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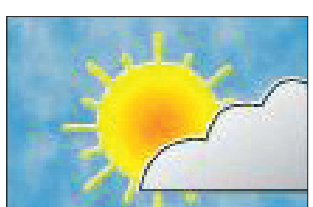
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## Ag Appreciation Luncheon ticket deadline nears

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Area agricultural producers and ranchers will take center stage Thursday, Oct. 7, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce presents its 19th annual Ag Appreciation Day and Luncheon.

Debbye ValVerde, director of the local Chamber of Commerce, said the luncheon will get under way long



ValVerde

before a traditional lunch reaches the table.

"We'll start at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 7:30 a.m.," said ValVerde. "Participating producers and ranchers will take a farm tour. Also, those participating in Leadership Big Spring will also be involved in the tours. After the

DRCC for lunch, then at about 1 p.m. we'll go back out and finish the last half of the tours. I expect we'll have everything wrapped up around 4:30 p.m."

ValVerde said the luncheon is expected to begin at 11:30 a.m. and will feature keynote speaker Dr. Joe Outlaw, a professor and extension economist with the Department of Agricultural Economists at Texas A&M.

"Dr. Outlaw will be giving us an update on the farm bill and other things going on in the legislature that impact local ranchers and producers," ValVerde said. "We'll also have several governmental figures in attendance, including Brice Foster, district director for Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Brett Cypert, a field rep for the National Cotton

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## Homecoming time in Coahoma, Garden City



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Coahoma High School homecoming queen nominees are, from left, JoAnna Gonzales, Itzel Gomez, Shelby Reid, Brandi Smith and Tori Schneider. CHS will crown its homecoming queen during halftime of the Bulldogs' football game Friday evening.

### Bulldog country gets ready for usual activities

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Calling all Bulldogs; it's homecoming week in Coahoma.

Coahoma High School will celebrate Homecoming 2010 with a community pep rally, dress up days and the traditional homecoming football game, complete with the queen coronation at halftime.

The five queen nominees are:

- Senior JoAnna Gonzales, daughter of Sam and Carol Gonzales.
- Senior Brandi Smith, daughter of Billy and Dena Smith.
- Senior Tori Schneider, daughter of Warren Schneider and Amy Fredenburg.
- Senior Shelby Reid, daughter of James Gilbert and Shele Reid.
- Senior Itzel Gomez, daughter of Marcos and Evangelina Gomez.

Queen coronation will occur at halftime of the Bulldogs'

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### Royalty of all sorts will be crowned at GC

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — There will be a lot of royalty on display here Friday night.

As part of homecoming week at Garden City High School, the campus' homecoming queen, Mr. Bearkat, Band Sweetheart and Band Beau all will be crowned during ceremonies planned in conjunction with Friday's football game between the Bearkats and Ropesville.

Band sweetheart candidates are senior Kelsi Hicks and juniors Diana Huerta and Jessica Olveda. Band beau candidates are senior Johnathan Young and sophomores Andrew Hicks and Jose Zuniga. The



Courtesy photo/Jenny Abney

Garden City High School homecoming queen nominees are, from left, Katelyn Hoelscher, Rachel Hirt and M'Call Schaefer. GCHS will crown its homecoming queen during halftime of the Bearkats' football game Friday evening.

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# Ripple Effect

## Steers' D hopes to build off last week's thrilling win

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

There were no tricks, special nuances or strategies Big Spring defensive coordinator Don Kelso used in the second half of the Steers' 34-30 comeback win over Midland Christian Friday.

In fact, the changes he made couldn't be any simpler.

"We move a one-technique to a three-technique on one side and a three-technique to a one on the other side, and let's play football," Kelso said. "Make the tackle. Let's run through the tackle instead of diving at the feet."

It was all about intensity, a word being thrown around in practice a lot this week.

In the midst of the Steers opening up the passing game and big plays from DaVonte Anderson, Pete Chavarria and Mike Menefield, a lot of credit for Friday's thrilling win has to go to the defense.

And it was just what the Steers needed at this point in the season, too.

For the defense, Kelso sees it as the big step for his unit, which still has the likes of Brownwood, Abilene Wylie and, this week, Greenwood. He hopes it won't be the last time the defense steps up like that.

Kelso said in the first half against Midland Christian, it was all about making the



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Tyler Holsenbeck, Devante Lloyd and Max Pappajohn gang tackle a Midland Christian player during the Big Spring Steers' 34-30 comeback win over the Mustangs on Friday. Defensive coordinator Don Kelso hopes his defense can build off its second-half performance in last week's game where, after allowing four touchdowns and a field goal in the first half, the Mustangs didn't score at all in the second.

tackle. The Steers had chances to prevent the game from getting out of control, but missed tackles plagued those opportunities.

The Mustangs went into halftime up 30-14, but the Steers didn't allow another score for the rest of the game, helping the offense com-

plete the comeback. It's a performance that the Steers hope defines the season.

"Right now, I hope it defines it," Kelso said. "By that I mean we're going to play with that intensity no matter who we line up against. Now they believe they can do it. They can come

back and play with anybody."

But the key is doing what the defense did for four quarters, not two. Kelso said that will be key when District 5-3A pay begins next week and in Friday's game at Greenwood.

It wasn't just intensity that made the differ-

ence. Kelso said the defense played with a certain emotion he hopes to see often this season.

Safety Dennis Merworth said, more than anything, it was a confidence booster for his teammates.

"That just gives us that much more confidence and faith in

our defense," he said. "Whenever coach needs us to stand up, our team needs us to stand up in situations like that, it can be done."

Besides that, players on both sides of the ball are becoming more rested, too. Head coach Phil-

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## 2-0: Lady Steers take care of Snyder in four



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Desiree Anderson digs a ball during the Lady Steers' win at Snyder Tuesday.

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

SNYDER — The Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team defeated Snyder in four games Tuesday in Snyder, 25-21, 17-25, 25-23, 25-19, to push its record to 2-0 in District 5-3A play.

Big Spring had an unbelievable performance from Taylor Seaton, who racked up 18 kills, five blocks and one assist.

Setter Cerbi Ritchey was solid, too. She had 31 assists to go along with her nine kills, four blocks and 13 digs. Valarie Ross and Carson Reibe added 17 and 14 digs, respectively, in the Lady Steers' winning effort.

Big Spring has been on a roll of late, ending non-district play and starting district play on a high

note. The Lady Steers have won five of their last six matches, four of those being sweeps.

Big Spring will have the weekend off, with no matches scheduled, but Abilene Wylie — the No. 3 team in the state — pays a visit to Steer Gym at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

**Big Spring Varsity 3, Snyder Varsity 1**  
25-21, 17-25, 25-23, 25-19

Setters:  
Cerbi Ritchey; 31-assist, 9 kills, 4 blocks, 13 digs, 100% serving  
Clara Benavides; 5 assists, 8 digs, 1 ace, 100% serving

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## Hernandez, Smoak lead Seattle Mariners over playoff-ready Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — A Texas Rangers lineup without many of the regulars was no match for Felix Hernandez.

King Felix allowed one run over eight innings in another dominating start, maybe his last of the season,

and Justin Smoak hit the tiebreaking homer as the last-place Mariners beat the AL West champion Rangers 3-1 on Tuesday night.

"I never see the lineup," Hernandez said. "I just made good pitches. I'm just trying to get out of the innings

quick."

Hernandez (13-12) became the first pitcher since Randy Johnson in 2002 and only the seventh since 1980 to have a season with 30 quality starts (three earned runs or fewer while pitching at least six innings). The

right-hander lowered his ERA to 2.27, best in the AL.

"He has electric stuff. He can sink it, he can run it, he can spin it, he can change it," Rangers manager Ron

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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.

### Over 80 2-man scramble

Gaines County Golf Course is hosting an over

80 2-man scramble on Oct. 23 and 24. The starting times are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The entry fee cost \$80 per person plus the cart. The entry fee also includes lunch on Oct. 23. For more information or to enter call (432) 758-3808.



# Obituaries

## Jeanette Caldwell

Jeanette Caldwell, 48, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Take Note

• Christian Community Service, the local association of ministers, has announced LifeChain Sunday, set for 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 3, at the corner of Birdwell Lane and 15th Street. Contact the Rev. Steve King, pastor of the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, at 267-7157 for information and to pick up materials for the silent prayer chain. The event is scheduled as a community-wide response to need within the community.

• United Way Dine Out program featured restaurant this week is Sonic Drive-Ins. The local business will donate a portion of its proceeds received through Sunday to United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

• Local resident Gale Pittman is planning to decorate a Christmas tree for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest in honor and memory of service men and women now on active duty and those who gave their lives for their country. The loved one does not need to be from Big Spring and it does not matter what war they fought in. Families should send information on their service man or woman to Gale Pittman, 3401 Sherrod Rd., Big Spring 79720.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A video of last Saturday's Tea Party rally can be viewed on the Big Spring Herald's Web site: www.bigspringherald.com

• English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.

• Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at Crispy's Café, 1904 S. Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and orders will be taken from the menu. RSVP to Sissy Jones at (432) 213-4452.

• 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.

# Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 02-10-13-36-38, Mega Ball: 18.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-12-13-21-27. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-7-7. Sum It Up: 25.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-9-9. Sum It Up: 22.

# Police blotter

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

- COLTON SPECK, 18, of 3704 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- VICTORIA PEREZ, 37, of 2900 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- THOMAS BRETT SWINNEY, 20, of Abilene, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft – shoplifting.
- EDUARDO RAMIREZ GALLARDO, 50, of 806 Ohio, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.
- ANDREA LEEANN HILARIO, 23, of 510 N.W. Seventh St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- DAVID RIOS, 24, of 715 Creighton, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (four counts), failure to drive in a single lane, assault by contact and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1300 block of Elm.
- In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- THEFT was reported: In the 500 block of S. Runnels.
- In the 100 block of Courtney Place.
- In the 1800 block of E. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 600 block of Elgin.
- In the 1200 block of Sycamore.

# Sheriff

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

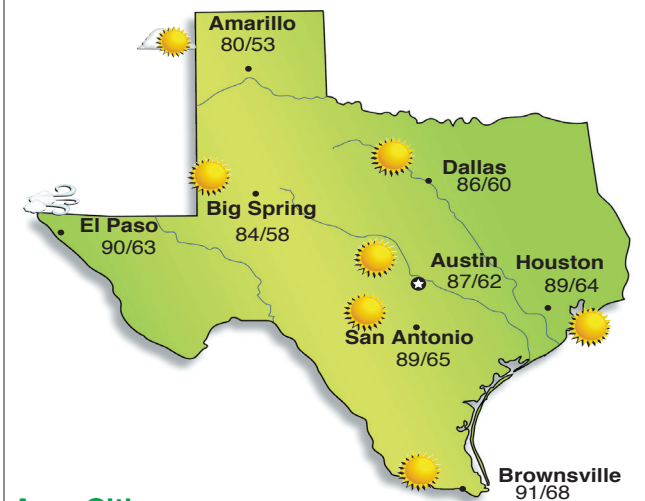
- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- ALFREDO EDWARD GARZA, 39, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on an attorney general warrant for violation of community supervision.
  - ANTONIO GONZALES JR., 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
  - COLTON SPECK, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
  - PATRICK RIOS, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
  - VICTORIA PEREZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
  - THOMAS BRETT SWINNEY, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
  - EDUARDO RAMIREZ GALLARDO, 50, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for disorderly conduct – obscene language.
  - TAMARA NICOLE RUSSELL, 35, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance (Dawson County).
  - DAVID RIOS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear (four counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to drive in a single lane, assault by contact and no valid inspection certificate.
  - ANDREA LEEANN HILARIO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 9/30	Fri 10/1	Sat 10/2	Sun 10/3	Mon 10/4
<b>84/58</b> Mainly sunny. High 84F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>82/56</b> Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>81/55</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>74/53</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>75/55</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:32 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:31 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:29 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:28 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:42 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:27 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	58	sunny	Kingsville	91	65	sunny
Amarillo	80	53	mst sunny	Livingston	89	59	sunny
Austin	87	62	sunny	Longview	87	58	sunny
Beaumont	89	64	sunny	Lubbock	83	54	mst sunny
Brownsville	91	68	sunny	Lufkin	89	60	sunny
Brownwood	88	59	sunny	Midland	87	61	sunny
Corpus Christi	89	67	sunny	Raymondville	92	66	sunny
Corsicana	86	58	sunny	Rosenberg	89	62	sunny
Dallas	86	60	sunny	San Antonio	89	65	sunny
Del Rio	93	65	sunny	San Marcos	88	62	sunny
El Paso	90	63	windy	Sulphur Springs	85	58	sunny
Fort Stockton	86	60	sunny	Sweetwater	84	58	sunny
Gainesville	83	56	sunny	Tyler	86	57	sunny
Greenville	84	56	sunny	Weatherford	84	57	sunny
Houston	89	64	sunny	Wichita Falls	84	55	sunny

# Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Drexel. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

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The Coahoma Flash Track Club had a successful summer track season. During the season, the club won a total of 27 medals and many more ribbons. This group qualified four athletes for the state track meet and also four athletes for the national track meet. Pictured are, top row, left to right: Kailey Tindol, Dyllan Tindol, and Kyler Franks. Bottom row, left to right: Anastacia Hudgins, Jetly Hobby, and Austin Sosa.

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Offense:  
Taylor Seaton: 18 kills, 5 blocks, 1 assist  
Desiree Anderson: 7 Kills, 10 digs, 2 blocks, 2 assists  
Bridgette Tuit: 5 kills, 2 blocks, 8 digs

Valerie Ross: 17 digs, 2 kills, 1 Assist  
Carson Reibe: 14 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace

Big Spring JV vs Snyder JV  
25-16, 25-23

Big Spring Freshmen vs Snyder Freshmen  
27-25, 19-25, 25-21  
Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237.

**STEERS**

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lip Ritchey has brought up a few junior varsity players — one of the latest being Jared Doporto, who is listed at linebacker — to help produce more one-way players on offense and defense. Kelso said that played a part in the comeback win.

What the defense wants to take away from last week has spread throughout the whole team.

Chavarria said the Steers are being reminded what it took to win that game and know it was take that kind of ef-

fort to win games as they enter a tough part in the schedule.

Big Spring also continues to be motivated.

“A lot of people were saying we’re not who they thought we were going to be, since we lost our homecoming game,” Chavarria said, referring to the loss to Monahans. “We knew we could win. We knew we were better than that homecoming game and that (first) half (against Midland Christian). We just got it together and let the team know we were.”

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**RANGERS**

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Washington said. “And if he smells the finish line, he can get there.”

Washington opted to rest some of his regulars, giving third baseman Michael Young, shortstop Elvis Andrus, second baseman Ian Kinsler and designated hitter Vladimir Guerrero the night off.

Texas slugger Josh Hamilton, the majors’ leading hitter (.361), has been out since Sept. 4 with two broken ribs. The outfielder took some swings in the batting cage and shagged some balls during batting practice before the game and hopes to play this weekend.

“It doesn’t matter who he’s fac-

ing. He wants to compete,” Mariners interim manager Daren Brown said.

Hernandez struck out five and walked two while pitching into at least the seventh inning for the 25th consecutive start, extending his club record. He is 6-3 with an 0.96 ERA (eight earned runs over 75 1-3 innings) his past 10 starts. While Hernandez wants to start their season finale Sunday, the Mariners still list the starter for that game as undecided.

“It’s five days on Sunday, I’ve got to pitch,” said Hernandez, whose 249 2-3 innings are most in the AL, 12 more than CC Sabathia of the New York Yankees.

Asked if Hernandez has thrown enough innings already, Brown responded, “It’s something we’ll look at.”

David Murphy and Bengie Mo-

lina both had two hits for Texas. The rest of the lineup combined for one.

“Nasty old Felix,” Molina said. “Nasty, very nasty stuff. ... He can control the game whenever he wants to.”

Smoak, part of the July 9 trade that sent left-hander Cliff Lee to the Rangers, hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Scott Feldman (7-11) to snap a 1-1 tie. The rookie first baseman’s 12th homer of the season was his second in as many nights against his former team.

Brandon League worked the ninth for his sixth save in 12 chances, and his second in a row against Texas.

Ichiro Suzuki led off the game with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Franklin Gutierrez.

**‘Melo focused on hoops, not the hoopla**

DENVER (AP) — Carmelo Anthony is focused on hoops, not the hoopla surrounding his future in Denver.

Anthony joined his Nuggets teammates on the first day of training camp Tuesday, calling the court his “safe haven,” a place where he doesn’t have to “deal with all the other stuff.”

For now, Anthony remains a member of the Nuggets after a person with knowledge of the discussions said a four-way deal that would have sent Anthony to New Jersey was “dead.” The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to speak publicly about the trade.

Still, Anthony’s days in Denver could very well be numbered.

Anthony’s powder blue jersey, soaked in sweat after a more than two-hour practice, was proof of an honest day’s work Tuesday.

The All-Star forward became almost agitated when asked if he might

give anything less than 100 percent considering his uncertainty with the team.

“I love the game too much to disrespect the game like that,” said Anthony, who averaged 28.2 points last season in leading the Nuggets to their second straight Northwest Division title. “Anytime I step on the court, I’m going to give it my all, regardless of what’s going on, what’s the situation.”

“This is basketball. I focus on basketball — it’s something I know how to do and I love to do. As far as my effort on the court, nobody can question that.”

Nuggets coach George Karl gave Anthony an

“A” for his effort after practice, saying he thought his star was “very professional, very mature.”

Karl remains hopeful that Anthony will stick around.

Anthony has yet to sign off on a three-year, \$65 million extension that’s been on the table since June, leading the Nuggets to explore trade options.

The potential trade involving Denver, New Jersey, Charlotte and Utah hit a road block over the weekend and then withered when a deal wasn’t reached by an imposed deadline of Tuesday.

“The perfect storm in my mind is to keep

Melo, convince him that this is the best place for him, that this is where he has to win a championship,” Karl said.

Karl made his return to practice Tuesday after missing the end of last season while undergoing treatment for throat and neck cancer. His voice still raspy, Karl carried around a whistle to get the attention of his players. But he only used it in a joking manner.

“It’s fun to be back. It’s fun to get the butterflies,” Karl said.

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# Friends of State Park push for nature center

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A group committed to bringing a nature center to Big Spring State Park met with a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department official Tuesday to see if there was some way to expedite the process.

The Friends of the State Park, a committee comprised of about 10 local citizens, has been active for more than a year in its efforts to construct a 5,000 square-foot nature center at the park. The center, which would provide an interactive overview of the area's historical and natural features, will cost an estimated \$560,000, said Jerry Worthy, chairman of the Friends committee.

Toward that end, the group has already secured more than \$90,000 in pledges.

Tuesday, the group met with Doyle Fowler, TPWD regional director,



Worthy

to see if there were ways the group could help to bring the nature center to reality.

"We've made some good progress so far," Worthy said. "Now, I think we need to start nailing down our plans, primarily because you can't raise much money if you don't know what you're going to do."

Worthy and the committee asked Fowler for guidance and/or approval on a number of issues, including assurances the department would "aggressively" seek state funding help to construct the center and authorization for the committee to start raising funds for the center.

Given a projected state budget deficit of around \$18 billion, Fowler said government funding will probably not be forthcoming anytime soon. What TPWD can do, he added, was provide technical expertise to assist in site preparation and construction code compliance.

The department has already done some preliminary work in that area,

he said. Fowler and Tony Lyle, a resource specialist with TPWD, toured the proposed site at the western end of the park Tuesday to make sure construction would not displace any historical artifacts.

"I also want to bring in our regional construction manager and have him look at the conceptual design with an eye toward water, electrical and sewer needs," Fowler said. "Then, we will get an infrastructure team out here to look at load specifics (for the center)."

Worthy said the committee is particularly interested in nailing down a timeline for construction of the center, saying it will be invaluable in keeping public interest in the project at a high level.

"If we have dates and times to shoot for, we'll be a lot better off than if we were just wallowing around in the dirt out here," he said.

But Fowler was basically non-committal on the issue, saying the project is just one of several competing

for state money and assistance. Aside from the difficulty in securing state funds for the center, Fowler added that obtaining design approval could take time.

"The state is looking at a budget shortfall," he said after the meeting. "And the park doesn't compete well with other projects in areas with larger population ... We will need organizations like (the local committee) to help us out."

Friends of the State Park members promised they would remain staunch advocates of the project.

"This center can do so much to help restore this community," Bobby McDonald said. "It can do other things for Big Spring and it could help us keep our state park."

Anyone interested in pledging money for the nature center is encouraged to contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

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# City officials say progress made on leaks

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

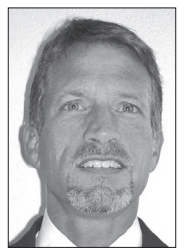
After a late-summer filled with an extraordinary number of water leaks in the municipal water system, officials with the city of Big Spring say the number of reported breaks in main water lines has begun to decline.

Working to repair upwards of 70 to 80 line-related calls during the heat of the problem, which began to come to the city's attention in late July, City Manager Gary Fuqua said things are finally beginning to get back to normal.

"It looks like we're seeing a light at the end of the tunnel," Fuqua said. "Two weeks ago we had six main breaks, and while six may sound like a lot, 30 days prior to that we had 30 main breaks in one week. So we are getting back to



Fuqua



Darden

throwing mud in there, we won't get the compaction we need, which could cause them to break again. It also doesn't give us the support we need for the roadway."

While city crews continue to battle mother nature in an effort to backfill holes, Fuqua said the city is making every effort to use the time wisely.

"We have been doing backfills that are behind the curbs, if there is one on the sidewalk or some other area not in a roadway where we can put a concrete cap on it," Fuqua said. "However, we have a number of holes to backfill, and we're working on those diligently. However, it does look like we're getting back to a normal situation."

Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director Todd Darden said the cause of the slew of main breaks is anyone's guess, but believes

water demand has had a hand in the chaos.

"When you're working with older water lines, the breaks seem to happen in a sort of domino effect. When one part of the line breaks, something almost always seems to go wrong 20 or 30 feet from the repair," Darden said. "That's really the only explanation there is for the number of breaks we've seen lately, which have mainly been in the small two-inch lines."

"It's sort of the opposite of the effects we see on the water system in the winter. During the winter you have ground movement due to the temperatures, which causes line breaks. In the summer, there's such an increase in demand, there's a lot more water moving through the system, which puts more pressure on the lines. I can't say for sure we'll see

a dramatic decrease in the number of line breaks when things start cooling off and autumn weather gets here, but that's certainly what we're hoping for."

One of the problems the city is dealing with in its efforts to have the holes back filled is the loss of inmate labor that, until approximately two years ago, the state of Texas was providing through its local prison facilities.

"We had dedicated crews that were made up of the inmates for quite a while," Darden said. "We lost that about two years ago, and the loss is still being felt. However, there's nothing you can do about it, so you just have to manage to move forward."

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Council Representative Joe Heflin has also informed us he'll be in attendance."

The Chamber of Commerce is also expected to name its ag producer and ag business of the year during the program.

"This is something that is very special to us," ValVerde said. "It's very important to recognize these men and women and the work they do. Big Spring and Howard County have relied heavily upon its

agricultural producers for many, many years, and without them there might not even be a Big Spring. This luncheon and these awards are our way of saying thank you to them for all of their hard work."

Tex Edwards, owner and operator of Flying E Spraying, was named the ag business of the year in 2009, while Jimmy Sterling, owner of Sterling Cattle Company of Vincent, was named ag producer of the year.

ValVerde said the chamber will also be offering a new award that may — or may not — be delivered during

the luncheon.

"We're going to offer an award for the first bale of cotton produced and ginned in Howard County this year," she said. "This is the first time we've attempted something like this. The bale will have to be grown and ginned here in Howard County, and it must be at least 450 pounds in weight. The winner will receive a certificate recognizing both the producer and the gin, along with a cash prize."

"The tricky thing about this contest is there's really no way to know for sure when it will be awarded," she said with

a laugh. "So, if the bale is produced between now and the luncheon, we'll announce it. However, if it hasn't, I suppose we'll just have to wait and announce it through the media when it does."

Tickets for the luncheon are free for local producers and ranchers, and \$12 for non-producers.

"Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale at the Chamber office until 5 p.m. Monday," ValVerde said. "There won't be any tickets for sale at the door, so I'd strongly suggest anyone planning to attend get their tickets

now and not wait until the last minute. This is something you certainly don't want to miss."

The deadline to purchase tickets is Oct. 1, according to ValVerde. For more information on the Ag Appreciation Luncheon — or to purchase or reserve tickets — call 263-7641 or visit the Chamber office at 215 W. Third St.

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## COAHOMA

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football game with Hawley Friday night.

Homecoming activities have been ongoing all week, but will rev up tonight when the school hosts its annual "block party" community pep rally, scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. in front of

the high school.

The only other formal activity related to homecoming week will be the annual dance, which will follow Friday's football game and continue until 1

a.m. Saturday at the school cafeteria.

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## BEARKATS

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sweetheart and beau will be crowned prior to the 7:30 p.m. kickoff of the GCHS-Ropesville football game.

At halftime, the homecoming queen and Mr. Bearkat will be crowned.

Queen candidates are: Katelyn Hoelscher, daughter of Carl and Kara Hoelscher; M'Call Schaefer, daughter of Doyle and Jacque Schaefer; and Rachel Hirt, daughter, daughter of Kevin and Linda Hirt.

are: Brett Chudej, son of Henry and Shelley Chudej; Josh Colunga, son of Arturo and Irene Colunga; and Ian Schaefer, son of Doug and Karen Schaefer.

No other formal homecoming activities are planned at the school, officials said.

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# OU has close wins, UT next

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The Sooners are squeaking a bit these days and that's just fine with linebacker Travis Lewis.

No. 8 Oklahoma (4-0) isn't regularly demolishing opponents, but Lewis says it's better than losing.

"All I care about is we're 4-0," said Lewis, a team captain. "Last year, we were 2-2 at this time and we lost two games by one point. Right now, we're 4-0 and we're winning the close games."

Three of Oklahoma's four wins this season have come by less than a touchdown, with the opponent each time mounting a late comeback from a double-digit deficit that came up short.

Realistically, the Sooners know they're flirting with disaster. It took a muffed punt by Cincinnati and an on-side kick recovery in the fourth quarter for Oklahoma to escape with a 31-29 win last week. Before that, Utah State and Air Force both provided late scares before the Sooners escaped.

"We're a long way away and we're 4-0," safety Quinton Carter said.

"With that being said, you can't be disappointed. We only can get better."

Opponents have outscored Oklahoma 41-10 in the fourth quarter, and only a few timely plays have kept the Sooners unbeaten. It took a late interception to secure the victory over Utah State; against Air Force, the defense never came up with a late stop and the offense ran out the clock after back-to-back scoring drives by the Falcons.

"It's a good thing at the time, but we can't rely on bending and not breaking because one day it will break," safety Jonathan Nelson said.

"We have to realize that for a defense, you can't rely on turnovers to win the game. Even though football is huge about turnover margin, you can't rely on turnovers and get your butt kicked throughout the whole game ... because turnovers aren't automatic. They don't always happen."

The Sooners have led by at least 15 points in each of their games this season, but only showed a killer instinct in a 47-17 rout of Florida State

in Week 2. Coach Bob Stoops admitted his team may be letting up after it builds a substantial lead.

"I think that's an excuse. It's a poor one in my eyes," he said. "If that's the case, you get to feeling comfortable, 'Now, we're good,' then that's a pure setup for someone to come back."

So far, the Sooners have been able to get by without playing their best. That may change Saturday when they face No. 21 Texas (3-1, 1-0 Big 12) at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The Longhorns are coming off a 34-12 loss to UCLA but have beaten Oklahoma four of the last five years.

"We're not playing near our best, and we need to pick it up, especially on the defensive side of the ball," Nelson said. "The offense, they're putting up 31 points and we're still making it close. That's not a good sign at all. We have to give the offense more of a cushion and not put so much pressure on them."

The positive side is that the Sooners have reversed a trend of losing close games. Last year, they had four losses by a combined 12 points and finished

8-5, settling for a victory in the Sun Bowl after going to three straight BCS bowls.

"Though I'm not at all pleased in the manner in which we did win, I still recognize as a team there's a big difference between winning by two and losing by one or two," Stoops said. "I again am positive, I feel good about the team that that we are making the plays necessary to be on the other side of that."

Of late, the rivalry has been getting more competitive. In the early years of Stoops vs. Mack Brown, there were scores like 63-14, 65-13 and 45-12. But the last three years, the game has been decided by 10 points or less and seen the winning team take the lead in the fourth quarter.

"In a game like this, you're going to need to be able to make those big plays because it's the team that creates the most turnovers, that holds the ball the longest, that controls the clock that wins this game," Lewis said. We may give up some big plays sometimes, but we play hard and we make plays."

## McCourt divorce case set to conclude Wednesday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge will hear closing arguments Wednesday in the divorce trial of Jamie and Frank McCourt that could decide the ownership of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

At issue is whether a postnuptial marital agreement signed by the couple in 2004 is valid under California law. The 10-page document gives Frank McCourt the team, the stadium and the surrounding land and provid-

ed Jamie McCourt a half-dozen luxurious homes.

However, during the trial it was revealed the couple unwittingly signed two different versions, one that included the Dodgers as Frank McCourt's separate asset, and three that didn't.

The couple's attorney, who advised them and helped draft the agreement, testified he swapped out the adden-

dum that went from excluding the Dodgers from Frank McCourt's separate property to including the team and failed to tell the couple.

Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon has 90 days to decide whether Frank McCourt is the team's sole owner or if the pact should be thrown out and the couple's assets divided under California's community property law. He also could order the sale of the team.

The McCourts, armed with a cadre of high-powered lawyers, have met at the negotiating table several times, the most recent coming on Friday with no resolution. Both sides are expected to resume mediation on Oct. 9 and Oct. 10, according to court spokesman Allan Parachini.

Jamie McCourt was fired in October

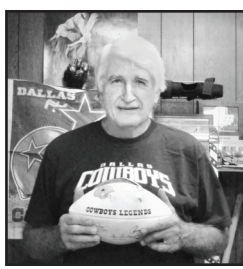
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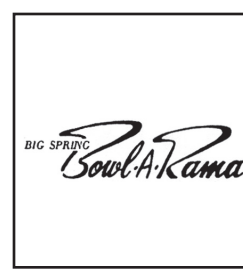
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## OTHER VIEWS

# GOP pledges to return U.S. to the basics

Just a few days after President Barack Obama issued his challenge to critics of his policies to produce their own plan for reducing government spending, the Republican Party did just that, with its Pledge for America outline for remaking the way the federal government operates.

Obama immediately dismissed the GOP's pledge as representing the tired ideas of the past.

Obama is right about one thing — there is little new in the Republican blueprint. It's a fairly basic commitment to reduce government spending, cut taxes instead of raising them and restore responsible lawmaking to Congress.

The GOP's document is obviously 100 percent about the current election campaign and ties in to the anger and frustration expressed by voters. But that doesn't dampen its usefulness.

Voters have good cause to be angry and frustrated. They did not get the sort of change they expected when they elected Obama in 2008 and gave him a Democratic majority in Congress. Instead of responsible spending, the federal budget has ballooned by more than one-third in less than two years. Instead of lower deficits, the annual budget shortfall has soared to above \$1 trillion, where it is expected to stay for at least the next decade. And instead of an end to poisonous partisanship, some of the most impactful and controversial legislation in a half-century was rammed through Congress with only the votes of Democrats.

The Pledge to America deals with all of these issues.

But since it is in essence a political document, and not a true guide for policy-making, it sidesteps some things it ought to have dealt with, most notably the faulty foundation of Social Security.

What the GOP does promise is what Americans seem to want right now. The Republicans promise to take spending back to pre-Obama levels, a fairly uninspired goal given that the government was already spending far more than it was taking in before Obama arrived at the White House. But it's far better than the spending trajectory we're on now.

It also would stop the flow of stimulus money. That's a responsible first step. The stimulus spending so far has produced few, if any, jobs. It makes little sense to spend even more money the same way.

The GOP also guarantees it won't raise taxes — meaning it would extend the 2001 tax cuts for all income groups.

Doing that would remove some of the considerable uncertainty from the investment marketplace and get private money moving into the economy.

Finally, Republicans say they will repeal and rewrite Obamacare, a promise their voters expect them to keep, but one they may find difficult to fulfill absent control of the White House.

Again, this is purely politics. Putting promises on paper to address the things that are most worrying Americans is a smart political move.

But it also puts would-be Republican lawmakers on record saying what they will do if they take control of Congress.

Democratic lawmakers, who established a record over the past two years of delivering something different than what they promised, should consider doing the same.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we trust in You, Lord, we have the key to success.

Amen

# Authentically Newt-ered

This is how news gets made. Conservative writer Dinesh D'Souza writes a piece for Forbes pimping his new book, "The Roots of Obama's Rage." During a National Review interview, former GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich gushes over the piece and calls it "the most profound insight I have read in the last six years about Barack Obama" as it reveals the "Kenyan anti-colonial" thinking that motivates Obama.

The left-wing Media Matters group pounces on Gingrich and releases an overblown list ostensibly detailing Gingrich's "history of making bigoted and offensive statements."

Pundits follow. Maureen Dowd opines, "(T)he smear artists are claiming not only that the president is a socialist but that he suffers from a socialism gene."

The problem with this whole process: Like the Newt himself, it takes Gingrich and his pronouncements way too seriously. Gingrich always did talk like a blurb writer: Every subject he touches warrants hyperbole, and he has no attention span. It's wrong to respond to

anything Gingrich says as if he thought about it.

This year, Gingrich is playing to the tea party crowd. He and his wife are about to release a new movie, "America at Risk" on national security threats. As a tea party courtier, he rails against carbon taxes. His political action committee has raised \$250,000 from an Oklahoma natural gas and oil producer, and \$100,000 from Arch Coal of St. Louis, Politico.com reported.

Two years ago, however, the Newt was seated on a loveseat next to Speaker Nancy Pelosi starring in TV ads for Al Gore's global warming campaign. Quoth Gingrich, "We do agree, our country must take action against climate change." And: "If enough of us demand action from our leaders, we can spark the innovation we need."

Consider Gingrich to be the right's Jerry Brown. Like the former and would-be next California governor, Gingrich talks big, but has no loyalty to his ideas. He was for tax cuts before he was against them. He supported a \$35,000 congressional pay raise and leaner government.

Like Brown, Gingrich's real skill has been in seeing a trend early and jumping on it, unencumbered by any past positions.

Then armed with a trendy vocabulary, Gingrich blusters

on. During the National Review interview, he asserted Obama is "authentically dishonest." Authentically dishonest? If anyone should know what that means, it's probably Gingrich.

America is at risk, he warns. Of course, the last time Gingrich set out to save America, he ended up burning his career. He taught a college course called "Renewing American Civilization." That would not have been a problem except that this modern-day John Adams felt the need to raise \$300,000 and \$450,000 to bankroll his discourses on American "core values." That's a long pricey schlep from the log cabin.

Later, he was forced to admit that he had given "inaccurate and misleading" information to the House Ethics Committee — resulting in a \$300,000 fine. Presumably Gingrich was "authentically" inaccurate and misleading.

In his new movie, Gingrich has a new co-host — not Pelosi this time, but wife Callista whom Gingrich was dating while married to the airbrushed-out wife No. 2. Gingrich always has gotten by on the forgetfulness of strangers.

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# Calling mainstreamers extremists

I'm surely not the only one who notices the persistent efforts of the leftist establishment and certain establishment Republicans to portray mainstream conservatives, especially those inhabiting the tea party movement, as radicals and extremists. The more they push this theme the more they marginalize themselves.

You'll remember that Obama's Department of Defense released a manual identifying "protests" as a form of low-level terrorism. His Department of Homeland Security issued a report characterizing protesters as potentially dangerous right-wing extremists and racists, being sure to slander disgruntled veterans returning from duty overseas as part of that frightful mix. Also unforgettable is Obama's categorical derision of small-town people as bitter clingers.

We can learn a lot about people from their dislikes, as well as their likes. They reveal a great deal about themselves when they call "extremists" patriotic Americans who believe in the American ideal, lower taxes and fiscal responsibility, originalism, the rule of law, blind justice, equal protection under the law, strong national defense, limiting government to its assigned constitutional functions, the Second Amendment, the nondiscriminatory application of freedom of speech and expression, the free exercise clause, a reasonable — not unduly expansive — interpretation of the establishment and commerce clauses, protection for the unborn, judicial restraint, federalism, the separation of powers, the free market, racial colorblindness, the existence of good and evil in the world, equality of opportunity rather than of outcomes, law and order, immigration control and

border protection, motherhood and apple pie.

That's a fair summary of a typical tea partier's credo. By definition, then, in America at least, tea partiers are not extremists. For approximately two times as many American voters identify themselves as conservatives than as liberals, and conservatives mostly believe in those things I've referenced.

Tea party protesters are decidedly peaceful people — so much so that the only time you'll see violence at any of their protests is when liberals bus in their union thugs to foment it or to masquerade as conservative participants. The only time you'll hear about racism at one of their events is when leftists trump up the charge and fabricate events.

Nancy Pelosi — speaking of extremists — disagrees. She said she was "very happy" with this week's election results because they showed that extremists in the tea party movement are dominating Republican primaries.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs also feigns glee as he celebrates the apparent dissension in the Republican Party caused by the alleged wedge tea partiers are driving.

Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski betrayed a similar misperception, saying in her sour grapes speech following her defeat that the GOP had been "hijacked by the Tea Party Express — an outside extremist group."

I wrote in my book that Obama is either tone-deaf or utterly contemptuous of the express will of the majority of the people. He is entirely cavalier about their strenuous, unambiguous objection to most of his agenda items. When they rejected Obamacare, he didn't go before the nation in his State of the Union address showing contrition for having ignored their wishes, nor was there the slightest indication he was willing to adjust his extreme plan to nationalize our health care to make it more acceptable

to the people. No, he didn't say, "I hear you loud and clear, my fellow Americans." Rather, he shouted, "I want everyone to take another look at the plan."

After his reckless \$868 billion stimulus package — with all its untraceable waste, redistribution and corruption — failed to "jump-start the economy" and keep unemployment from rising above 8 percent as he had promised, he not only didn't take ownership of his failed prescription but also blamed former President George W. Bush again. Worse, he asked for \$50 billion more with the promise that one eighteenth of the amount of the initial stimulus would jumpstart the economy and create jobs, when the initial stimulus did not.

So who is more extreme? Is it the guy (and his enablers) who is driving us at warp speed into national bankruptcy, supports abortion on demand and the militant homosexual agenda, appoints judges who believe government has the right to "unskew" speech when it becomes "overabundant," Mirandizes terrorists on the battlefield, appoints one radical czar after another, apologizes every chance he gets for the country that we love, fires his inspectors general without notice for uncovering corruption among his friends involving stimulus money, takes over and then tries to restructure Chrysler and GM in a way that discriminates against secured creditors in favor of his union buddies, forces national health care on the nation when Americans told him they rejected it and on and on, or is it a typical tea partier?

It's not even a close call, and the more tone-deaf that liberals (and establishment Republicans) are to this reality the worse their respective electoral futures will be.

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# Penn State's Okoli gets tough first test at Iowa

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Iowa isn't an ideal place for an opponent to break in a new starter on the offensive line.

But No. 22 Penn State doesn't have a choice for its Big Ten opener Saturday night at Kinnick Stadium. Right tackle Lou Eliades is out for the year with a right knee injury, so Chima Okoli likely will get his first career start against one of the country's most formidable defensive fronts.

With Adrian Clayborn, Mike Daniels and Broderick Binns leading the way, the 17th-ranked Hawkeyes can send quite a rush.

"He's certainly going to have some problems. We can't overreact," coach Joe Paterno said Tuesday at Beaver Stadium about Okoli. "Our tackles are going to

have their hands full in pass protection."

JoePa got a look at the disruptive talents of Clayborn and Binns when Iowa sauntered into soggy Beaver Stadium a year ago and wreaked havoc in the backfield and on special teams. The 6-foot-4, 285-pound Clayborn blocked a punt, then returned it 53 yards for a touchdown in Iowa's 21-10 win.

"Those are certainly Kodak moments, but what he does down-to-down is what makes him an outstanding player," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said Tuesday during the Big Ten coaches conference call.

Binns had a sack for a safety last year. So far, Clayborn and Binns are off to slow starts with no sacks and a combined two tackles for a loss.

No longer an unknown commodity, Clayborn has seen more double teams.

Paterno likens Clayborn to Chicago Bears star and former North Carolina end Julius Peppers.

"He's what a defensive end should look like physically," Paterno said. "He's a heck of a football player."

The sack slack at Iowa has been picked up by Daniels. The junior had four tackles for a loss and a sack in Iowa's 45-0 rout last week over Ball State to claim conference co-defensive player of the week honors. Daniels has three sacks on the year, and his 7.5 tackles for a loss are second in the Big Ten.

Freshman quarterback Rob Bolden, who has only been sacked once in his four career

starts, likely will see the fiercest pass rush yet of his young career. A Penn State offensive line that helped spring tailback Evan Royster for a career-best 187 yards last week loses the experience of Eliades, who had started all 17 games over the past two seasons.

Ferentz, for one, thinks Royster has the ability to make a difference no matter who blocks for him.

"He's a smooth and efficient player, I guess is how I'd describe him," he told reporters Tuesday in Iowa City. "I think he does everything very well. Not that he's a flashy player, but he's very productive."

Royster bounced back from a subpar three-week stretch against Temple, slashing past tacklers and exploding through holes.

## MCCOURT

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as the team's CEO, a job that paid her a \$2 million

salary.

She filed for divorce the same month, citing irreconcilable differences. The couple have been married since 1979 and have four grown sons.

# sudoku

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

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# Milicic has new outlook

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — In two months with Minnesota last season, an out-of-shape Darko Milicic showed the kind of passing savvy and defensive instincts that no other Timberwolves big man had displayed all season long.

Emboldened by the kind of playing time he never got in the two years previous, Milicic displayed enough talent and potential to coax the Timberwolves into re-signing him to a four-year deal with \$16 million guaranteed.

"It's undeniable when you watch Darko work out or when you see him on the court, the guy has some real skills that are not easily found in our league," Timberwolves president David Kahn said.

But that's always been the biggest problem with Milicic. He has the natural skills and ability to make coaches and executives drool. It's what prompted the Detroit Pistons to take him second overall in 2003, ahead of Carmelo Anthony, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade.

Milicic has never been able to turn that potential into sustained production in the NBA. Maybe that's why there was such an outcry when the Wolves resigned Milicic to a fairly modest deal by NBA standards.

Milicic's deal could be worth as much as \$20 million if he completes it and he will make an average of \$4 million per season. The average salary for a starting NBA center this season ranges from \$7.3 million to \$8.4 million, depending on who each team counts as that player.

While watching Milicic huff and puff through the final 24 games of the season for the Wolves after hardly playing at all for the Knicks all season long, Minnesota coach Kurt Rambis wondered what he could get from the 7-foot Serbian if he had an entire summer and training camp to work with him.

The Timberwolves are about to find out.

"He just hasn't played a whole lot of basketball over the last few years," Rambis said. "That's what he has to get back to doing, where he feels very comfortable on the floor and gets his confidence back up."

Milicic came to the United States at 17, landing on a veteran-laden team that was competing for a championship. He became lost in the shuffle, and the lack of success in a strange land quickly thrust Milicic into a funk both personally and professionally.

"When I first got here, the first month, I didn't

leave the house," Milicic said of his first days in Detroit.

He bounced around from Detroit to Orlando to Memphis, showing flashes of the ability that made him such a prospect, but never following through. He hit rock bottom last year with the Knicks, appearing in only eight games and playing a total of 71 minutes before being shipped to Minnesota in February.

The criticism levied against him — the labels of "bust" and "lazy" — hurt him deeply, so much so that he now refuses to talk about his first 6½ seasons in the league.

Milicic made no secret of his desire to return home and play in Serbia after the season ended. But then Rambis and the struggling Wolves gave him the starting role he had been looking for all along. Milicic started 18 games, averaging 8.3 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.4 blocks.

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By Steve Becker

## Zia Magic

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♥	10		
♦	J 10 4		
♣	7 6 3 2		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	A J 7		
♥	8 4 3 2		
♦	2		
♣	K Q J 10 4		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	K 9 6 4 3		
♥	A 7 6		
♦	K 9 3		
♣	9 5		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	—		
♥	K Q J 9 5		
♦	A Q 8 7 6 5		
♣	A 8		

The bidding:

<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Today's deal was reported by Roger Allen, a high-school math teacher from Toronto. Allen had kibitzed Zia Mahmood at a match in the 1998 Vanderbilt Teams and felt it was his journalistic duty to make sure that what he saw reached "the light of day in the bridge press."

Aside from his general brilliance in all aspects of the game, Zia is particularly noted for his ability to create a subterfuge that diverts an opponent from the winning course of play. Such was the case in this deal.

Zia was East and remarkably remained silent during the auction, which ended with South in five diamonds. West led the club king, taken

by declarer with the ace.

South then led a heart to dummy's ten and Zia's ace. At this point most mortals would return their remaining club to partner's ten, after which declarer would make the contract by eventually ruffing one of his hearts in dummy in order to take the winning diamond finesse.

But Zia foresaw this scenario and devised a plan to deflect declarer from the winning path. So at trick three, instead of returning a club, he shifted to a low spade!

The spade return convinced declarer that Zia had started with only one club, in which case the contract might be made without risking a diamond finesse. If Zia started with one club, there was an excellent chance he had four hearts, which in turn meant dummy's remaining clubs could be discarded on high hearts.

So after ruffing the spade, South cashed the ace of diamonds and then played three top hearts, discarding dummy's clubs. But Zia ruffed the fourth heart and cashed the king to set the contract.

Declarer's line of play would have succeeded had either opponent started with the singleton king of diamonds, the K-x of diamonds and three hearts, or the K-x-x of diamonds and four hearts. Whether he should have chosen this approach is open to question, but one thing is certain: If Zia hadn't given him a little bit of rope by returning a spade at trick three, declarer would never have hanged himself.

Tomorrow: Exploratory analysis.

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## sudoku

ANSWERS

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4	9	6	5	2	8	7	3	1
7	2	8	1	6	3	4	5	9

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# What's new at the Howard County Library

The Friends of the Library Book sale continues downstairs and we have a small display just as you come in the door.

It was a successful sale and both the Friends of Howard County Library and the staff of the library appreciate all of you who purchased books and other materials that were available for sale.

The sale will continue until the middle of October.

For all of the readers who enjoy large print books, we have now gotten in some popular titles.

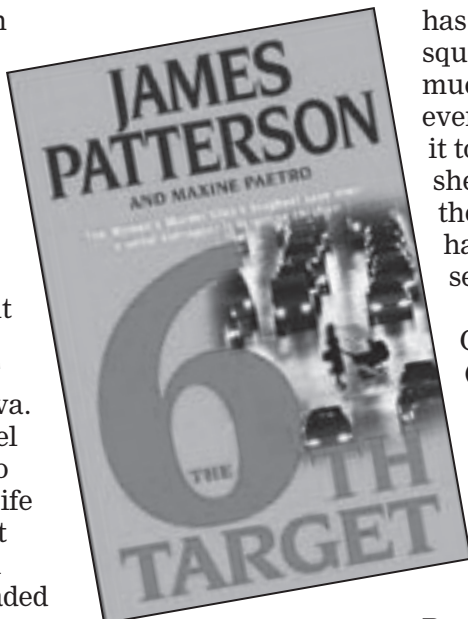
James Patterson's "The 6th Target" (LP M PAT J) is another one of the Women's Murder Club mysteries. Lindsey Boxer, a detective with the San Francisco PD has been promoted to desk duty. However, when Claire Washburn

(fellow crime fighter) is left for dead after a deadly commuter ferry shooting, Boxer asks to be demoted to sergeant, so she can work on the case. Combined with strains in her relationship with Joe, it is certainly a very stressful time. Patterson's books are fast-paced and always a good read.

Another large print book is "The Rembrandt Affair" (LP F SIL D) by Daniel Silva. Mossad agent Gabriel Alon has retreated to Cornwall with his wife Chiara to try and cut his ties to the Israeli agency. He is persuaded to return by Nigel Isherwood to recover a long-lost Rembrandt painting. As with all of Alon's cases, the trail is treacherous and filled with menace.

Dorothy Garlock in "Stay a Little Longer" (LP F GARD) writes the story of a struggling woman, determined to keep her family together in the face of a shattering tragedy. Rachel Watkins runs a boarding house in Minnesota

and after Armistice Day, a shell-shocked stranger arrives. Who is he and how will he help her keep her home from the



grip of a powerful business man?

Other large print books now available are: "Live to Tell" (LP M GAR L) by Lisa Gardner; W.E.B. Griffin's "The Vigilantes" (LP F GRI W) — this is a Badge of Honor novel; "The Glass Rainbow" (LP M BUR J) by James Lee Burke; and now for some English history, "The Red Queen" (LP F GRE P) by Phillipa

Gregory. "Arm Candy" (F KAR J) by Hill Kargman is one of those fluffy, searching for love sort of books. Eden Clyde has been the main squeeze of Otto Clyde, a much older man. However, as time does take its toll on looks and life, she decides to become the person she could have been. Another self-discovery story.

"Last Night at Chateau Marmont" (F WEI L) by Lauren Weisberger is also a story of self-discovery, only this time in the music world. After working two jobs, Brooke's husband Julian becomes an "overnight" sensation. Appearing on Jay Leno's "The Tonight Show," Julian catapults to the top. However, the marriage is in trouble. Don't worry, though, it all comes out all right in the end.

This might be an interesting self-discovery story (all of these are just chick literature!) — "Backseat Santas" (F JAC J) by Joshilyn

Jackson. Ro is the perfect Texas housewife; if you are living with an abuser. Armed with only her wit, a fat dog and a gun, Ro leaves Texas on the run. While running she uncovers some long hid-



den family secrets and find the mother who left her along time ago.

Now for some quick titles: "Kiss Her Goodbye" (F BRO R) by Robert Gregory Browne; "Next of Kin" (F BOY J) by John Boyne; "My Name is Mary Sutter" (F OLI R) by Robin Oliveira; Wilbur Smith's "Blue Horizon" (F SMI

W); and "The Little Stranger" (F WAT S) by Sarah Waters. We also have "Needles and Pearls" (F McN G) by Gil McNeil. It is a sequel to "The Beach Street Knitting Society and Yarn Club" —

they are both cute books. Although they, too, are self-discovery books, they take place in England. Remember the book sale continues downstairs until the middle of October. There are still bargains to be had.

The library will be open on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with the Internet/Video Room closing at 1:30 p.m. Regular hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The Internet/Video room closes half an hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main and our e-mail address is [reference@co.howard.tx.us](mailto:reference@co.howard.tx.us)

# Bush Institute launches initiative for principals

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Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — For its first initiative, the George W. Bush Institute will focus on improving the performance of school principals.

Former first lady Laura Bush was to announce on Wednesday the institute's formation of the Alliance to Reform Education Leadership, or AREL. The alliance will consist of a network of school districts, universities and foundations offering educational programs to current and future school leaders.

"If we do our job right, these graduates will be in very high demand," said James W. Guthrie, senior fellow and director of education policy studies at the institute.

Guthrie said that the entities participating must meet certain criteria by, for instance, offering classes in areas including business and ethics and guaranteeing

participants will spend time in schools.

He said they want those who participate to be better trained on how to manage schools. Guthrie said school districts in the alliance must also expand the roles of principals to make them more like chief executives.

So far, organizations in six cities are participating. That includes school districts in Dallas, Fort Worth and Plano in Texas, Marian University in Indianapolis, the business schools at Saint Louis University in Missouri and the University of Denver and the school of education at Dallas' Southern Methodist University.

The Bush Institute has set a goal of certifying at least half of the nation's public school principals

through the program by 2020.

"I think there's a growing awareness throughout the country that principals need the authority to go with the responsibility," said James K. Glassman, executive director of the institute.

The school of education and human development at Southern Methodist University is collaborating with a local education nonprofit for its program, which they hope to offer next year.

"I think that this alliance plans to promote preparation of leaders that combines the best practices in business with the best practices in education," said David Chard, dean of SMU's Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human De-

velopment.

Andrea Hodge, who directs a program at Houston's Rice University designed to educate school leaders by combining training in business, entrepreneurship and leadership, said that while Rice had not decided whether to join the alliance, she likes that the AREL program focuses on the need for

such training.

"Leadership development is a critical need for our K-12 system and it's great to have more people talking about it," Hodge said.

AT&T is contributing \$1 million as initial funding for the alliance. Various education organizations are also collaborating with the alliance, including Teach

for America and the Council for Education Change.

The nonpartisan George W. Bush Institute is part of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, which will include the presidential library and will be located on the SMU campus in Dallas. Ground is set to be broken in November.

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# UT shooter described as intelligent, unemotional

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AUSTIN — As bleary-eyed University of Texas students made their way to early classes and campus workers walked toward their jobs, one person strode through campus wearing a dark suit and a ski mask — and carrying an assault rifle.

His look was menacing, and those who encountered him fled fast.

"I saw in his eyes he didn't care," said construction worker Ruben Cordoba, who was installing a fence on the roof of a three-story building Tuesday morning when he looked down and made eye contact.

Authorities say the gunman who later killed himself was 19-year-old Colton Tooley, a sophomore math major. No one else was injured.

But those who knew Tooley for years — before his time at the massive university in Austin — describe him as a courteous, intelligent guy who wouldn't hurt anyone. He was book smart and won raves from his high school teachers. He also was known as someone who kept his emotions in check.

"There was nothing prior to this day, nothing that would lead any of us to believe this could take place," said a man who emerged from Tooley's family home late Tuesday and identified himself only as Marcus, a relative. He read a statement saying that Tooley's parents were distraught. "They've lost their child."

As the gunman trekked along a campus street with an AK-47, he fired three shots toward

a church, then fired three more times in the air, Cordoba said. Police said that with help from students they were able to track the shooter's movements and chase him off the street. He went into the Perry-Castaneda Library, where he shot himself to death, said campus police Chief Robert Dahlstrom said.

Dahlstrom said it wasn't clear that the gunman was shooting at anyone in particular outside the library. The shots may have been fired into the air or missed shots, if he was aiming at someone, the chief said.

University of Texas president Bill Powers canceled classes Tuesday and said normal campus operations would resume Wednesday.

Police declined to speculate on a motive.

Marcus, the relative who said the family wasn't planning to make any further comments, said he wanted the public to understand Tooley.

"He was a very smart guy, very intelligent, excellent student. He wouldn't or couldn't hurt a fly. If he was depressed you would never know it. He never usually expressed emotion. This is a great shock to me and my family," he said.

Tooley's parents did not immediately respond to messages left by The Associated Press. Investigators combed through the family's home in Austin on Tuesday, carrying out bags and boxes. There was no word on exactly what was in the containers. A neighbor said police arrived about three hours after the shooting.

The gunman's threatening demeanor on

campus was far from what Tooley's teachers at Crockett High School in Austin recalled of the boy who graduated in 2009, ranked seventh in his class. They remembered him as "brilliant," "meticulous" and "respectful," the principal, Craig Shapiro, said a statement.

"All of us in the Crockett High School community are shocked and saddened by today's tragedy at the University of Texas," Shapiro said. "Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Colton Tooley."

At the University of Texas, Tooley was a math major with an interest in actuarial science.

The armed walk went through the heart of the UT-Austin campus, where one of the nation's worst mass shootings took place from atop the clock tower in 1966, when Charles Whitman shot and killed 16 people and wounded nearly three dozen.

On Tuesday, seeing an assault rifle and hearing gunfire near a fountain in front of the tower caused a garbage truck driver to leap out of his vehicle and run away. A woman carrying two babies did the same.

Oscar Trevino, whose daughter Martina Trevino works in a campus dormitory, said she was walking to work near the library when she heard two shots behind her. She started to run and fell down, then heard another shot.

"She said she turned around and saw," he said. "She took off running."

University officials sent word through text messages and a campus website telling students, faculty and staff to stay put in buildings as the campus went on

lockdown. Sirens and announcements blared on campus loudspeakers warning that there was an emergency.

Libby Gertken, an assistant French instructor, was giving an exam in a nearby classroom when she got an e-mail from the university notifying her of the gunman.

"We all got on the floor," she said. "We stayed on the floor for a while. A couple of brave male students got behind the door to stand guard."

She said the class came up with a plan to "all run at the person" if the gunman came into the classroom.

Nathan Van Oort, a junior from Boerne who was taking a chemistry quiz when the shooting started, said students

in his class near the library got text messages and told the instructor what was going on. The teacher told students to keep taking the quiz, he said. Some, including Van Oort, stopped taking the test and ran out.

"She just thought it was a rumor," he said. "I couldn't believe it that she would blow it off."

Police ruled out a report of a possible second gunman, and about four

hours after the gunfire, campus officials gave the all clear.

The library remained cordoned off as a crime scene.

Dahlstrom and Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said the two departments and other law enforcement agencies had trained for such a scenario.

It paid off, Dahlstrom said, and "probably prevented a much more tragic situation."

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### Beware of the Cyber Bully

The iSAFE America research team has discovered a disturbing trend—cyber bullying has affected more than half the students surveyed, on both sides of the issue. Their latest assessments surveyed more than 1500 students ranging from fourth to eighth grade across the country.

They found out:

- 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online
- 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful things to another online
- 42% of kids have been bullied while online

The tradition of home as a

refuge from bullies on the school playground is over.

The Internet is the new playground, and there are no off hours. The popularity of instant messaging, e-mail, webpages, and blogging means kids are a target 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Even worse, iSAFE found out 58 percent of kids have not told their parents or any adult about something mean or hurtful that had happened to them online.

Teachers and school officials need to be aware of the rising trend of cyber bullying as incidents online are brought onto school grounds.

iSAFE offers these tips to share with students who are being cyber bullied:

- Tell a trusted adult and

keep telling them until they take action.

- Never open, read or respond to messages from cyber bullies.
- If it is school related, tell your school. All schools have bullying solutions.
- Do not erase the messages. They may be needed to take action.
- If bullied through chat or IM, the bully can often be blocked.
- If you are threatened with harm, call the police.

Above all, students are the cure to the cyber bullying epidemic. By speaking out and telling adults they can stop bullying online and make the Internet experience a more positive one.

## Gunfire at UT highlights colleges' response today

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Yet another campus shooting, this one at the University of Texas in Austin, provided a terrifying test of how colleges respond at a time when universities nationwide have bolstered efforts to prevent bloodshed and respond decisively.

Since the mass shooting three years ago at Virginia Tech that left 32 dead, schools have beefed up mobile notification systems, staged drills with local law enforcement agencies, installed additional security cameras and honed their threat assessment systems — all while trying to avoid becoming walled-off compounds.

"It's one of the most complex issues campuses will have to deal with over the next several years," said Steven Healy, former director of public safety at Princeton. "How do you continue to create this open environment, where people are relatively free to move about, while maintaining a safe and secure environment? It's clearly a balance."

On Tuesday morning, a UT student in a dark suit and ski mask opened fire with an assault rifle near a campus fountain before fleeing

to the sixth floor of the university library and fatally shooting himself, police said.

No one else was injured, and at least one witness said the gunman could have shot any number of people but didn't. Authorities identified the gunman as 19-year-old Colton Tooley, a sophomore math major.

The initial reports of a gunman on campus

set off a series of events recognizable to any campus security official post-Virginia Tech: a campus-wide e-mail and text alert that urged everyone stay put, a lock-down, a sweep of surrounding buildings and finally, an all clear.

"By all preliminary accounts, the University of Texas system worked quite well," said

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LUBBOCK — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White announced an energy plan Tuesday that he says will expand the state's solar industry, create high-wage jobs in clean energy and bolster energy efficiency.

The former Houston mayor is challenging Republican Gov. Rick Perry in November.

Announcing the plan in West Texas where wind turbines dot the landscape, White said he wants to set up a statewide residential energy efficiency program, retrofit government

buildings to cut energy usage, and update building and energy codes to conserve power.

White's plan also includes an emphasis on education and training for Texans to fill high-paying clean energy jobs and to provide incentives for homeowners and businesses to invest in solar energy.

White said Texas is well-suited for solar energy as it was for wind energy during that push in the early 1990s, when he was deputy secretary of energy under President Bill Clinton.

"It took a little push to get things started" with wind energy, he said. "Now we need to do that

with solar."

Perry spokesman Mark Miner said the governor "has made job creation a high priority" and that Texas has one of the strongest economies in the country. The Texas Enterprise Fund has created more than 53,000 jobs with a capital investment of more than \$14 billion, he said.

"Bill White would have a difficult time creating jobs considering he wants to raise taxes and increase regulation on businesses," Miner said. "Bill White is very quick to criticize, but he doesn't come up with any solution."

White says his plan is

about the future and will "make Texas a leader in high-wage jobs, not just minimum wage jobs where it's been under Rick Perry."

According to 2009 Bureau of Labor statistics, Texas has 474,000 workers earning at or below minimum wage. Texas has the highest rate of workers paid by the hour who are compensated at or below minimum wage, 8.5 percent. West Virginia is next at 7.8 percent.

White said a focus on renewable energy like solar could create tens of thousands of jobs, beginning with more in construction.

"But (there would be)

a lot of long-term jobs in operations and maintenance," he said.

Miner said Perry's opponent wasn't thinking about job creation when he lent his energy expertise to the federal government earlier this year as the Senate considered a plan that would have set a ceiling

on carbon emissions by power plants, vehicles and other sources.

"Bill White must have forgotten that he wrote a memo advising the Obama Administration on how to sell cap-and-trade legislation, which would cost Texas hundreds of thousands of jobs," Miner said.

## REACT

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Phil Johnson, president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and head of campus security at Notre Dame.

Colleges and universities dramatically expanded their emergency alert systems after the Virginia Tech tragedy, a 2008 shooting at Northern Illinois University that killed six and incidents on other campuses. They're putting information out quickly by land line, text, e-mail, websites, message boards, campus cable TV networks and loudspeakers.

Text messages, the preferred communication mode of millennials, are considered key. A survey in May 2008 from the Midwestern

Higher Education Compact found that before Virginia Tech, 5 percent of responding colleges said mobile phones were included in emergency notification. Little more than a year later, 75 percent of those without that capability had made the move or planned to.

Within three days of the Virginia Tech massacre, the University of Maryland had expanded its notification system so it could blast out emergency e-mails and text messages, said Maj. Jay Gruber, the assistant chief of police.

The system now includes a continually updated list of 70,000 to 80,000 active university e-mails and 30,000 to 35,000 text-enabled mobile numbers, and parents and alumni can opt into the system, he said. Gruber said it's been used for tornado warnings, a carjacking on

campus and an off-campus armed robbery.

Colleges now also have a much better sense of what to tell people in the alerts, said Larry Hinckler, Virginia Tech's associate vice president for university relations.

"People want to know what they should do, rather than just getting an alert and telling them there's a problem," he said. "And that's what Texas did."

Many schools have either started or improved so-called threat assessment teams or managers, which field concerns from the university community about disturbing behavior and investigate them to evaluate threats.

"When we've researched these shootings, what we've found is a lot of different people had a small piece of the puzzle. They knew a little about this person," said Marisa Randazzo, a

former chief research psychologist with the U.S. Secret Service who has worked with colleges. "Threat assessment tries to put these pieces together and see what emerges."

The University of Texas has a threat assessment team and urges faculty, staff and students to call an advice line to report people who concern them, university spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon said.

She said she was not sure whether federal privacy laws allowed the university to discuss whether the shooter had been flagged in the system, and referred further questions to another university official who could not be immediately reached.

## In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



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A New England restaurateur came up with a popular way to give back to her caring community after her eatery was destroyed in a Christmastime blaze.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 24, 2010, there was tendered for filing with the FCC an application for assignment of the license of FM translator **K292FE**, Big Spring, TX, from Horizon Christian Fellowship to Weeks Broadcasting, Inc. The translator operates on 106.3MHz with an effective radiated power of 62W from a transmitter site at 32° 13' 06.00 North, 101° 27' 09.00 West. The translator will rebroadcast the signal of Station **KBYG**, 1400MHz, Big Spring, TX.  
#6712 September 29, 2010

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

An application to assign the license of station **KWDC**, 105.5 FM, Coahoma, TX, from Horizon Christian Fellowship to Weeks Broadcasting, Inc. was filed with the Federal Communications Commission on September 24, 2010. The officers, directors and shareholders of Horizon Christian Fellowship are: Michael Macintosh, John Laudadio, Fred Salley, Philip Macintosh, Gayle Gordon, Mike Turk, Larry Gordon, and Nick Pasich. The officers, directors and stockholders of Weeks Broadcasting are: John Weeks, Cynthia Weeks, and Tatum Weeks.  
A copy of this application, and any amendments and related materials, are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the First Baptist Church 207 South Avenue, Coahoma, TX 79511.  
#6713 September 29 and October 1, 6, & 8, 2010

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AMENDED NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 93365L001 APPLICATION. Laredo Paving, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit Number 93365L001, which would authorize construction of a Rock Crushing Plant. The company has provided the following directions to the site: approximately 4.79 miles west of Garden City on the south side of Highway 158, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas 79739. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 27, 2010. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Currie Street, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. The executive director has

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**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response

Legals

to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

**After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request or a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case**

**hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.**

Following the close of all applicable comments and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** All public comments and requests must be submitted either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at

[www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html).

If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from Laredo Paving Inc, P.O. Box 1029, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1029 or by calling Ms. Monique Wells, Environmental Consultant at (512)292-4314.

Amended Notice Issuance Date: September 17, 2010  
#6711 September 29, 2010

Tomorrow's Horoscope

As the moon passes through witty Gemini, she forms a terse angle to Mercury. It's better to be straight up in all our communications. In an ideal world, that would always be the case. But humans are complicated beings! We don't always say what we feel or act in a manner that is congruent with our emotions. And still, often we get the point across.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're a dreamer. Share your vision, even if it seems, for the moment, half-baked. It develops in a fine direction as you talk more about it. The attention others give you will shed new light on the scene.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your warmth and playfulness keep your relationships fresh and interesting. Because of your childlike demeanor, people will think you're much younger than you are, and you'll find the benefit

in this.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You might be frustrated now, but don't let this feeling lead to defeat. Let it inform you instead. It's like you're standing at the locked door with a ring of keys. Keep trying different ones until you find the one that works.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you're giving out nods, winks, hugs and kind remarks, you'll have many takers. Everyone needs encouragement and approval. You deal these commodities so generously.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A bit of bluffing will take place -- you're good at this. It's not lying; it's just pretending. For instance, you might act like a wealthy person because you realize that the acting will eventually make you wealthy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not stubborn, but you do have a strong will. No one can get you to do a thing that you do not already, to some degree, want to do. You will once again assert your

independence this afternoon.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The demanding situation you face has nothing to do with luck. This is a product of your own complicated nature. You have produced this challenge because you need it in order to become the person you want to be.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know what people want. Sometimes you are even the reason for that want, as you have a way of leading people and shaping their desires with your own opinions and interests.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You expect yourself to turn out a masterpiece every time. That is a lot of pressure. Be gentle and patient with yourself. When you apply great love and skill to your work, things develop naturally in a good direction.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reflect on your abilities. Realizing what you're good at will help you to make the best choices and act with confidence. Decisive action takes you

where you want to go.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want results, and you want them now. However, this is one of those days when the world doesn't seem to know how to comply with your timetable. Don't let it get to you -- wait it out.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Saying too much is a danger. You need to disclose just enough to give people something to mentally hang on to and then back off, be silent and let them come to you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:** (Sept. 29). Relationships take center stage. You'll overcome lingering trust issues and open your heart. You'll meet one who appreciates your honesty (perhaps a professional relationship), and you will build something wonderful together. An excursion in November leads to a financial bonus. Someone invests in you in January. Cancer and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 23, 25, 44 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I seem to be able to keep a

girlfriend happy for about nine months. Then she's off and running. This has happened to me three times in a row. What is the deal? I'm a Libra, and my girlfriend broke up with me last month. I still feel terrible. I feel like I'm cursed, actually. I really don't want to go through this again. What should I do?"

No one likes breaking up. But it's especially hard on Libra, the sign of couples and partnerships. Relationships balance you, and you feel whole when you're with another person. While going through a breakup, it's important that you let yourself grieve fully. Clear your schedule, and plan to get as sad and pitifully pathetic as possible for a few days in a row. After day three, you'll be sick of crying, and even the thought of the girl will annoy you. Once you get the sadness out of your system, you can start to focus on all the beautiful women in the world you haven't dated yet. As for getting past the nine-month mark,

when you finally are with the right person, this will no longer be an issue.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Newlywed Hilary Duff continues her successful career on the big screen this year, appearing as Bonnie Parker of the notorious bank-robbing duo Bonnie and Clyde. This lovely Libra will balance her fresh marriage and the demands of her superstardom with grace, as that's Libra's specialty. Duff has love planet Venus in Libra, as well, and was born under an adventurous Sagittarian moon.

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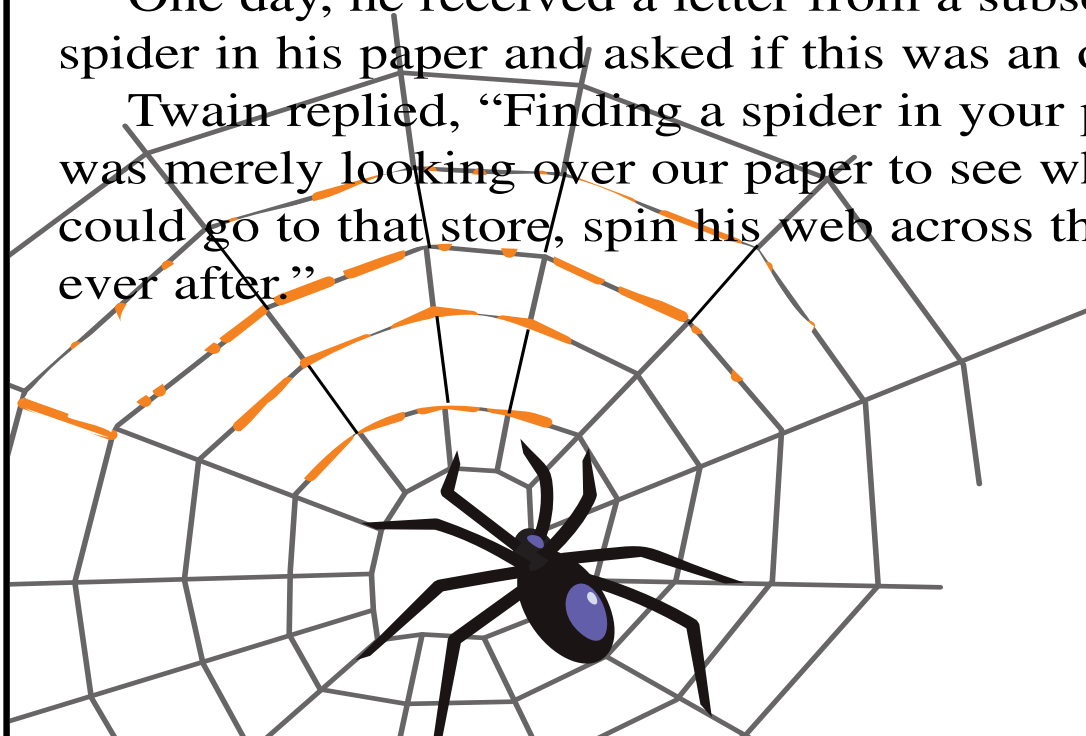
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# More options for seniors with high drug costs

**RICARDO ZALDIVAR**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Seniors with high drug costs will soon have more options to help them cope with Medicare's prescription coverage gap.

Reversing a steady decline, the number of prescription plans covering at least some brand-name drugs in the "doughnut hole" coverage gap will triple next year, from 35 to 106. That's according to an analysis of Medicare data to be released Wednesday by Avalere Health, a private research firm.

At least two plans covering some brand-name drugs in the gap will be available in every region of the country.

The enhanced coverage carries a higher monthly premium. And the plans offer only a limited range of medications in the gap, most often drugs to treat chronic illnesses.

Nonetheless, some seniors may be willing to pay more for greater peace of mind. Some of the most widely used medications, including Lipitor for high cholesterol, are not available as generics.

"The coverage of generics in the gap has been fairly stable, but there has been very little coverage of brand-name drugs," said Bonnie Washington, an Avalere researcher who worked on the study.

"This is the first year we have really seen it come back."

The coverage expansion is partly the result of prodding by Medicare officials to get private insurers to offer more robust plans, Washington said.

Medicare's drug coverage gap is a cost-control idea that has never been popular.

In 2011, the gap will start after Medicare beneficiaries and their insurance plan have spent \$2,840 on medications.

After that, seniors are responsible for roughly the next \$3,600. That's the "doughnut hole."

Once total spending reaches about \$6,440, Medicare's catastrophic coverage kicks in and beneficiaries pay only a small amount.

President Barack Obama's new health care law closes the gap by 2020 through a series of discounts. Next year,

seniors get 50 percent off brand-name drugs in the gap and a smaller break on generics.

But Medicare will continue to count the full retail price of medications in computing the coverage gap. So that means seniors will pay a lot less to get through.

About 4 million people now face the gap largely on their own.

The Avalere study also found benefits will improve for low-income people whose premiums and co-payments are covered by taxpayers. For the first time since the drug benefit was of-

ferred in 2006, 9 million low-income beneficiaries will have a bigger number of plans to pick from. For those who want to stick with their current plan, coverage will be more stable.

Medicare's open enrollment begins Nov. 15.



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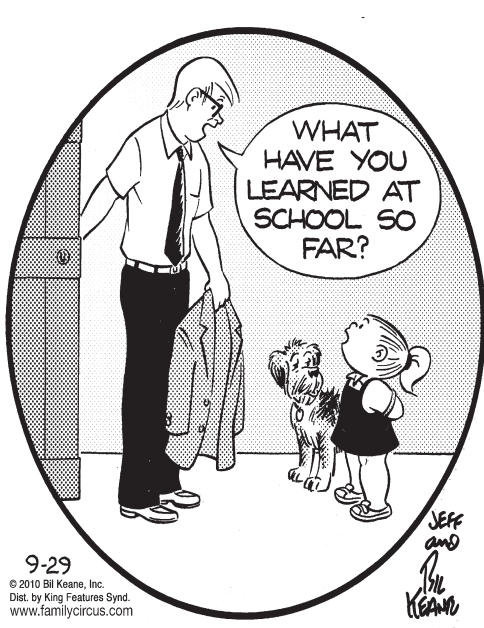
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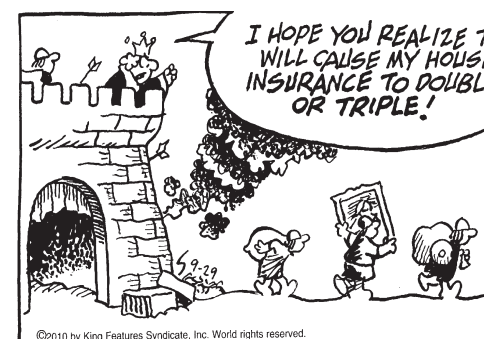
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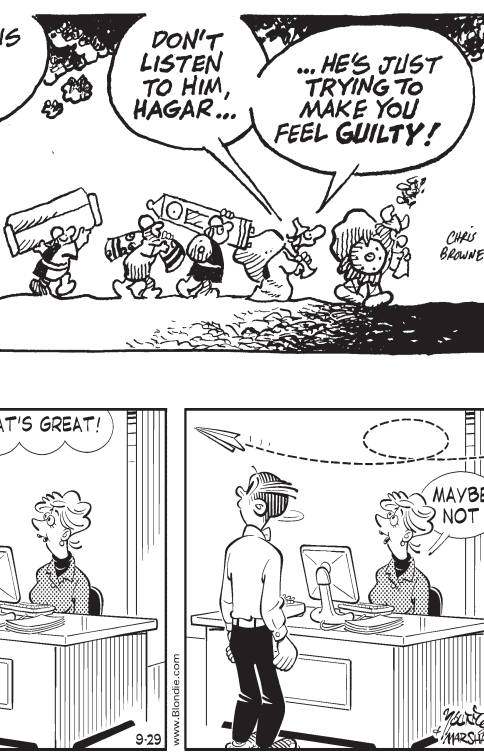
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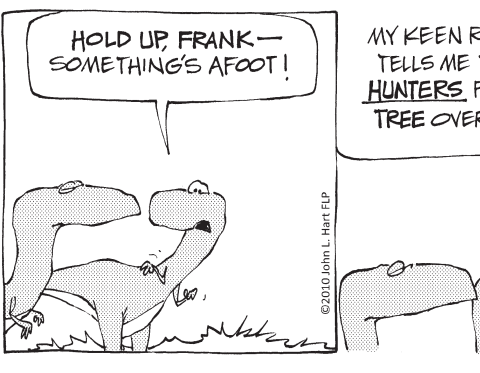
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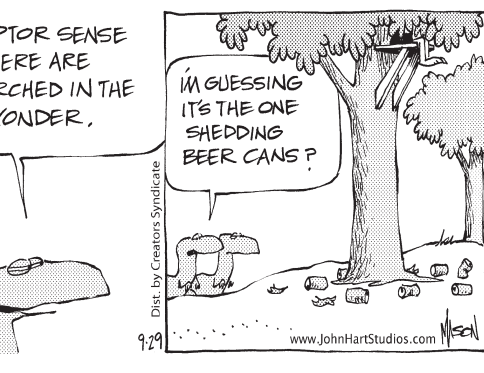


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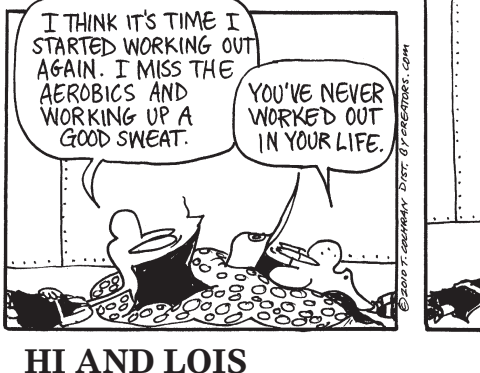
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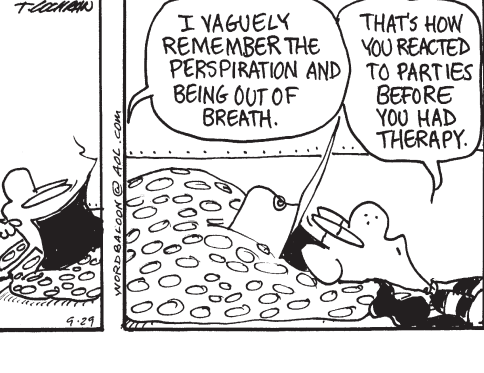
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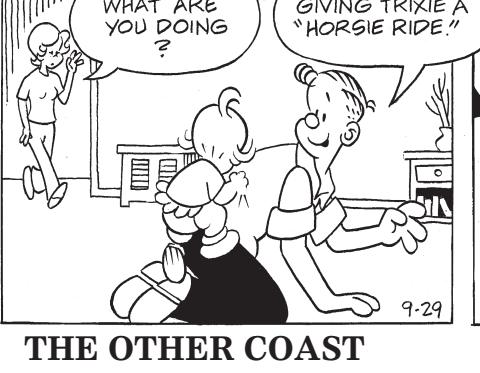
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14 Act smug  
15 Tripoli's land  
16 Live and breathe  
17 Second-stringer  
19 Malign, slangily  
20 Sausage unit  
21 Ebb and neap  
23 Pie or pudding  
27 According to the rules  
29 Something or someone  
30 Bean or peanut  
31 Trailblazer Daniel  
32 Family car  
33 NCO rank  
36 Ring wins, briefly  
37 Long-gone birds  
38 Seaman's shout  
39 RSVP part  
40 Throws hard  
41 Scout group  
42 Fifi the dog, possibly  
44 "Grilled" sandwich  
45 Flowed like an eddy  
47 Names after "AKA"  
48 Shrewd  
49 Buyer's caveat  
50 Favorable vote  
51 One glued to the tube  
58 6 on a phone  
59 Postal unit

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2 Pub order  
3 Director Howard  
4 Londoner's raincoat  
5 Goalie or halfback  
6 Distort, as a story  
7 Star Trek captain  
8 Company nicknamed "Big Blue"  
9 Potato bud  
10 Jungle-film  
11 Fashionable '50s footwear  
12 Shakespearean sprite  
13 Tough to resolve  
18 Slim and muscular  
22 See 11 Across  
23 Borrowers' burdens  
24 Japanese mushroom  
25 Police informant  
26 Confessional list  
27 Snap-together blocks  
28 Self-images  
30 Chowder server  
32 Part of WWW  
34 Swan relative  
35 Varieties  
37 Weekend rancher  
38 Surveyor's measure  
40 "Yikes!"  
41 Pointer's words  
43 Source of silver  
44 Cut short  
45 Rogue  
46 "The Duke" of film  
47 Hearth residue  
49 Bank statement abbr.  
52 Sharer's word  
53 Prefix for cycle  
54 A Christmas Carol kid  
55 Firefighter's tool  
56 Coffee-break time

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 29, the 272nd day of 2010. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Sept. 29, 1910, the National Urban League had its beginnings as The Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes was established in New York.

In 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1907, the foundation stone was laid for the Washington National Cathedral, which wasn't fully completed until this date in 1990.

In 1918, Allied forces began their decisive breakthrough of the Hindenburg Line during World War I.

In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders concluded the Munich Agreement, which was aimed at appeasing Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1960, the situation comedy "My Three Sons," starring Fred MacMurray, premiered on ABC. The musical "Irma La Douce" opened on Broadway.

In 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1980, The Washington Post published "Jimmy's World," a feature article about an 8-year-old heroin addict that went on to win a Pulitzer Prize; however, the story turned out to have been totally fabricated by the reporter, Janet Cooke.

In 1982, Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide claimed the first of seven victims in the Chicago area. (To date, the case remains unsolved.)

In 1990, the Washington National Cathedral, begun in 1907, was formally completed with President George H.W. Bush overseeing the laying of the final stone atop the south-

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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