeting and spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks.

In mid-July, BP finally capped its runaway well and is now very close to sealing it from the bottom once and for all.

With the crisis shifting from response to recovery, the focus will be on who's to blame and how much they should pay. The BP-government partnership raises questions about the government's ability to be impartial in meting out punishment for the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Many of those investigating the spill are not independent.

"Whether the public accepts that remains to be seen," said Wayne R. Andersen, a retired federal judge and the only nongovernment member of a key spill investigative panel.

The Deepwater Horizon joint investigation team that Andersen is on will hold its fourth set of hearings beginning Monday in Houston, where BP's U.S. offices are located. The panel is charged with reaching conclusions about what happened.

Congress and the Justice Department also are investigating, and various government agencies will be determining how much BP and others should pay in fines for the April 20 explosion that killed 11 workers and spilled 206 million gallons of oil.

The amount of spilled oil alone could mean a fine of up to \$21 billion if BP were found to have committed gross negligence, and criminal charges could be in order if negligence is found. The figure is important to the Gulf because Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., is pushing legislation that would require that at least 80 percent of the civil and criminal penalties charged to BP under the Clean Water Act be returned to the Gulf Coast for long-term economic and environmental recovery.

So if the government reaches a settlement with BP on fines that are significantly lower or, on the criminal side, lets them off easy, that could rub a lot of Americans the wrong way. By the same token, if the government comes down too hard on BP, that might hurt the government's interests, because BP's financial health and its ability to meet its spill obligations

are tied together. BP executives declined repeated requests for interviews for this story.

There are also other companies' interests to consider: Transocean, the owner of the rig that exploded, and Anadarko Petroleum, a minority owner of the undersea well, will be looking to protect themselves by shifting blame to BP, while BP also will be looking to shift blame.


The ties that bind BP and the government together started forming soon after the rig explosion. BP and U.S. Coast Guard employees sat side-by-side in a command center in Robert, La., coordinating the spill response and fielding calls together from media from around the world. That setup later moved to a high-rise office building in downtown New Orleans.

According to a person who has worked in the command center, the response team in New Orleans occupies two floors. Coast Guard and BP leaders each have a set of offices and work areas. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, formerly known as the Minerals Management Service, also has its own office, the person said. At the height of the spill, more than 400 people were on the two floors. Now, about 200 folks sit in those offices on any given day.

Often, the people from the BP leadership team would go into the Coast Guard offices with issues and vice versa.



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Losing a special pet causes grief and questions

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LOS ANGELES (AP)
— Jane Shaw called Jake her angel dog. Jake saw her through vet school, through her father's death, through a divorce and into private practice. He even did therapy work.

"He had a good sense about him, he was very reasonable. He kind of went through life at a good pace, he wasn't lethargic or excitable," Shaw said.

But 11 years ago, Shaw lost Jake to a car accident. She didn't just lose a pet, she lost the hiking partner she built her life around and that shared her lifestyle.

Through the grief came a question familiar to those who have lost a special pet: Should she get another pet? And when?

"It is healthy to have a transition period. In grieving, we're taking time to honor the pet we lost. Grief is so miserable," said the veterinarian, who is now director of the Argus Institute in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

People used to think getting a new pet right away was as important as getting back on a bicycle after you fall off. But a little time will generally help, Shaw said.

There are no wrong answers about if and when to get a new pet — just a few wrong turns. Some people will mistakenly try to "replace" a lost pet, she said, trying to find an animal that looks, sounds and behaves the same. Some people will even give the new pet the same name.

A few have tried cloning, but "while you can get a genetic replication, you can't get the same personality or temperament," Shaw said.

It took Shaw 11 months to get a new dog.

"I wanted to make sure I didn't pull the trigger too fast. Whoever this new dog was had really big paws to fill. I wanted to make sure he had a chance," she said.

It's been 10 years now and Cliff — another mutt from a shelter — is everything she could want in a best friend.



Courtesy photo

If you are looking for a pet, one place to consider is the All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue in Coahoma, current home to Abby the Labby, above. For more information, call (432) 267-7387.

Doreen Disbro of Indianapolis, Ind., lost her German shepherd named Tandy to hip disease in 2003, and she's still grieving.

"I didn't put her things, her toys, away for several weeks. I would lay next to her bed," she said.

For two months, she came home to an empty house every night and was miserable, said Disbro, an administrative assistant for a medical informatics firm and a pet blogger.

"There will never be another Tandy," she said. But she knew she could give another dog a good home and lots of love, so about eight weeks after Tandy died, she adopted Millie, who is 7 now. Soon after, Millie was joined by Riley Elizabeth, 6, a Lab mix;

and Kiko, a year-old Boston rat terrier.

The shepherd's loss still hurts, especially when she sees a dog that looks like her, or an old photo or a stuffed animal like one Tandy used to play with.

"Lost love and memories can beautifully coexist with new love and happiness," Ingrid King wrote after her cat Amber died in May.

A month before Amber died, King adopted a kitten named Allegra.

"I will eventually add a second cat to our family, but I'm just not ready," said King, an author and former veterinary hospital manager from Herndon, Va.

Some people use time between pets to travel, start a family, move, take a new job. Some older people are reluc-

tant to take in a new pet for fear the pet will outlive them. Every person, every pet, every relationship is different. Most people know when it is time to get a new companion, Shaw said. Or the pet will find them.

Brett Holmes was fresh out of college when he found George at a shelter near Dallas. For 14 years, Holmes and the yellow Lab mix were inseparable, living in Los Angeles, where George went to work with Holmes every day and they ran each morning or night — or both.

When Holmes was a single parent, George ran alongside him and his son, wearing out three strollers in four years.

"I've come to understand that George represented the best of life — during a special period of mine in which he inspired me to seize each day and do my best to make my life extraordinary," said Holmes, who now lives in Austin, Texas, where he works for a pet food company.

It's been 10 years since George died. Holmes hasn't gotten another pet because "I couldn't seem to get past my memories of George."

But he's met others who had similar relationships with their pets and "I've learned to be

more honest about my feelings about George, and acknowledge to others and to myself my profound sense of loss and sorrow," he said.

So he has been visiting shelters and is openly looking for a new friend to share some different times with. It won't be the rollercoaster ride he and George took. Maybe this time they will walk more than they run.

Terri Lebo of Denver met Shaw when she took her dog Blue to Colorado State for consultation when he was sick.

A month or two after Blue died of cancer in April 2009, Lebo started looking to adopt another dog. She found Whisper on a rescue website but was hesitant to adopt because the dog was about 4, undergoing heartworm treatment.

"I was hesitant about adopting her because I was afraid of losing another pet too soon after losing Blue, but the vet reassured me that she could live a normal life if the treatment was successful.

Whisper came from a very bad place and was completely shut down — terrified of everything."

In the year since the adoption, Lebo said Whisper has blossomed, helping her deal with Blue's loss.

"It really was the worst time of my life when Blue got sick but for some reason I managed to live through it," Lebo said.

"Maybe it was so I could help Whisper."

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The Matts of Alike-wise said the draw may be more about the crowd than the love science

behind their approach. "We think there's a different caliber of person who reads," Masina said. "You won't go onto our site and find guys with their shirts off."

Other sites exist for bookish on the prowl. The Passions Network, a less-than-flashy free social media and dating hangout, has separate areas for writers and lovers of comic books, manga and reading. Company president Michael Carter wouldn't disclose how many users they have.

In the extreme niche department, there's a gathering place for admirers of Ayn Rand's "The Fountainhead" and "Atlas Shrugged" that includes a dating area. Michael Kelley, 50, of Aiken, S.C., thought he'd give it a try after two failed marriages and intensive study of Rand's work years later. He met a fellow devotee who moved to Florida. They're still in touch and plan to take a cross-country trip together.

"I thought I could find somebody there who thinks like I do," Kelley said. "I thought maybe this is why my relationships with my two wives didn't work out. They didn't have the same world view."

So far so good for the biography-loving Chin, who posted "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho and "His Way: An Unauthorized Biography of Frank Sinatra" by Kitty Kelley, among others. He invited the woman who posted "The Philosophy of Andy Warhol" to a Warhol exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum.

"We had a great time," he said. "Hopefully it will turn out well."

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