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Trial for Clifford Anglin to begin today

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Jury selection in the aggravated robbery trial of a Big Spring man accused of invading a home along with several other suspects in early June is expected to begin in 118th District Court this morning.

Clifford Leon Anglin, 26, currently being held at the Howard County jail, was indicted Aug. 5 on a charge of aggravated robbery — a first-degree



Anglin

felony — by a Howard County Grand Jury for his alleged part in the June 3 home invasion of a home in the 600 block of State Street.

Felix Lee Jaramillo, 31, and Phillip G. Martinez, 21, were also indicted on charges of aggravated robbery by the same grand jury. Both men remain in the custody of the

Howard County jail. The aggravated robbery charges against Anglin and Jaramillo have been elevated to enhanced first-degree felonies, as well.

According to police reports, numerous suspects — witnesses stated there were between five and seven suspects involved — stormed the home of a Big Spring family, kicking in the side and front doors of the house during the late evening

hours.

The suspects were armed with handguns, according to police reports, while one suspect was armed with a shotgun. All were wearing bandanas or masks to conceal their identities, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

"The suspects demanded money

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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Ed Meiser of the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans addresses the crowd during the Memorial at the Mall event Saturday. A large crowd of people attended the event to pay tribute to those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and local soldiers who have died in action since that time.

Seliger, Heflin set town hall meetings

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

This area's representatives in the Texas Legislature have scheduled town hall meetings in Garden City and Big Spring Tuesday.

As they have several times in the past, State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and State Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton, will co-host the meetings. They will be at the community center in Garden City at 9:30 a.m., then will host the Big Spring meeting in the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College Campus at 1:30 p.m.

This marks the fourth year Heflin and Seliger have co-hosted town hall meetings in this area.

Past meetings have typically covered a wide range of topics, including taxes, education, border security, crime and economic development.

Admission is free to both events.

"I look forward to hearing

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Council to eye budget, OK fee schedule

City's proposed budget ambitious

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to consider first reading of ordinances approving the proposed budget and tax rate for 2010-2011, as the government entity looks to finish its fiscal planning for the coming year.

The proposed budget for 2010-2011 is based on a tax rate of 99.95 cents per \$100 valuation — down 1.34743 cents from the current tax rate of \$1.01.

The fiscal plan is expected to serve the city's needs for



Fuqua

the coming year, but on a very tight margin, according to City Manager Gary Fuqua.

"I feel very good about it right now. As I mentioned to the council, I couldn't have done it without the staff," Fuqua said. "We made some substantial cuts. We set a goal from the very beginning to get our tax rate below \$1 and we want to start looking at bringing that down for our taxpayers. However, we also wanted to be able to give our employees raises and that really presented a challenge.

"The council told us they supported the raises, but we needed to find a place to get

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Animal ordinance fees to be set

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Final reading of an ordinance establishing a fee schedule for the city of Big Spring's newly-adopted animal control regulations is slated for the city council's Tuesday night meeting, part of a recent effort to bring the city code up to date.

The ordinance — which was passed on first reading by the council by a 5-1 vote, with District 5 Councilman Craig Olson the lone dissenter — would establish set fees for the newly adopted animal control ordinances, which was approved by the council in August by a unanimous vote.

The new ordinance provides definitions and regulations for animal rescuers and commercial animal establishments, as well as requiring custodians to reside on the premises with dogs or cats. An exception was added to the ordinance in time for its final reading that exempts commercial animal operations from having a custodian on-site, however, as long as the animals are being cared for in a timely manner.

The ordinance would also require pet owners with more than eight cats and/or dogs to procure a no-cost permit from the city, as well as place

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Obituaries

Shirley Cay Greenfield

Shirley Cay Greenfield, 53, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, and Eddy Pitchford, minister at Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Shirley was born Dec. 20, 1956, in Rotan and married Tim Greenfield on Dec. 15, 1990, in Coahoma.

She came to the Coahoma/Sand Springs area in 1972 from Sweetwater with her family. She graduated from Coahoma High School in 1975 and then attended Howard College and Odessa College. Shirley worked for Coahoma State Bank, now Western Bank, for 21 years, retiring in 2009 due to her health. Shirley was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved to take her yearly trip with her husband to Fredericksburg to see the wild flowers bloom. She enjoyed traveling and loved to read. She loved to sew for her family, especially her granddaughter. She loved to decorate for every holiday and had the most beautiful Christmas decorations.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma and was involved in the Big Spring Women's Club.

Survivors include her husband, Tim Greenfield of Big Spring; one son, Jim Boudreau of Midland; one daughter, Tia Grant and husband, David, of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Makinsey Grant; one grandson, Cody Gentry; her mother, Iva Jaye Roberts of Big Spring; three brothers, Chuck Roberts and wife, Kathy, of Odessa, David Roberts and wife, Jonana, of Port Lavaca and Mike Roberts and wife, Jenna, of Denver City; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dennis and Willie Mae Greenfield of Big Spring; her sister-in-law, Denise Bogard and husband, Chris, of Big Spring; four nephews; seven nieces; two great nieces; and one great nephew.

Shirley was preceded in death by her father, Ed Roberts, in February 2001.

Pallbearers will be Marty Roberts, Riley Wood, Joshua Roberts, Charles Roberts III, Chris Bogard and Lloyd Wells.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, c/o Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Travis L. Haynie

Travis L. Haynie, 78, of Stanton died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, in a Big Spring nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 29, 1932, in Stanton. Travis had been the groundskeeper at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. He was very patriotic and loved the flag.

Survivors include a sister, Ermine Barrick of Denton, and six nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Travis W. and Margaret, and one brother, Silliman E. Haynie.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Stanton Senior Center or Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Ana Maria Trevino

Ana Maria Trevino, 92, of Denton, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Helen Frances Large Thraikill

Helen Frances Large Thraikill, 82, passed away peacefully in the presence of her family Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, at the Midland Memorial Inpatient Hospice Unit. She was welcomed into Heaven by her parents, Obie Large and Cora Thomas Large; husband, R.C. "Bob" Thraikill; and daughter, Frances Scott.

Funeral services for Helen will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Helen was a devout Christian who was instrumental in leading her family to Christ. She was an active member of the Lenorah Baptist Church for 53 years and then the First Baptist Church of Stanton until her death. She was dedicated to her family and friends and her home was always a focal point for family gatherings and guests.

She was born Nov. 5, 1927, in Knott where she graduated from high school. On March 20, 1943, she married Bob in Martin County, where they farmed for the next 53 years. They had two children, Frances and Patricia, who they taught the joys of gardening and hoeing the cotton. In 1962, she went to work as a banker at First Bankers (formerly Midland Savings). After retiring from farming, Helen and Bob moved to Stanton in 1996 where she became an active member in the community.

She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority for 50 years. For 16 years, she worked as the curator at Martin County Historical Museum. For her 80th birthday, she treated herself to retirement. She enjoyed her final years enjoying time at home with family and friends and traveling.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia High of Stanton; one brother, Kenneth Large of Midland; sister-in-law, Hazel Burgess of Midland; four grandchildren, Stacy Stribling and wife, Shelly, of Midland, K.C. Caulder and wife, Dodie, of Odessa, Robert Scott and wife, Marla, of Midland and Bill Scott and wife, Sheila, of Midland; seven great-grandchildren, Noble, Samantha, Kevin, Taylor, Amanda, Alyssa and Dusti; two great-great-grandchildren, Willow and Jocelynn; three nephews, Kyle Large and wife, Kristina, of Fort Worth, Kevin Large of Caerleon, Wales, and Cody Large and companion, Debbie, of Midland; and a niece, Kim Large-Carnes of Midland.

Pallbearers will be Stacy Stribling, K.C. Caulder, Robert Scott, Bill Scott, Kyle Large and Cody Large. Honorary pallbearers are Kevin Large, Terry Shanks, Bill Swink, Myrl Mitchell and John Smith.

The family would like to thank all the doctors and hospital staff who have taken care of our Helen, especially Dr. Van Heusen, Dr. David Watkins and the nurses and aides of the inpatient hospice unit.

The family suggests memorials be made to Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton 79782; the First Baptist Church of Stanton, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782; or to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701.

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Paid obituary

Jane Gilmore

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John A. Williams

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Juan Morelion

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Dwain Alan Dodson

Dwain Alan Dodson, 56, of Valpraiso, Ind., brother of a Big Spring woman, passed away after a short battle with cancer Sept. 9, 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Lovetta Dodson of Abilene.

Beloved husband of 33 years to Dana Humble Dodson, he is survived by a wonderful family of five children, Megan Grace (Dodson) Mason and husband Andrew of Chicago, Ill., Peter Franc Dodson of Chicago, Ill., James Austin Dodson and wife Elaine of San Antonio, Caleb Andrew Dodson of Laramie, Wyo., and Samuel Scott Dodson, who is attending the U.S. Naval Academy.

He is also survived by his dearest sister, Cathy Dodson Richardson of Big Spring, along with her husband Jack and daughter Annette. Numerous surviving aunts, uncles and cousins reside in Texas. Dodson was firmly committed to his family and his career and will be sorely missed.

Dodson was a chemical engineer throughout his working career. He earned a master of science degree in 1977 at the University of Texas at Austin and joined Dow Chemical at their Freeport location, continuing there during the next 20 years. In 1996, Dodson made a career change that led him first to Illinois and other chemical plant locations across the Midwest. At the time of his death, he was working on the proposed design of the Summit plant near Odessa.

Through his travels as an engineer, Dodson developed a hobby in travel and pursued a lengthy "bucket list" of destinations. Dodson also developed an interests in history, aviation and participating in the many interests of his family and their projects.

Interment will be at Elmwood Memorial Service in Abilene near other family members with a graveside service Sept. 25. Arrangements under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

• DOMONICK RAY HERNANDEZ, 19, of 1506 Robin, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

• TRINITY LEWIS OWENS, 30, of 2614 Ent, was arrested Saturday on charges of evading arrest or detention using a vehicle, driving while intoxicated (open container) – second offense and driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• FRANK FIERRO JR., 62, of 603 N.W. Fifth St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANTHONY JOSEPH YANEZ, 19, of 1610 Cardinal, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for bail jumping – failure to appear.

• HECTOR SANCHEZ CASTRO, 41, of 2613 Fairchild, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• JAIME HERNANDEZ, 43, of 1406 Robin, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.

• EARNEST GARCIA, 46, of 1612 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANGEL HILARIO RAMIREZ, 18, of 611 San Antonio, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

• TYLER JAMES HERNANDEZ, 17, of Arlington, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

• RICHARD NORMAN RAMIREZ, 45, of 611 N. San Antonio, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

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BSISD trustees to consider best use of \$50 million in bond funds

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For the past several months, Big Spring Independent School District officials have been planning how to best use more than \$50 million in voter-approved construction bonds.

When trustees hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the high school board room, however, they will turn their attention to what they want from the man who will turn those plans into reality.

Construction projects authorized by school district voters in May are scheduled to begin in late spring 2011. Those projects include three new elementary campuses and significant renovations at Moss Elementary, new classrooms at the junior high (which will allow sixth-graders to move to that campus) and science lab upgrades at the high school.

Officials have been consulting with architects the past several months finalizing blueprints for those projects and are now going to turn their attention to hiring a construction manager to oversee all the work.

The district is still a few months away from hiring a construction manager, but trustees

will tackle several preparatory issues during Tuesday's meeting.

Most of the discussion on the issue will revolve around establishing criteria on what kind of project manager the district expects and what the district will expect from him. In addition, trustees are expected to authorize the district to seek "requests for proposals" from interested contractors.

Jay Edward, an architect with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper who has been consulting the school district on the bond projects, said the work has attracted a lot of preliminary attention.

"I've taken about a half-dozen calls from contractors in the past week," he said Aug. 31. "Obviously, the economy is down right now and there's not as much construction work going on as in the past couple of years. That, coupled with the way the project is designed, makes it very attractive to contractors."

Once the criteria is established and the trustees formally request RFPs, the next step is formulation of an advisory committee to screen applicants. That committee will include BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar, Assistant Superinten-

dent Danny Ferrell, Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner, Wayland Pierce (who will be the district's liaison with the construction manager), two trustees and two PSC representatives.

That committee will be tasked with interviewing candidates and making final recommendations to the school board before a construction manager is named.

If all goes according to plan, a construction manager should be named in November, Edwards said.

In other business Tuesday, trustees will consider:

- Installing artificial turf at the high school baseball field for the cost of \$230,000.
- Pave portions of the parking lot at Memorial Stadium for an estimated cost of \$75,000.
- Personnel matters.
- The junior high improvement plan.
- A property purchase.
- Approval of the superintendent's goals.
- The annual delinquent tax report.

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BAND SWEETHEART



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring High School Band member Valerie Ross was named Band Sweetheart during halftime of the Big Spring-Plainview football game at Memorial Stadium Friday night.

BUDGET

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the money. So we made some substantial cuts. We can still provide the same service, but we'll have to watch our budgets very closely. There may be a little luck involved, too. But we feel very good about it right now."

Despite the decrease in the tax rate, the 2010-2011 budget remains ambitious.

The proposed budget

would also provide for a sludge removal belt press and related equipment for the city's water treatment facility, a project estimated to cost approximately \$1.1 million. City officials said the addition will hopefully help the city avoid problems with the municipal water's turbidity similar to those experienced earlier in 2010.

The \$1.1 million will come from the city's capital revolving fund, according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker.

Also part of the 2010-2011 budget is \$500,000 earmarked for renovations at the municipal auditorium to bring the facility into ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance. According to Fuqua, the money will come from the city's Conventions and Visitors Bureau's motel tax fund.

The narcotics task force developed by the Big Spring Police Department during the 2007-2008 budget session will also see an increase in funding, as the 7.321 cents

from the tax rate currently devoted to the program gets bumped up to 9.15 cents.

The proposed budget also provides \$382,000 for a landfill compacting tractor. The purchase includes a \$115,000 buyback option after five years, according to Fuqua, and will help extend the life of the existing landfill facility for an additional two years.

The fiscal plan includes \$1.6 million currently earmarked for renovations to the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Center, according to Fuqua,

who said city officials are looking at a number of options to revamp its police station, including use of the old elementary school facility near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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FEES

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limitations on selling or giving away animals on public or government property.

According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, the measures are designed to protect the well being of the animals from poor and inhumane living conditions. Sjogren confirmed the change

would make it against city ordinance for people to sell or give away cats or dogs in public places, such as the Walmart SuperCenter parking lot.

City officials said the changes will offer the municipality a chance to inspect animal-driven businesses and operations and address any conditions that might be considered inhumane or a health hazard.

Currently, there are

no state or federal inspections required by law, although many private organizations — such as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and American Kennel Club — will provide inspections if requested.

Councilman Craig Olson voted against the schedule of fees, which included a permit fee for local animal-oriented businesses.

Olson said he felt the

fees were simply another tax being heaped upon the private sector of Big Spring, a resource he said local government is all too fast to bleed for funding.

Mayor Tommy Duncan said he could see both sides of the issue, but reminded Olson the increase in costs sustained by the city for having to conduct inspections and completing the permit process would either be paid by the commercial

owners that are a part of the animal business, or by the Big Spring taxpayers through the city's general fund.

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and, holding the family at gunpoint, ransacked the house," Everett said. "The suspects threatened the adults and pointed their weapons at the couple's children, who are 2 and 3 years old. One suspect pistol whipped the

male victim in the head while his children were present."

Everett said moments after the suspects fled the victim's home police officers noticed a vehicle driving without its headlights on. Once the vehicle was pulled over, several suspects exited the car, fleeing on foot.

Jaramillo and a 16-year-old juvenile

suspect were taken into custody moments later. According to police officials, items stolen during the invasion were recovered from the vehicle. Both were charged with aggravated robbery. Shortly thereafter, Martinez was arrested on a number of charges, including theft, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and ag-

gravated robbery.

A fourth suspect — 28-year-old Abel Guzman — was also arrested at a location in the 900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. on a warrant for aggravated robbery. Anglin was taken into custody in the days following Guzman's arrest.

Anglin — along with the remaining suspects — faces five to 99 years

to life in prison, along with a fine not to exceed \$10,000, if convicted.

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MEETINGS

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(citizens') input and thoughts on the upcoming regular session of the 82nd Legislature," Seliger said in a statement announcing the meetings.

Heflin and Seliger both said meetings such as Tuesday's were vitally important.

"We work for the people and without their input on the various issues ... we'd be lost," Heflin said.

Seliger concurred. "We want everyone to know how important it is for us for citizens to

provide their input," he said. "They don't need me to tell them what the important issues are. They do need to know how (legislators) plan to address those issues."

For more information, contact Stefanie Wilkerson, manager of Seliger's Big Spring office, at 268-9909, or Willa Ledford, Heflin's Big Spring assistant, at 213-2897.

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OTHER VIEWS

Job One? Tier 1

It can't be much fun being a leader of one of the seven Texas public universities chasing funding from the Texas Legislature to achieve higher education's version of nirvana — Tier 1 status.

It's been hot. There's no money in Austin. And state lawmakers aren't in a generous, giving mood.

So, our sympathies to all concerned, but especially to UH Chancellor and President Renu Khator, the leader of our home team in this high-stakes game. It's tough sloggng.

Tier 1 status is important. It means being numbered among the nation's top research universities. Tier 1 institutions are centers for scholarly innovation, cutting edge research and federal and private funding.

For some time now, state leadership has recognized the need to perhaps double the number of Tier 1 institutions in Texas. Alas, that's a process that can — and likely will — take years.

For UH and Houston, it's important to keep the momentum building. Achieving Tier 1 status for UH may be the single most consequential step we can take to ensure a prosperous future for this region. To glimpse the possibilities, one need only look at what UT has done for Austin over the years. Tier 1 status for UT has helped shape Austin into a magnet for high-tech industry and the high-paying jobs and healthy tax base that come with that. We'd like a helping of that in Houston, too, thank you. Bringing UH into the Tier 1 ranks is the surest way there.

Currently, Texas has three Tier 1 universities: UT-Austin, Texas A&M and Rice. That's not enough. By comparison, California has nine. In addition to UH, the schools vying for Tier 1 status are the University of Texas campuses in San Antonio, El Paso, Arlington and Dallas; North Texas State University and Texas Tech.

But back to the present, and the situation in Austin. We know that it doesn't make things any easier for Chancellor Khator when she's pleading the UH case that the state government faces a projected biennial budget deficit in the range of \$18 billion. Khator and others got a full dose of that last month on their visit to the capital, where they appeared before a joint meeting of the Senate and House Higher Education committees.

The immediate problem they all face is a cut in state matching funds to help the seven candidates for Tier 1 status achieve it. It's just a little nick — a reduction from \$50 million to \$47.5 million in that pot — but every dollar counts. The university presidents and chancellors ought not be shy about making that case with the lawmakers. This goes double for UH.

Any expansion of Tier 1 institutions in Texas simply must include the University of Houston. The future vitality of the area's economy, the state's largest and most dynamic, depends in so many ways on UH being able to take that big step.

So soldier on, Chancellor Khator — heat or no heat, budget deficit or not. We're with you all the way. Truth is, we're counting on you.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we share confidential thoughts with You, Lord, through our prayers.

Amen

Obama delivers on Iraq promises

When then-Sen. Barack Obama visited the San Francisco Chronicle editorial board in 2008, I had one question for him: Which Democratic candidate for president would be best at keeping Iraq from imploding?

"That would be me," Obama answered.

He called Operation Iraqi Freedom "an enormous strategic mistake." Nonetheless, Obama also noted that, once the war had begun, "We had an obligation to fund our troops and to try to make this work as best we can."

And: "Once we were in, we had some obligation, both strategic and humanitarian, to stabilize the country, and that we should be as careful getting out as we were careless getting in."

On Tuesday night, as I watched the president's speech on the war in Iraq, I felt that Obama delivered on that pledge.

True, the president did not meet his then-highly dubious plan to pull all U.S. combat troops out of Iraq by the end of 2009. Instead, he stuck with the withdrawal timeline signed by President George W. Bush and

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in December 2008.

That decision cost Obama enthusiasm among his anti-war base, but it also may well have prevented a cascade of the sort of disasters likely to follow a precipitous pullout.

Also to his credit, Obama has not abandoned his nomination-speech pledge to "finish the fight against al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan."

Of course, there are caveats.

First, while the president announced "that the American combat mission in Iraq has ended," everyone knows that the remaining 50,000 U.S. troops in Iraq will face fire. The "combat mission" may have ended, but combat has not.

Second, as Obama himself recognized in the Chronicle meeting, America retains its obligation to prevent "mayhem and genocide" in Iraq.

As he explained, "I would always reserve the right, if I saw wholesale civilian slaughter, to intervene — hopefully in an international coalition."

Having announced the combat mission over, however, the president will face pressure not to intervene should the unthinkable occur.

Third, it's hard not to fear for the future when the last decade has shown how easy it has been for politicians to walk away from a war effort, even if they

voted to go to war.

Consider that all four Democratic hopefuls in 2008, who were in the Senate during the 2002 Iraq war vote — Joe Biden, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chris Dodd and John Edwards — did vote to authorize the use of force in Iraq. Yet all four later renounced the war. Ditto the Dems' 2004 presidential nominee, Sen. John Kerry.

All expected to pay a small political price for changing sides, even though the troops who lost their lives or limbs in combat can't go back in time.

In 2002, Obama found it easy to accuse Bush of sending U.S. troops to war in Iraq in order to "distract us from corporate scandals and a stock market that has just gone through the worst month since the Great Depression." But in his speech Tuesday night, the president rightly noted, "There were patriots who supported this war, and patriots who opposed it."

Alas, there were opportunists on both sides as well. Note how many of the very peace activists who hounded Bush on the absolute immorality of the war in Iraq in particular have become largely silent with Obama at the helm.

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The ladies are slugging it out

That was the headline on last Thursday's Drudge Report. And it is as good a summary as any of what happened the night before when incumbent California Sen. Barbara Boxer met her challenger, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, in their first debate.

By all measures, Boxer should be vulnerable. She is a liberal. No denying it. She wouldn't think of it.

She is an incumbent, a strong supporter of an increasingly unpopular president, a vigorous opponent of the Iraq war, a very capital "D" Democrat in a year when Democrats are in trouble, even in California.

Even optimistic tried-and-true Democrats are worried about the California governor's race — notwithstanding former Gov. (and now candidate) Jerry Brown's legendary skills and genius as a political wizard, the big registration advantage, the problematic poll numbers of the current Republican governor and the vulnerabilities of former eBay CEO and current gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman.

When I talk to Washington insiders, they scoff when I say I think Boxer is in better shape than Brown. That shouldn't be, not in an anti-Washington, anti-incumbent election.

But if you think I'm wrong, catch a few minutes of Wednesday night's debate. Boxer repeatedly attacked

Fiorina for cutting jobs at HP and shipping them to China and India. She punched hard at Fiorina's putting "Made in China" and "Made in India" labels on her products and touting that as success.

Not fair, retorted Fiorina; Boxer shouldn't be attacking HP. "She's running on her record as the former CEO of Hewlett-Packard, so what she did there counts," Boxer said. "And I'm going to keep on telling the truth about it."

Who ever said women couldn't throw punches? Ladies?

Despite the climate, Boxer has certain advantages over Fiorina that Brown does not have over Whitman. The first is money. Fiorina and Whitman are both former CEOs, but only one is a billionaire.

That would be Whitman. She built eBay. Fiorina got ousted from HP. Whitman left with a bundle. Fiorina is wealthy — but not wealthy enough to fund a campaign in California. Right now, Boxer holds a definite edge in fundraising.

Then there are the issues. Fiorina had a tougher primary fight, which means she had to move further to the right before she could try to find her way back to the center. Only one-third of the registered voters in California are Republicans. Among them, the most conservative vote in primaries. The reason "moderate" Republicans such as Dick Riordan (the former Los Angeles mayor who could have won a general election for governor of California but couldn't win the Republican primary) and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (who only

won election because it was an "open" recall) have successfully pushed for open primaries is because the primary effect on Republicans is to make them unelectable in November.

Fiorina, after a tough primary, finds herself running as an anti-abortion, overrule Roe v. Wade, drill-baby-drill Republican. Not what anyone would call an ideal position.

But what may count for most in the end is what I call the human factor. I never judge people by how they treat people with power: Everybody treats people with power well, unless they have even more power. No, it's how they treat the people beneath them, e.g., the gals who do their makeup before they go charm the anchors interviewing them on live television. No one sees more of candidates this time of year than makeup artists, and while the male candidates often race in and out, no woman over 50 goes on television without a serious session with foundation and powder.

So I've been doing my own poll. In a year in which an unprecedented number of women are running for office, you get a very good sample size.

And after 20 years in television, I know a lot of makeup artists, including the freelancers at the satellite studios where we all end up. The issue is not ideology; it's niceness. Meg Whitman does just fine. So, by the way, do both Barbara Boxer and Sarah Palin.

But Carly Fiorina? Not so much.

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Former Steers return to Memorial

Cisco beats N.M. Military in junior college football showdown

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Tevion Parnell forgot where he was when he scored a 15-yard touchdown for Cisco Junior College against New Mexico Military Institute on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

He thought he was still donning the Big Spring Steers' black and gold in front of the home crowd.

"For a moment, I thought I was still in high school," he said. "I was about to throw up the horns."

Parnell and Monte Anderson got a chance to relive their playing days in high school when Cisco Junior College and New Mexico Military Institute decided to play its regular season game at Memorial Stadium to cut down on travel time.

Thaddeus Straughter didn't suit out for the game because of injury.

Parnell's touchdown catch, which came in the third quarter, helped Cisco put New Mexico Military Institute away 31-26.

After the game, Anderson and Parnell were met by Big Spring coaches and family and friends.

Anderson said he hadn't been back to Big Spring since heading for Cisco Junior College, and he was glad to reconnect with friends, coaches and relatives.

He said his experience at Cisco Junior College has been one worth getting used to, but it's been great having Parnell and Straughter around.

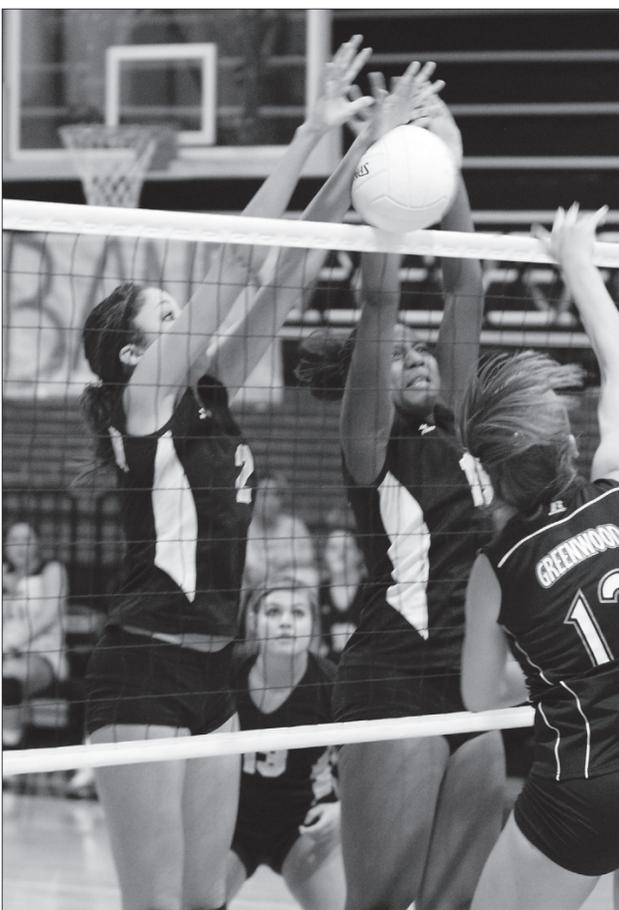
"Coaches push you. Players go hard every

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Former Big Spring Steer Tevion Parnell scores a touchdown for Cisco Junior College in the Wranglers' game against New Mexico Military Institute on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.



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Taylor Seaton (left) and Diamond Mayes (right) block the ball during the Lady Steers' 3-0 win against Greenwood.

Lady Steers sweep Rangers

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers got the win they had been wanting for a long time.

It wasn't who they beat, or a losing streak they snapped. It was the way they won, sweeping Greenwood 25-15, 26-24, 25-21 on Saturday in Steer Gym.

"The girls, they lost a little bit of confidence early in the season and I think they're starting to build their confidence back," Big Spring volleyball head coach Lynn Osborne said. "We're starting to play with a lot more confidence."

The Lady Steers were nearly flawless in Saturday's win. It was a mix of dominating the opponent — seen in Game 1 — and persevering through adversity — seen in Game 2 and 3 — for Big Spring.

The Lady Steers have yet to show they have problems keeping a lead and Game 1's 10-point win proved that.

But in Game 2, Greenwood and Big Spring went back and forth, with the Lady Steers needing an extra point to seal

the win.

It's a lesson the Lady Steers should learn quickly in Taylor Seaton's opinion. She said the difference between the blowout in Game 1 and the close contest in Game 2 was Big Spring getting too comfortable.

"I think a lot of it is, we beat them by 10 points and we think 'Oh we've got this. It's going to be an easy win,'" said Seaton, who had a team-high 17 kills against the Rangers. "Then we expect they're just going to give it to us. They're not."

In the final game, the Lady Steers had the Rangers beat. A Seaton kill gave them a 12-10 advantage before Greenwood had to call a timeout. Big Spring sustained the lead later at 23-18, until the Rangers reeled off three consecutive points.

Then Osborne called a timeout and reminded her players they needed to play all out to get the win.

"We had some technical things that we were doing wrong. We tried to address those things and just calm them down a little bit. When they start seeing a

run, they start to get a little bit tense and tight and they start playing a little bit careful."

But as soon as the Lady Steers calmed down, a Greenwood error gave Big Spring the win.

Now Osborne said the Lady Steers have some momentum heading into another home match against Colorado City on Tuesday — their first back-to-back home matches this season.

There's no question the Greenwood win was impressive, but middle blocker Diamond Mayes said it doesn't compare to the Abilene Cooper win at the beginning of the season.

She said Big Spring should be winning matches like those.

"This is second because we swept them and we got the job done," she said. "This is what we're supposed to do every game."

Along with Seaton's 17 kills, Cerbi Ritchey had 25 assists and Valerie Ross had 23 digs.

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Texans surprise Colts 34-24 as Foster sets record

HOUSTON (AP) — Arian Foster ran for a team-record 231 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the Houston Texans to a 34-24 victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

Foster's sensational opening-day effort allowed the Texans to end a six-game losing streak against Peyton Manning and the defending AFC champions.

Foster, an undrafted rookie who spent most of last season on the practice squad, had 33 carries in gaining the most yards by a Colts' opponent. He had the NFL's second-best opening weekend performance since 1933, topped only by Buffalo's O.J. Simpson's 250 in 1973 against New England. Foster also surpassed Domanick Davis' team record of 158 yards rushing, set in 2004 at Jacksonville.

Manning completed 40 of 57 passes for 433 yards, the fourth-highest opening weekend total since 1933, and three touch-

downs. He threw a 10-yard TD pass to Dallas Clark with 4:54 left to cut Houston's lead to 27-17.

But Foster ran for 41 yards on the Texans' next series and capped his day with an 8-yard TD run.

The Texans (1-0) rushed for a franchise-record 260 yards and backed up their bold talk in the offseason that they were ready to challenge Indianapolis. The Colts came into the game with 15 wins in 16 games against the Texans, including rallying from 17 points down in the previous two meetings in Houston.

Foster made sure there was no Texans collapse in this one.

Houston led 13-10 at halftime and turned the offense over to Foster to start the third quarter. He rushed 10 times for 49 yards on the drive, finishing the eight-minute march with a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Colts' offensive line pro-

ected Manning better in the second half than it did in the first, and Manning guided Indianapolis inside the Texans 30.

Mario Williams sacked Manning on third down from the Texans 27, driving the Colts out of field-goal range.

The Colts punted, and Foster went over 100 yards with an 11-yard run to open the Texans' next possession. But Matt Schaub threw incomplete to Andre Johnson on third down, and Indianapolis got it back with just over 12 minutes left.

Manning completed four straight passes to move the Colts across midfield. On third down, Austin Collie caught a pass from Manning at the Texans' 10, but fumbled after a hit by safety Bernard Pollard and corner back Glover Quin recovered.

Foster broke a 42-yard run on the next play. Slaton and Foster gained first downs on consecu-

tive runs before Foster sprinted 25 yards to the end zone for a 27-10 lead with 8:41 left.

The Texans had been here before.

Two years ago, Houston blew a 27-10 lead in the fourth quarter when backup Sage Rosenfels had three turnovers. The Colts scored 21 points in just over two minutes and won 31-27.

On Sunday, Manning went 9-for-12 on Indianapolis' next series, and found Clark for a 10-yard touchdown with 4:54 left. Instead of letting it slip away, the Texans went back to Foster and put the game away.

Foster ran 41 yards on the drive through more huge holes. He strutted into the end zone for his final score and slammed the ball as his teammates mobbed him.

Manning threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to Collie with

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Big Spring Quarterback Club

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Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Cavern City Tennis Tournament

This tournament is set for 8 a.m. Sept. 25 in Carls-

bad, N.M. Entry fee is \$15 for singles players and \$20 for doubles.

The deadline to enter is at 6 p.m. Sept. 20 and UTSA membership is required. Call 575-887-1980 for more information.

AP Top 25 poll

- Alabama (52)
- Ohio St. (5)
- Boise St. (1)
- TCU
- Oregon
- Texas (1)
- Oklahoma
- Nebraska
- Iowa
- Florida
- Wisconsin
- Arkansas
- South Carolina
- Utah
- LSU
- Auburn
- Miami
- Southern Cal
- Stanford
- Michigan
- West Virginia
- Penn St.
- Houston
- Arizona
- Oregon St.

Texas teams receiving votes: Texas A&M 18, Texas Tech 17, Baylor 117, Baylor 1

Tide, Ohio St. pull away from Boise

NEW YORK (AP) — The combination of impressive victories by Alabama and Ohio State and a stunning loss by Virginia Tech led to Boise State losing all but one of its first-place votes in the AP Top 25.

The Broncos were still No. 3, behind the top-ranked Tide and No. 2 Buckeyes in the poll released Sunday, but the gap has widened.

Alabama received 52 first-place votes and 1,466 points. Ohio State had five first-place votes and 1,410 points and Boise State received one and 1,306.

TCU remained fourth and Oregon jumped two spots to No. 5 after winning 48-13 at Tennessee.

Michigan moved into the rankings for the first time this season at No. 20 after its dramatic 38-24 victory at Notre Dame.

After Boise State beat Virginia Tech last Monday night in Landover, Md., the Broncos received eight first-place votes from the media panel and were only 13 points behind No. 2 Ohio State.

Some of the luster came off the Broncos' big nonconference victory when Virginia Tech was upset Saturday by James Madison, which plays in Division I's second tier.

Add to that the Buckeyes' 36-24 victory against Miami in Columbus, Ohio, and the Crimson Tide's 24-3 win against

Penn State in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the top of the poll looks more like it did at the start of the season.

Pete DiPrimio of The Fort Wayne News-Sentinel in Indiana was the lone voter to keep Boise State No. 1 this week.

In the USA Today coaches' poll, the top five was Alabama, Ohio State, Boise State, Texas and TCU.

Texas dropped a spot to No. 6 in The Associated Press poll and received one first-place vote. Oklahoma moved up three spots to No. 7 after beating Florida State, 47-17.

Nebraska, Iowa and Florida rounded out the first 10.

No. 11 Wisconsin was followed by Arkansas, South Carolina, Utah and LSU.

Another Southeastern Conference team, Auburn, was No. 16, giving the SEC six ranked teams, more than any other league.

No. 17 Miami slipped five spots and No. 18 Southern California dropped two after beating Virginia 17-14. Stanford moved up six spots to No. 19 after shutting out UCLA 35-0 on the Rose Bowl.

Michigan was followed by West Virginia, Penn State, which slipped four spots, and three teams that were unranked last week — No. 23 Houston, No. 24 Arizona and No. 25 Oregon State.

While Miami and Penn State remained in the rankings after losing their mar-

quee games Saturday, Florida State dropped all the way out.

The Seminoles were one of three Atlantic Coast Conference teams to fall out of the poll this week, joining Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech. The Hokies were unranked for the first time since Nov. 30, 2008, after becoming the second ranked FBS team to lose to an FCS team in the history of the AP poll.

The first was Michigan, which was No. 5 when it lost to Appalachian State to start the 2007 season. The victory caused The Associated Press to change its policy and allow voters to vote for teams in what used to be called I-AA.

James Madison received 11 points in this week's poll, landing on the ballots of two voters — Ray Ratto of Comcast SportsNet Bay Area in California and Jon Wilner of the San Jose Mercury News.

Georgia also fell out of the rankings. Michigan is ranked for the first time since last September.

The Wolverines were ranked for three weeks during the first month of the 2009 season, before crashing in the second half.

With sensational sophomore quarterback Denard Robinson leading the way, Michigan is off to a 2-0 start again, adding a victory against Notre Dame to its opening win against Connecticut.

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day," he said of playing at Cisco Junior College. "It's not one weak person on the field. You have to come out there every day prepared and ready to go."

Anderson and Parnell said they have been keep-

ing up with the Steers this season, too. Parnell said he attended the Plainview game Friday and Anderson has extra interest with his little brother, DaVonte, at quarterback.

Monte said his little brother is doing well this season and always tries to offer words of advice to DaVonte when he can.

"He's been telling me, everyone's been telling me (about DaVonte)," he said. "He's doing well. I talk

to him and text him after every game."

Parnell was glad to be around familiar faces Saturday, but he said he has a piece of home to take with him with Anderson and Straughter still around.

"It's great just to have somebody who you've played with for a long time," he said. "To go to college and to make new memories, to still be a part of something, it's always hard coming in not knowing anybody. We've stuck together."

Texas WR Mike Davis living up to hype

AUSTIN (AP) — So that's what all the fuss over Mike Davis was about.

Texas coaches had raved about the lanky freshman wide receiver and he finally showed why Saturday night, catching seven passes for 104 yards and a big 45-yard touchdown in the Longhorns' 34-7 win over Wyoming.

Davis was the talk of preseason camp, a standout in a standout group of freshmen. Then came a quiet debut in which he had no catches in a season-opening win over Rice when Garrett Gilbert hardly even threw his way.

Against Wyoming, Davis was Gilbert's favorite target. The touchdown right before halftime opened up what had been a slow game for the offense.

"I was just ready," Davis said. "Right now, I'm still hungry, humble, and I just want to do what I can to make the coaches trust me and feel like I want it."

A wispy 6-foot-2, 183 pounds, Davis was playing the inside receiver slot occupied last season

by Jordan Shipley, who caught a school record 116 passes in 2009. Davis has spent countless hours with his face in his playbook and watching Shipley on film.

"It's such a key spot, because it's a mismatch on linebackers and safeties inside," coach Mack Brown said. "Mike is tall. He's fast. He's got great hands. ... He made something happen after the catch."

With Shipley now in the NFL, Gilbert needs a receiver he depends on every week.

Seniors John Chiles and James Kirkendall and junior Malcolm Williams have had their moments, but none has been a consistent target over their careers. Sophomore Marquis Goodwin is a big play threat every time he gets the ball.

But he dropped a perfectly thrown deep ball on the sideline against Wyoming.

On the touchdown, Davis ran a crossing route before making a quick stop and spin to his left to sprint to the end zone.

Texas needed the play. Another slow start had the Longhorns trailing 7-6 in the second quarter.

Fozzy Whittaker gave Texas the lead with a 39-yard touchdown run. After forcing a punt, Gilbert and Davis connected on the first play for the score.

"I thought that when they got behind, they didn't like it. They jumped back and wanted to get back on top of them immediately," Brown said.

Texas' freshmen class was notable for its defensive standouts, but Davis walked into summer workouts and training camp with a bravado his coaches and teammates noticed right away. Not arrogant, but confident that he could handle anything they threw at him.

"Mike is a very confident young man," Brown said during training camp. "When he walks in the room he knows he's good."

It was the early promise that made his quiet debut against Rice such a dud.

Texas A&M takes 48-16 win over Louisiana Tech

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — After scoring 48 points in each of its first two games and piling up more than 1,000 yards in that span, Texas A&M should be happy with its offense.

The Aggies aren't.

Jerrold Johnson had 349 yards passing and four touchdowns and Texas A&M overcame a sloppy start to get a 48-16 win over Louisiana Tech on Saturday night.

"I like our offense, but it is a work in progress," coach Mike Sherman said. "Mistakes are happening in there that we need to fix (but) when you're averaging ... 550 yards of offense and you think you should be better, I think that's a good sign. And I do think we can do better. We left a lot of yards out there on the field."

The Aggies (2-0) fumbled five times and missed a field goal in the first half but still led 21-

10 at halftime thanks to a solid defensive effort.

They cleaned things up after halftime with Johnson connecting on a 3-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Fuller, who finished with 160 yards receiving, to push the lead to 28-10 early in the third quarter. That was Fuller's 19th career touchdown reception, which ties a 42-year-old school record. He is tied with Bob Long, whose record has stood since 1968. That score was set up by a 67-yard run by Christine Michael.

Texas A&M added a score on a 54-yard punt return by Dustin Harris in the third quarter and Johnson added another touchdown toss early in the fourth quarter.

"I actually think we haven't played to our potential yet," Johnson said. "I think we haven't really had that game where we were completely in sync."

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1:27 left. Schaub only had to kneel on two snaps to secure the victory, perhaps a defining moment for the eight-year-old franchise thirsting for its first playoff berth.

Neil Rackers kicked two field goals in the first quarter to put Houston up 6-0.

Early in the second quarter, Schaub threw a 23-yard pass to Jacoby Jones down the sideline and found Johnson across the middle for 21 yards. With Jones and Johnson well-covered on the next play, Schaub hit Kevin Walter for a 22-yard touchdown.

Schaub threw into double coverage and Colts safety Melvin Bullitt intercepted and returned it 19 yards to the Texans 35. Manning threw a 14-yard TD pass to Reggie Wayne three minutes later.

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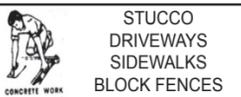
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Dear Annie: I've been married for five years. We've been very happy until recently.

Last year, my husband spent three days in jail due to a misunderstanding that got out of control.

While there, he befriended a fellow inmate, and they exchanged contact information. The inmate has four more years to serve.

The problem is, my husband keeps sending him money and care packages.

So far, he has spent almost \$1,600 on this guy. The inmate once asked for some pricey things from an inmate supply company, which my husband quickly bought.

One day, he called and I answered the phone. I told him it was quite nery of him to order the most expensive items available.

He said that he and my husband had an understanding. When I questioned my husband, he claimed he was only helping a "true" friend.

I expressed my disapproval rather emphatically, and he replied that he works hard for his money and will spend it as he likes.

Annie, he makes decent money, but not enough to

be this inmate's sponsor.

I told him it was causing undue stress on me and that this guy was taking advantage of his generosity, but he doesn't seem to care.

I blocked all calls from the prison, but this guy got ahold of a cell phone and informed my husband, who became upset with me.

He removed the block and said, "How dare you undermine me?" This is causing us to fight a lot.

I love my husband, but it's ridiculous for him to think I would be OK with this. What should I do? — *Headed for the Poorhouse in San Pedro*

Dear San Pedro: It's possible this inmate protected your husband during his short stint in jail and now Hubby feels indebted.

This does not mean the inmate isn't being manipulative and taking advantage.

You can contact the warden at the correctional facility, although you risk angering your husband. We recommend you start putting aside money that your husband can't get to and make arrangements to protect yourself when this inmate is released. He could be a danger to you.



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I'm 16 years old, and my parents just celebrated their 20th anniversary. But they constantly fight.

My dad sometimes doesn't think before he speaks and says really mean things.

He claims he loves my mom to death, but I hate seeing him treat her the way he parents me. His favorite phrase is, "Don't disrespect me like that." But he can sometimes disrespect my mother.

I hate it. Is this normal in a marriage? Some really close friends of mine have parents who are divorced, and I don't want to be one of them. How do I talk to my father about this? — *Troubled Teen*

Dear Teen: Not every couple that fights is

headed for divorce. Sometimes people simply become accustomed to a pattern of behavior.

It might help if you talk calmly to both your parents about how much their angry words bother you and see if you can make them more aware of how they sound to others.

Dear Annie: I think you were off base when you suggested to "Ohio" that she take the sweet little girl (with the scary parents) into her home for a play date.

With those parents, I would be concerned about a setup. What if they claimed "Ohio" had abused their daughter in some way?

What a predicament. I wouldn't put myself in that situation.

Too many truly weird people are out there, and we are an extremely litigious society. — *Protecting My Own Interests*

Dear Protecting: How terribly sad that children cannot play together without someone worrying that one of their parents will make outrageous accusations.

Such a thing is possible but not likely, and all such accusations would be investigated.

We feel sorry for that little girl, who not only has difficult parents, but now, apparently, has no one willing to play with her.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The recent entrance of Mars into Scorpio is starting to stir passions, to progress the plot of our personal and professional lives, and to introduce possibilities that were previously not an option. But let's not go too quickly or too far off course. The Capricorn moon puts some much-needed structure and decorum into the atmosphere.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The smart ones you know recognized long ago that they couldn't change you even if they tried. However strong-willed you are, you're not entirely inflexible. You will do what you can to adapt to the needs of

your loved ones. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Do what's right, even if it's hard. What's good for you may not be the most obviously appealing choice. Sort out situations reasonably, and don't be led or even swayed in the slightest by your appetites.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may not feel obligated to anyone, but it only takes a hint of a reminder that you are. Perhaps you signed a contract or made a promise. You'll proudly fulfill your obligation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've sometimes been the kind of friend who asked for little and gave a lot. You usually don't mind being the more generous one — you can always be proud of your contribution. But for now, seek a more equitable arrangement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You cannot assume that what is good for you is good for another person, even if that person is very much like you or closely related. Before you make a decision that affects another person, really put yourself in his or her shoes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You expect a lot of yourself, and you'll also be extremely pleased at what you can do. Holding another person to this same expectation, however, will bring disappointment. Happiness is self-reliance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Impulsive moves will work out fine in the end, but you're better off thinking things through from the start. Thinking ahead helps you economize both your time and money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who try to direct you will be reminded that it is not such an easy thing to do, unless you were already headed in that direction. Your independence is legendary. You, quite simply, take care of yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're friendly for the sake of being congenial. You don't smile because you

want something or need something from others. Not everyone is like you, though. You'll be wise to give a thought as to their motives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll feel mature next to some of your peers. It's not that you're entirely jaded. But what others consider romantic, you find silly, false and misleading. You'd rather be spared the melodrama.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you can't seem to find a moment to yourself, it's probably because everyone thinks you're the life of the party. You'll draw them in with your instinct for fun, and they don't want to leave your side.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A rush of feeling will come over you. Why try to stop the emotions from happening? That kind of effort seems futile to you. Your heart will speak, and you will follow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 16). All will be impressed with the potency of your creative drive. You will transform ordinary resources into objects and systems of extraordinary beauty. The best part is that your work is also useful to those around you. October brings a mentor and a financial backer. December builds the bonds of love and friendship. Gemini and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 14, 28 and 21.

SCHOOLDAYS! THE LEO STUDENT: An intensely creative spirit drives Leo to learn about the world. So it is not the knowledge itself that Leo is after, but rather the specific way that Leo can use it in order to make something of him or herself. In this way, Leo can be practical and specific when it comes to his or her studies. Leo wants to know what will be on the test and doesn't want to be bothered with the backstory or any extraneous details. The social aspects of school are extremely important to this sign. The cat realizes early on that relationships make the world go around. **THE VIRGO STUDENT:** The

teacher's pet is often a thoughtful Virgo, as this sign won't skimp on the details that make for academic excellence. Ruled by Mercury, Virgo has a keen grasp of the "who, what, when and where" of educational factoids and will cover all subjects comprehensively — all blanks will be filled in. This sign is naturally focused and organized and will have high expectations in regard to grades. A self-motivated individual, Virgo needs little monitoring, except to make sure that Virgo is properly challenged. This sign would rather get an "A" in an easy class than risk a lesser grade in a difficult class.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Nick Jonas is often considered the most serious sibling of his clan, and perhaps his cool demeanor has something to do with the strong earth-sign energy in his natal chart. With six luminaries in earth signs, he is exceptionally grounded for a teenager. These influence also suggest that he has excellent rhythm, a head for business and the stamina for career longevity.

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ANSWERS

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ 8
♥ A 10 3
♦ Q 9 7 5 2
♣ A K Q 9

EAST
♠ A 2
♥ 1 9 8 6 4 2
♦ 8 4
♣ J 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 7 5 4 3
♥ K Q 7
♦ K 3
♣ —

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 4♣ 4NT 5♣
Dble

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

This deal occurred at the 1984 World Team Olympiad in the semi-final match between France and Denmark. The French won the 64-board battle by the relatively narrow margin of 15 International Match Points, and most of that came from this hand.

When Michel Perron and Paul Chemla of France were North-South, the bidding went as shown. West's four-notrump bid was explained by East as showing both minor suits, and after North raised four spades to five, the Danish East doubled.

Chemla ruffed the club opening

and led the queen of hearts to West's ace. West returned a trump to his partner's ace, and East continued with a trump to prevent South from ruffing a heart loser in dummy. However, even these efforts proved to be fruitless.

Declarer won the spade return in his hand, ran all his trumps, cashed the king of hearts and king of diamonds, then led a diamond and finessed the jack. As a result, he made the contract for a score of 850 points.

At the other table, with a Danish pair North-South, the bidding went: East South West North Pass 4♣ 4NT Pass 5♣ Pass Pass Pass !!

North's meek pass of five clubs, holding six trumps and an ace, was probably generated by the fear that a double might chase the enemy into five hearts, where they seemed likely to do well. In fact, with best defense, five hearts goes down only two, so North was at least partly correct. But since West had already indicated a minor-suit hand, it is doubtful that either opponent would have run to hearts.

As it was, five clubs undoubled went down five — 250 points — leaving Denmark 600 points short of the French score at the other table. This gave France a gain of 11 IMPs on the deal, nearly all of the margin it eventually won by.

Tomorrow: Maximizing your chances.
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ARMANDO BERLANGA REYES**, Deceased, were issued on August 23, 2010, in Cause No. P-13885, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: **AMANDA REYES**.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: **AMANDA REYES**
202 Rocco Rd.
Big Spring, Texas 79720
DATED the 2nd day of September, 2010.
AMANDA REYES
#6693 September 13, 2010

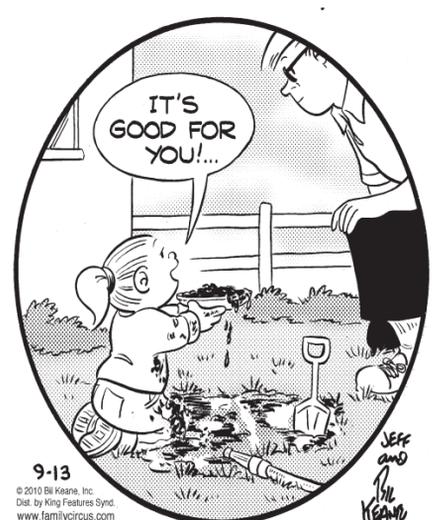
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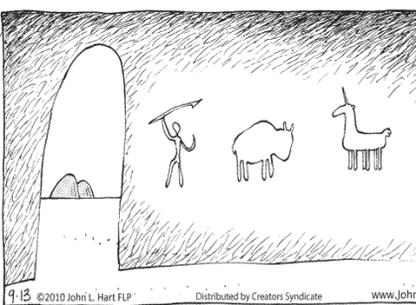
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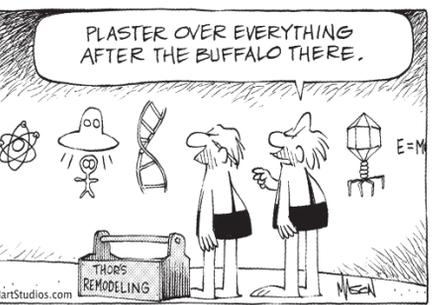
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 13, the 256th day of 2010. There are 109 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 13, 1970, the first New York City Marathon was held; Gary Muhrcke finished the 26.2-mile run, which took place entirely inside Central Park, in 2:31:38.

On this date:

In 1759, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.

In 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

In 1803, Commodore John Barry, considered by many the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia.

In 1860, General of the Armies of the United States John J. Pershing was born in Laclede, Mo.

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

In 1959, Elvis Presley first met his future wife, 14-year-old Priscilla Beaulieu, while stationed in West Germany with the U.S. Army. (They married in 1967, but divorced in 1973.)

In 1971, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in western New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed 43 lives.

In 1989, Fay Vincent was elected commissioner of Major League Baseball, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti (juh-MAH'-tee).

In 1990, the combination police-courtroom drama "Law & Order" premiered on NBC.

In 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Bain is 79. Actress Eileen Fulton ("As the World Turns") is 77. TV producer Fred Silverman is 73. Former White House spokesman Larry Speakes is 71. Actor Richard Kiel is 71. Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 69. Actress Jacqueline Bisset is 66. Singer Peter Cetera is 66. Actress Jean Smart is 59. Singer Randy Jones (The Village People) is 58. Record producer Don Was is 58. Actor Isiah Whitlock Jr. is 56. Actress-comedian Geri Jewell is 54. Country singer Bobbie Cryer is 49. Rock singer-musician Dave Mustaine (Megadeth) is 49. Radio-TV personality Tavis Smiley is 46. Rock musician Zak Starkey is 45. Actor Louis Mandylor is 44.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Share a border with
 - 5 Stress-free
 - 9 Still in force
 - 14 Highway part
 - 15 Black-and-white cookie
 - 16 Dote on
 - 17 Quick haircut
 - 18 Camp shelter
 - 19 Birchbark boat
 - 20 Sticky situation
 - 22 Modify, as a law
 - 23 Boxer's punch sequence
 - 24 Competed in a marathon
 - 26 Printers' needs
 - 29 Bees' attacks
 - 34 Female
 - 38 Fraternal organization
 - 40 Relax in the tub
 - 41 Christmas-tree remnant
 - 44 Prefix for circle
 - 45 Fencing weapon
 - 46 Fix, as a hem
 - 47 Trampled
 - 49 Lima's country
 - 51 24-hr. bank feature
 - 53 Gift giver's prompting
 - 58 Blackboard accessory
 - 62 Complete reversal
 - 65 Danger
 - 66 Take a break
 - 67 Property claim
 - 68 Wake up
 - 69 Bargain hunter's delight
- DOWN**
- 1 Even if, for short
 - 2 British noble
 - 3 Join forces
 - 4 Entice
 - 5 T-shirt fabric
 - 6 Vicinity
 - 7 Pre-Easter time
 - 8 Engine
 - 9 Empty, as a lot
 - 10 Eve's mate
 - 11 Solitary
 - 12 Steam-emitting appliance
 - 13 Real-estate document
 - 21 In debt
 - 25 Part of PTA: Abbr.
 - 27 Don't throw away
 - 28 Catch some Z's
 - 30 "Now it's clear!"
 - 31 Silent assents
 - 32 Strong wind
 - 33 Veer
 - 34 Toward the sunset
 - 35 Above
 - 36 Office note
 - 37 Desertlike
 - 39 Leg joint
 - 42 Tenant's expense
 - 43 Spew lava
 - 48 Legendary sharpshooter
 - Annie
 - 50 Auto-club suggestions
 - 52 Wetland
 - 54 D sharp equivalent
 - 55 Too trusting
 - 56 Strand, as by a winter storm
 - 57 Takes care of
 - 58 IRS experts
 - 59 Medal recipient
 - 60 Opera solo
 - 61 Have trouble saying "S"
 - 63 Roofing timber
 - 64 Capital of Norway

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