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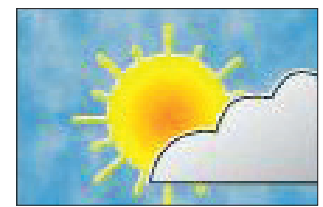
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Death of Howard County youth being probed

From staff and wire reports
 MANVEL — Brazoria County authorities and state child welfare officials Monday were investigating the death of a 16-year-old Howard County boy at a residential treatment center that's been under state scrutiny because of allegations of abuse. Emergency medical technicians were summoned Friday evening to the Daystar Facility in Manvel, about 25 miles south of Houston, where CPR

already had been started on the boy. He then was taken by ambulance to a hospital where he was pronounced dead, the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department said. In a brief statement issued Monday, the department said a preliminary investigation showed "restraint techniques were used to subdue the child." The nature of the techniques was not detailed but the preliminary cause of

death "is thought to be asphyxiation," the department said. The Harris County Medical Examiner's office will provide a more specific cause later, the sheriff's department said. Local and regional CPS officials declined comment on the case this morning. An e-mail request for information from state officials had not been received by the Herald as of press time today. The Texas Department of Family

and Protective Services assigned a state monitor to Daystar and refused to send foster children there after reports surfaced in June that some developmentally disabled girls at the center in 2008 were provoked into fighting to win after-school snacks. The fight, in April 2008, resulted in the firing of a supervisor and at least one other worker. See **DEATH**, Page 3A

County to look at sick leave policy

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Howard County commissioners agreed to form a committee to look into the way the county deals with employee sick leave during its Monday morning meeting, following an executive session to discuss the matter.



Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, left, County Judge Mark Barr and Commissioner Jimmie Long discuss the creation of a committee to look into the county's sick-leave policy during the court's Monday morning meeting.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the county has seen an upswing in the amount of sick leave being used by county employees this year. "We've had at least two cases where employees have had to dip into the sick leave pool, which is basically reserved only for catastrophic situations," Barr said. "We've seen a real increase in the amount of sick leave being used this year, and we don't know why. That's why we decided to appoint a committee to look into the matter." The committee, which will be appointed by Barr, is expected to begin working on the matter after the first of the year. "I plan to make the appointments to the committee around the first of the year," Barr said. "I expect to appoint some department heads and

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Immigration, budget topping Texas lawmakers' agendas

APRIL CASTRO
 Associated Press
 AUSTIN — Cracking down on illegal immigrants in Texas — on the roads, at schools and in the work force — was the focus of many bills Texas lawmakers filed Monday, the first day for proposing legislation to be considered in the upcoming session. With a bigger majority in the House, Republican lawmakers and lawmakers-elect also want to make it legal for concealed handgun license holders to carry handguns on college campuses, prohibit state money from going to facilities that perform abortions and keep Texas from enforcing new federal health care laws. Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Tomball, spent Saturday and Sunday nights in front of the chief clerk's office in the Texas House to be the first in line to file her bills.

The first one she filed when the office opened Monday morning was a proposal to require voters to provide proof of eligibility with either one form of photo identification or two forms of non-photo ID. "A visitor that walked by told me that I reminded them of the kids that camp out for Duke basketball tickets in Durham, North Carolina," Riddle said. "It was eye-opening to realize that people think it's normal to be passionate about something like college basketball, but odd to be passionate about your state's politics." She also filed measures that would make it a violation of state law for illegal immigrants to be in Texas, allowing state and local police officers to arrest them, and requiring school districts to report the number of illegal immigrants

enrolled. Riddle's were among dozens of hard-line bills on immigration filed on the first day. Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, filed a similar bill that would allow suspicious law enforcement officers to inquire about a person's immigration status and make an arrest based on the answer. His measure also makes an officer, his agency and state and local officials immune from any resulting litigation. Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, filed a measure that would require all state and local governments and their contractors to use E-Verify — a joint program of the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration used to verify workers' See **BILLS**, Page 3A

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Garrett in, Phillips out as Cowboys coach

BY JAIME ARON

Associated Press

IRVING — Jason Garrett has never been a head coach before at any level. Yet the new leader of the Dallas Cowboys sure seemed ready for the challenge, judging by the confidence he displayed at his introductory news conference.

“Wade is no longer the coach. I am the coach and what we’re going to do going forward (is) get ready to have a great meeting, a great walkthrough and a great practice on Wednesday and give ourselves a chance to beat the Giants on Sunday,” Garrett said.

Coach Wade Phillips was fired Monday and Garrett was promoted from offensive coordinator to interim coach in hopes of salvaging a season headed toward becoming the worst in franchise history. Dallas is 1-7, its worst start since 1989 and a huge collapse for a team that won its division and a playoff game last season. The Cowboys were considered preseason favorites to make the Super Bowl, which happens to be coming to their new home stadium.

Owner-general manager Jerry Jones steadfastly supported Phillips throughout the team’s tailspin, even saying late last week that he wouldn’t make a coaching change this season. He said Monday he’d been “in denial” about how bad the club really is.

Jones decided enough was enough following a 45-7 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Sunday night. It was the Cowboys’ fifth straight loss and the third in a row that wasn’t even close. The defense has been mostly to blame, and that was Phillips’ specialty. Defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni was promoted to replace Phillips



AP File Photo

Wade Phillips (left) was fired as the Dallas Cowboys coach Monday after a 1-7 start for the team. Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett will fill in as the interim coach for the rest of the season.

as defensive coordinator.

“I told (players) they should not think this an admission of defeat or finality in this season,” Jones said. “We have eight games left and we have one goal — to win.”

This is the first time Dallas has

made an in-season coaching change.

Garrett also becomes the former Cowboys player to take over the job previously held by the likes of Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson and Bill Parcells.

Garrett certainly is different from

Phillips — younger, offensive-oriented and far more businesslike. He made it clear things will be done his way without giving many specifics.

“There’ll be some changes that I

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File Photo

Big Spring’s Cerbi Ritchey shoots a basket against Plainview last season. Basketball is beginning to start for teams around the area. The Big Spring girls play Lake View at 6:30 p.m. today in San Angelo. The Forsan girls play Garden City at 6:30 p.m. today in Forsan.

Goodell says players will not decide fines

CINCINNATI (AP) — Sorry, Troy Polamalu. Commissioner Roger Goodell says active NFL players won’t be deciding punishment for flagrant hits that merit fines.

Goodell wants to hear their opinions, though.

The commissioner said Monday the league has been opposed to allowing active players or team officials to get involved in deciding punishments. The league recently increased its enforcement of rules against flagrant hits.

The Steelers safety has been outspoken against the crackdown, saying it has caused paranoia around the league. Teammate James Harrison was fined \$100,000 for three hits, prompting him to talk briefly about retiring. Polamalu suggested last week that current players and team officials should be involved in deciding punishments.

Goodell indicated that’s not going to happen.

“There are league executives involved and there are former players involved,” Goodell said, before a program promoting the Monday night game between the Bengals and Steelers. “I think having active

players and active front office executives is something the competition committee has always frowned on.”

Goodell emphasized that he’s not part of the fines process, which was set up with the players’ association.

Last week, Goodell summoned Harrison to his office to talk about his late hit on Saints quarterback Drew Brees two days earlier. Harrison later was fined \$20,000 for the play.

Harrison also has been fined \$75,000 for a helmet hit on Browns receiver Mohamed Massaquoi and \$5,000 for slamming Titans quarterback Vince Young to the ground this season. Goodell got Harrison’s opinions on the crackdown.

“I always seek to get players’ involvement,” Goodell said. “I actually work very hard to make sure we understand the players’ perspective. As a matter of fact, bringing James Harrison in last week was an opportunity to be able to hear from an active player — what he’s thinking, what’s his perspective, what’s he challenged with — so we can make sure we understand that as we’re

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Area football playoff schedule

Thursday
Garden City
vs. Robert Lee
7:30 p.m.
Robert Lee High School

Friday
Spearman
vs. Coahoma
8 p.m. Plainview
Greg Sherman Memorial Bulldog Stadium

Stanton
vs. Abernathy
7:30 p.m.
Wig Wam Stadium
Seminole

Grady
vs. Ira
7:30 p.m.
Big Spring High School

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.

Coahoma Youth Basketball

Sign-ups for the Coahoma Youth Basketball League will be Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at

the Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium in Coahoma. Boys and girls in the third through sixth grade in the local area are invited to participate. The cost is \$40. Teams will be chosen before the Christmas break and games will start when school resumes from the holidays. Additional opportunities to sign up will be announced at a later date. Contact Brian or Karen Moore at 432-517-4006 for more information.

Coahoma playoffs

Coahoma ISD will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. on Friday to allow for additional travel time for parents and fans to Plainview. The Bulldogs play at 8:00 p.m. Friday at Greg Sherman Memorial Bulldog Stadium on West 24th Street at Yonkers in Plainview. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. District football passes and THSCA passes accepted. No noise makers in the stands, only the victory bell. The band cannot be on the field.

Obituaries

William A. Addy Jr.

William A. Addy Jr., 78, of Mansfield, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Mansfield. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Sammy Espinosa, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, at the funeral home.

Mr. Addy was born April 9, 1932, in Decatur, Miss., and married Betty Jean Duncan on Aug. 1, 1952, in Amarillo. She preceded him in death on April 12, 2002.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge, he went to work in civil service at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring until he retired. After his retirement, he then worked for the Howard County Road and Bridge Department until he retired from the county.

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Kay Addy and Neta Childress, both of Mansfield; one son, Donald Ray Addy and wife, Lora, of Eastland; three brothers, Bobby Brooks Addy, Larry Davis Addy and Jimmy Rex Addy, all of Decatur, Miss.; one sister, Brenda Joyce Addy of Decatur, Miss.; and two grandchildren, Duncan and Sydney Addy, both of Eastland.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Sandy Griffin, 1217 East 17th Street, Big Spring 79720, or to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Robert Rubio

Robert Rubio, 46, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010. Services were held in Austin with a rosary service Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, and a mass of Christian burial and interment Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Rubio; daughters, Annali Rubio and Brianna Rubio; sons, Jeremy Rubio and Justin Rubio; mother, Sofia Rubio of Big Spring; brothers, Frank, Ysa and Fred Rubio, all of Big Spring; sisters, Patsy and Delma Rubio, both of Big Spring; sister, Debra Rubio of Arlington and Sandy Fierro and husband, George, of Midland; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francisco "Chico" Rubio.

Robert Ricky Simpson

Robert Ricky Simpson, 58, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

John L. Sullivan

In loving memory of John L. Sullivan Jr., who passed away Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, from complications of cancer. John was born Aug. 9, 1932, in Lewiston, Idaho, to Helen E. Bissell and John L. Sullivan Sr. He grew up in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and spent his childhood there.

At the age of 18, John enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He served in the military police and as a special weapons officer. Friends that he made during that time encouraged him to move to West Texas to work in the oil refineries. On the weekends they liked to go dancing and it was one of these weekends that he met Bobbie Jean Miller. They were married March 8, 1957, in Big Spring and lived there until 1976. They moved to Seminole in 1976 and were there until 1978. His work in hospital administration took them to Washington, Texas and California. They retired to Arizona and finally to Utah. Their final move was to North Ogden in 2005.

John was a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was involved leadership positions in branch presidencies, bishoprics and the high council. He and Bobbie served as Family History Consultant missionaries at the Mesa Arizona Family History Center. He also volunteered at the Ogden Regional Family History Center. He was a great home teacher and will be missed by many. He was a man of many talents and loved to share those talents with others.

He is survived by two sons, John L. III (Pam) of Harrisville, Utah, and Stuart M. (Melissa) of Queen Creek, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Sully, Catie, Liam, Sara, Ethan and Jenna; and two great-grandchildren, Abby and Lucas. He is also survived by his brother, Terry (Pauline) Sullivan of Spokane, Wash.

John was preceded in death by his beloved Bobbie and grandson, Nathan.

His family will miss their Dad, Papa, Papa John and Grandpa Sullivan very much but what a legacy he has left us. We are so proud to be his family and await the day when we can be reunited again.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- VALERIE MIRAMONTES GARCIA, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of theft of service, public intoxication and open container.
- ROBERT ANTHONY GRIEGO, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear, open container and minor in consumption of alcohol.
- MICHELLE DAWN URANGA, 43, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of public intoxication and open container.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY SMITH II, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- IRENE GUTIERREZ RODRIQUEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- TONY CASTELLANO, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.
- ANNETTE GLORIA TORRES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, driving while license invalid, parent contributing to non-attendance of a minor and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOSEPHINE OCHOA, 44, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- FREDERICK HERNANDEZ, 41, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

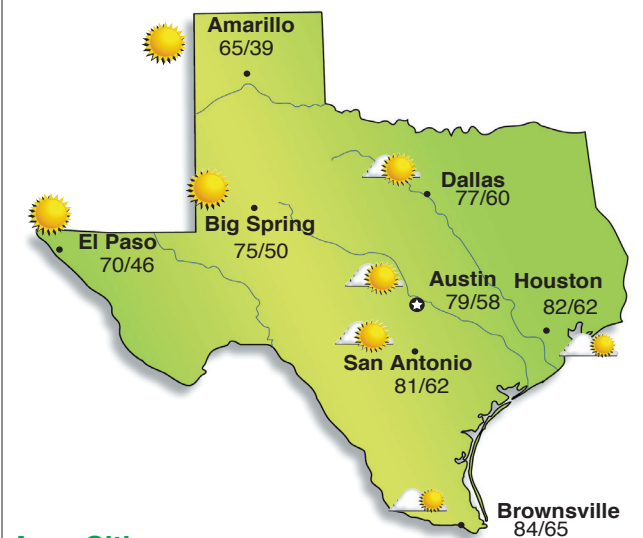
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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 11/10	Thu 11/11	Fri 11/12	Sat 11/13	Sun 11/14
75/50 A mainly sunny sky. High near 75F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.	72/50 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	61/36 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	65/39 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	67/41 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 5:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities		Area Cities	
City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.
Abilene	76 53 sunny	Kingsville	87 63 pt sunny
Amarillo	65 39 sunny	Livingston	81 58 pt sunny
Austin	79 58 mst sunny	Longview	77 58 pt sunny
Beaumont	79 61 pt sunny	Lubbock	71 42 sunny
Brownsville	84 65 pt sunny	Lufkin	80 59 pt sunny
Brownwood	80 56 pt sunny	Midland	76 51 sunny
Corpus Christi	84 64 pt sunny	Raymondville	87 63 pt sunny
Corsicana	77 59 mst sunny	Rosenberg	83 63 pt sunny
Dallas	77 60 mst sunny	San Antonio	81 62 mst sunny
Del Rio	78 58 pt sunny	San Marcos	80 58 mst sunny
El Paso	70 46 sunny	Sulphur Springs	76 60 pt sunny
Fort Stockton	75 49 sunny	Sweetwater	75 52 sunny
Gainesville	75 56 mst sunny	Tyler	77 58 pt sunny
Greenville	75 57 mst sunny	Weatherford	77 56 mst sunny
Houston	82 62 pt sunny	Wichita Falls	75 53 sunny

Police blotter

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

- JALEZA ANTANEZ TERRELL, 22, of Econolodge Room No. 5, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft.
- JESUS ACOSTA TARIN, 50, of 811 Lorilla, was arrested Monday on warrants for theft and failure to appear.
- BELINDA ELLEN STRONG, 18, of 604 Baylor, was arrested Monday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- ALBERT EDWARD AKEN, 56, of 2205 Johnson, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MELVIN RAY DICKERSON JR., 19, of 7013 N. Service Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of racing on highway.
- TYLER LEWIS STAPP, 20, of 905 Todd Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of racing on highway.
- PATRICIA ANN SHERMAN, 41, of 2513 Dow, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Steakley.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of S. Runnels.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

Support Groups

- TUESDAY**
- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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Fast start turning sour for Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston coach Gary Kubiak and his players took turns this time, accepting responsibility for another loss.

Falling short against San Diego was one thing. The bigger issue is that the Texans seem to be making more mistakes as the season wears on, and they're running out of time to get it right.

Houston (4-4) has dropped four of six games since a 2-0 start. The Texans play at Jacksonville (4-4) on Sunday, a critical divisional game that Houston

needs to win if it's going to back up the preseason talk about earning the franchise's first playoff berth.

Kubiak's tone was mostly positive in Monday's team meeting. He complimented the overall effort and performance, but lamented the handful of bad plays that cost Houston the game.

"We did a lot of good things," Kubiak said. "We should've been here making 10 or 15 corrections with a win. But we've got to come in here today and try to make them after not

getting it done."

Once again, the most glaring errors occurred in the secondary. Rookie cornerback Kareem Jackson gave up two long touchdown passes to Seyi Ajitrotutu, and Philip Rivers threaded two more TD passes between defenders to tight end Randy McMichael.

The Texans have allowed a league-high nine pass plays covering at least 40 yards, most of them going to the receiver Jackson was covering. Kubiak defended Houston's first-round draft pick again on Monday, insisting that

Jackson is the best player to handle the challenging position.

"He gave up the big plays, and we got beat in man-to-man coverage," Kubiak said. "He has done some good things, too. We could show you a lot of positive things that the young man has done."

"If you play 70 plays, and you play 65 of them pretty darn good, but five of them aren't very good, well, then the five that aren't very good are going to get talked about when you don't win."

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going forward in the season."

Harrison mentioned the difficulty in trying to hit a moving runner.

"I think James is an outstanding player and I think he's a guy who wants to play the game within the rules," Goodell said. "He's certainly a tough football player, and I admire him very much on that level."

"I think one of the things he's frustrated by is ... when the offensive player is moving, how do I as a defensive player adjust? I think that's something that our competition committee and all of our coaches and our player committee often have talked about, and I think that's something we've got to try to continue to address."

Goodell appeared at a downtown luncheon along with several former Bengals players to promote the Monday night game. He also visited fans tailgating outside Paul Brown Stadium before the game.

"They really love the game, and I think it's important for us to understand their perspective not just about the game but also their experience with the game," Goodell said. "We always look to what can we do to get fans to participate more, and that's something we strive to do. They want more participation in the game."

Goodell posed for pictures and autographed footballs, tickets and other items. Fans asked him about helmet-to-helmet hits and what the league can do about unruly fans. When asked about former Reds star Pete Rose — banned from baseball for betting on his team — Goodell deferred.

"That's not my issue," Goodell said. "I'm not going to touch that."

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think will be tangible that people in our organization will notice right from the start," Garrett said. "I think over time those changes will be implemented into our football team. They won't be drastic changes. I just think the personality of the leader will come through a little bit."

Jones was clearly unhappy and uncomfortable during the news conference announcing the change. He spoke slower than usual, with longer pauses, and fiddled with his glasses.

He called Phillips "somebody we thought so much of" and "a good friend, as well." He wouldn't provide details of his conversation with Phillips, and became emotional as he described breaking the news to the team. He said the focus of that speech was accountability.

"I spoke of the realization that it's not just about yourself," Jones said. "It impacts others."

It's worth noting that Garrett's unit hasn't been much better than Phillips', and that goes back

to before starting quarterback Tony Romo broke his collarbone on Oct. 25.

However, Garrett was No. 2 on the coaching depth chart and Jones has always thought highly of him. He's been viewed as the team's coach-in-waiting since he was hired — days before Phillips came aboard, in fact. He's among the highest-paid assistants in the league at \$3 million.

"I do believe Jason has the temperament, he has the disposition to affect a culture change," Jones said. "I think this is important. We know all men's styles are different. His style is one that I feel can be very effective."

Garrett was a backup quarterback behind Troy Aikman from 1993-99. He was the quarterbacks coach in Miami in 2005-06 before rejoining the club in 2007.

He's had the title of assistant head coach since 2008, when he withdrew from other interviews to remain in Dallas. His father, Jim, spent 22 years in the organization, working for every coach but Phillips. Two of Jason's brothers are on his staff: tight ends coach John and Judd, the director of pro scouting.

"I think he's very consistent,

very to the routine. I like him as a coach," receiver Miles Austin said. "Hopefully it changes things for the better."

Even if Jones wanted to make Garrett the permanent coach right now, he couldn't because of the Rooney Rule, which requires interviewing minority candidates. Still, Garrett gets a chance to make a case for himself starting Sunday.

"I want to see the kind of effort (involved) in playing to win — extraordinary effort, that you might not expect to see on a team that's 1-7 right now," Jones said. "That kind of action goes beyond a resume."

The 63-year-old Phillips went 34-22 over 3½ seasons, plus 1-2 in the postseason. Dallas won the NFC East twice on his watch. He has another year at more than \$3 million left on his contract.

His career record as a coach with Dallas, Denver and Buffalo is 79-57, with only one losing record in eight full seasons. He made the playoffs five times, but won only one playoff game. Counting a 3-4 mark over two stints as an interim coach, Phillips has 82 regular-season wins, matching his father, former Houston and New

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By Steve Becker

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Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the four of hearts. East plays the jack, which you duck, and continues with the queen, which you also duck. You win the next heart with the ace, lead the nine of clubs and let it ride, losing to East's king. Eventually you lose a spade trick, but you finish with nine tricks consisting of four clubs, three diamonds, a heart and a spade.

There seems to be nothing to the play, and you go happily on to the next deal. But when you reflect on the matter a bit more, you realize that you had a narrow escape and would have gone down against better defense.

The culprit was West, who could have stopped you from making three notrump by paying somewhat closer attention to his knitting. West should have realized at trick two that there was no future in establishing his hearts, as he had no outside entry card to cash them later.

Therefore, when East returned the queen of hearts at trick two, West should have overtaken it with the king to prevent East from continuing the suit. West could then shift to the ten of spades at trick three in an effort to locate the most likely chink in declarer's armor.

South would be helpless against this attack from a new quarter. It would not matter whether he won the spade with the ace, covered West's ten with the jack or ducked completely. Whichever card declarer elected to play from dummy, the defense would ultimately wind up with two heart tricks, three spades and a club, and South would finish down two.

Tomorrow: A dream hand.
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SHERIFF

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- ANTONIO GARCIA JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CHRISTOPHER JOE ABALOS, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BLANCA ESTHEL FERNANDEZ-FAZ, 42, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID FRANCO, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MELISSA RENEE HUFF, 45, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of displaying an expired license plate.
- MARIA OCHA RODRIGUEZ, 57, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- AMBER RAY ALEXANDER, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of

- parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor and theft with two or more previous convictions.
- EARL P. HANKE, 52, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for no liability insurance and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ADRAIN GARCIA, 61, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of fictitious or counterfeit inspection or insurance document for display.
- RALPH GAMBINO, 50, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID LUERA, 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTIAN DAVON GORDON, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license and municipal warrants for failure to appear (two counts) and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- JALEZA ANTANEZ TERRELL, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for theft.

- WILLIAM ROYACE PAYNE, 51, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Harrison County warrant.
- JESSE ACOSTA TARIN, 50, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for theft and failure to appear.
- GUADALUPE RIOS CASTILLO, 67, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for violation of bond/protective order and a charge of violation of bond/protective order.
- JUSTIN PUENTE, 19, was arrested Monday on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- BELINDA ELLEN STRONG, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection.
- MELVIN R. DICKERSON JR., 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.
- TYLER LEWIS STAPP, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.
- ALBERT EDWARD AKEN, 56, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• PATRICIA ANN WILLIAMS, 41, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Cedar. Service refused.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 7000 block of S. Gregg Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Dallas. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4000 block of Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take note

Coahoma Independent School District will dismiss classes at 2:30 p.m. Friday to allow fans additional travel time to Plainview for the Bulldogs' football playoff game against Spearman, which will begin at 8 p.m. at Memorial Bulldog Stadium,

West 24th Street. Coahoma will be the home team and admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. District and THSCA passes will be accepted. For more information, call 394-4290, ext. 4.

• Nancy Michaelis of Big

Spring retired from teaching and was asked to help establish an English speaking school in Seoul, South Korea. She lived and worked in Seoul for 18 months and has a fascinating insight into this interesting country and culture. She will share her experience

with a photographic presentation at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, on Thursday, Nov. 18. The parish hall will be open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Teresa Sheppard at 267-7163.

• Big John's Feed Lot, 802 W. Third, is the United Way Dine Out Restaurant of the Week. A portion of the proceeds received by the restaurant this week will be donated to the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

BILLS

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immigration status. By midday, 338 bills had been filed in both the House and Senate. Last session, almost 7,500 bills were filed, but less than 20 percent of them became law.

Lawmakers have until March 11 to file bills. The Legislature is set to convene for the biennial session on Jan. 11 and will adjourn May 30. Monitoring immigration legislation will be a priority for the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas during the session.

"On the first day of pre-filing, it's pretty tough to know what's going to happen during a legislative session," ACLU lobbyist Matthew Simpson said. But, he called the focus on immigration a "solution in search of a problem." "It's almost a red herring, at least a diversion or a move away from

what I think are the critical issues facing the state," he said. Some of the proposed legislation also reflects the dire situation lawmakers will face when writing the next two-year state budget. Texas has an expected shortfall of more than \$20 billion. One bill would require all school districts to

consolidate into county-wide districts. Another proposal would eliminate the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and consolidate its duties with the Texas Education Agency. Nelson filed a handful of bills that would require state agencies to streamline operations. Patrick also filed a

bill that would make it illegal for former lawmakers to become registered lobbyists until two legislative sessions after they've left office. The measure would likely hamper the plans of many of the 21 Democrats who lost their election bids last week.

DEATH

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The boy who died was in the conservatorship of Child Protective Services and had been in state custody since June 4, 2008, agency spokesman Patrick Crimmins said Monday. The death came a few days after the

Department of Family and Protective Services informed Daystar management Nov. 1 its facility would be placed on probation because of "persistent concerns about the facility and the children in its care," Crimmins said. Since June 11, the department has withheld placing foster children at Daystar. A special monitor was hired from

June 21 until Sept. 30. "We are going to do everything we can to find out exactly what happened, and if this death was, in any way, preventable," Anne Heiligenstein, the agency's commissioner, said. "We also are disappointed to be looking, yet again, at Daystar. "We are going to ensure that this facility improves, quickly. Or,

we are going to close it." In a Nov. 5 letter to Daystar outlining the probation, Heiligenstein said Daystar "has a history of being placed on corrective action and then declining after it is lifted." Daystar did not immediately return a telephone call Monday seeking comment. Daystar Residential Inc. describes itself

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COUNTY

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at least one commissioner. Once that is done, we'll just have to wait and see what they find." Barr said he feels the county needs to

reconsider its policy on the sick leave pool. "I'm not saying there's a problem, it's just something we want to look at," Barr said. "This is the first time the county has found itself in this kind of situation, so we have to look at it closely. The

requirements to use the sick leave pool are quite stringent, and I feel like those requirements may be a little too narrow."

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OTHER VIEWS

Congress: Put away the rancor

Here's the lay of the land: A GOP House of Representatives; a Democratic U.S. Senate, by a now slimmer margin; a Democratic president with a veto; tea party favorites talking about forming their own caucus; and resurgent Republicans talking about rolling back key initiatives.

Add, just around the corner, the backdrop of another election, with the White House and more congressional seats at stake. What we have here is a recipe for gridlock.

It must not happen and it need not.

President Barack Obama struck the right note in a speech on Wednesday, calling for bipartisan cooperation and acknowledging the new D.C. dynamics spawned by Tuesday's election.

"No one party will be able to dictate where we go from here," he said. "No person, no party has a monopoly on wisdom." He called for a search for "common ground."

Right. It would be overdue. Bringing civility to Washington was part of what he promised in his election two years ago. We're confident there is plenty of common ground to be found, if everyone is serious about governance rather than posturing for 2012.

Health care reform was obviously a big issue in this campaign, with Republican candidates, including those in Wisconsin, incorrectly characterizing it as government-run health care.

We would not like to see repeal but more has to be done to bring down health care costs. Current reform deals with fee for service far too tepidly.

On taxes, the president has wanted to extend only those Bush tax cuts for middle-class families, those earning below \$250,000. How about raising that ceiling to, say, \$1 million and at least a moratorium on re-installing the rest.

On federal spending, we note that public employees throughout the country have had to withstand furloughs because of upside-down budgets, though not federal employees. This would be a good starting point. But other more serious deficit reductions, including the Pentagon and serious discussion on entitlement spending, have to be on the table as well.

This election was mostly about the economy but clearly the president and Democrats did a poor job of selling their solutions.

The GOP successfully parlayed this failure into charges of Democratic "overreaching" that resonated with many voters. But, a caution for Republicans here: Much as with wisdom, neither does either party have a monopoly on the ability to overreach.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we have a lasting friendship.
Amen

Real work doesn't sit behind a desk

Last Monday, Darwin Cooper looked out at a crowd of several hundred fellow retired autoworkers in Youngstown, Ohio, and started shooting questions. "How many of you have had surgery for carpal tunnel?" he shouted into the microphone.

More than 50 men and women stood up. "How many of you have had knee replacements?" Another 60 or so rose from their seats.

"How many of you have had back surgery?" More than 150 people were now standing.

He was just getting started. In interviews during lunch, many of the former autoworkers — a number of them not yet 60 — described their hip replacements, foot surgeries, heart bypasses and ripped rotator cuffs. Some ailments evolved through the normal wear and tear of aging, but most were the result of repetitive jobs performed on GM assembly lines at Lordstown.

I asked to meet with the former autoworkers because the White House is considering changes in Social Security. Currently, the normal retirement age to qualify for full benefits is 66, but that will rise to 67 by 2022. Soon-to-be Speaker of the House John Boehner, a Republican, has advocated for raising the age as high as 70. A few Democrats have proposed similar changes.

The Center for Economic and Policy Research reported in August that proponents of raising

the retirement age like to point out that Americans live longer and healthier lives than previous generations but that they fail to acknowledge that this is primarily because of the decline in infant and teen mortality. They also don't address the physical punishment of blue-collar labor. Most workers would be unable to stay on the job longer. For too many of them, the only option would be to retire with reduced benefits.

Cheerleaders for older retirement tend to be people whose idea of a hard day's work is to loosen their ties for a late-night call to a campaign donor. Or, as retired autoworker Ella Johnson put it to me, "they've never worked on an assembly line or in a coal mine but sit behind desks and write laws for those of us who do."

Ella is 59.

She worked on GM's assembly line for 25 years. She has had surgery on both knees, has carpal tunnel in her wrists and has an injured right rotator cuff. During our interview, she sat with fellow retiree Gwendolyn Windom, who is 67 and started working at the plant in 1970 as a single mother with three children. Windom suffered an on-the-job concussion so severe she had to stay in a darkened room for six months while her mother moved in to care for the children. She later had surgery to rebuild the arch of her left foot and had two disks removed from her back.

"You're standing on a concrete floor all day, every day," Windom said. "It wears a body completely down."

Jim Tripp, who used to represent injured workers at hearings, said assembly line

workers bear unique hardships compared with other types of manual laborers.

"Let me put it this way," 73-year-old Tripp said. "Think of another job where you have to raise your hand to go to the bathroom. You can't leave your spot on the line until there is another worker to take your place."

Many spouses attended last Monday's lunch for UAW Local 1112 retirees, including 82-year-old Dorothy Snovak. She wanted me to know about her 87-year-old husband, Michael, who worked as a pipe fitter for 23 years at the plant.

"He worked so hard, and he'd come home so tired," she said, smiling softly as she held my hand. "Sometimes he'd talk about how the bosses would hide behind something and try to catch him making a mistake."

She shook her head, and her smile faded.

"You know, you tell someone like my husband what you need done, he's going to do it. So much stress in that job. Sometimes he'd come home and he'd have to get it off his chest. He'd usually talk about it at dinner-time. That wasn't always the best time for digestion."

She did what she could.

"I'd massage his back at night," she said.

But only after their children were tucked in to bed.

"He didn't want to ask for that in front of the kids, you know," she said. "He never wanted them to know how much he hurt."

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Obama doesn't seek compromise; why would conservatives do so?

I take no great pleasure in having been correct in predicting Barack Obama's reaction to his Tuesday "shellacking." To borrow his terminology, he is wired not to hear the American people's opposition to his radical agenda, as painfully demonstrated in his postelection news conference.

Unhappily, Obama's answers showed even deeper intransigence than I had thought he would be willing to reveal. He is every bit as committed to his destructive agenda as he was Nov. 1 and, despite his claims, is not looking for "common ground."

He said that every election "is a reminder that in our democracy, power rests not with those of us in elected office, but with the people we have the privilege to serve." But if anyone needs to be reminded of that, it is he, because he crammed through Obamacare and other offensive agenda items against the express will of the people.

As it happened, power rested with him, not the people. He saw to that by breaking all the rules to push the measures through. And when asked whether he has any regrets about doing so, he said no. He regrets the process wasn't "healthier," but "the outcome was a good one." Translation: "Though I just said power resides with the people, I didn't mean it, as you can see by my cynical absence of contrition at having usurped their power on this bill." Again, the end justifies the means, and the people don't know what's good for them.

Moreover, he emphatically refuses to consider repealing Obamacare, saying "we'd be misreading the election if we

thought that the American people want to see us for the next two years re-litigate arguments that we had over the last two years." Sorry, but there was no litigation in the first place, just a kangaroo court where he imposed his will on us like a tyrannical judge. But he's correct that we don't want to argue anymore about it. We want it repealed — yesterday!

He said, "The most important contest we face is not the contest between Democrats and Republicans ... (but) between America and our economic competitors around the world." Assuming, for purposes of argument, that our greatest challenge is with foreign economic competitors, we'll never improve our competitive position as long as Obama insists on bankrupting the nation with policies that also depress our economic growth.

In that sense, the contest is between Democrats and Republicans.

Throughout the conference, Obama kept reiterating his tired lament that we need to build consensus and work together to achieve "civility." That's "the overwhelming message" he heard from the voters. And he promises to alleviate their concerns by proving there are pressing areas on which the parties can agree, such as electric cars. Boy, that's a relief.

His interpretation of the voters' message strikes me as odd. The overwhelming message I heard was that people are scared to death of this mounting debt and the socialization of health care and other sectors of the economy.

Especially coming from this intransigent "superjumbo Democrat," this constant talk about consensus is very hard to take, particularly when he cites areas such as "transparency," a promise he campaigned on and serially obliterated. Consensus

is way overrated in the first place, but it's patently ridiculous for him to pretend he even aspires to it. It's his policies that people are most horrified by, not the lack of smooching across the partisan aisle.

Indeed, Obama outright rejects the idea that voters repudiated his agenda. Read the transcript if you doubt that. Just as he's been saying for a year or more, Americans are simply frustrated that economic recovery isn't occurring more quickly. But it is occurring, mind you, just not fast enough for the ignorant, impatient electorate.

He is convinced beyond the slightest reflection that his pump priming with borrowed money from the private sector is the only thing that saved us from a depression; never mind that the unemployment rate persists much higher than he promised. So we mustn't bother him further with our silly concerns about the mounting debt, because he saved us from an "emergency." As nothing will ever disabuse him of that myth, it's pointless for us even to approach him about compromising on his major economic policies.

When we have a president who believes that the government, not the private sector, creates jobs and who believes that extending unemployment benefits ad infinitum is not only the compassionate thing to do but also the healthiest thing for the economy, where can you begin?

I'll tell you where you don't begin: in the quixotic pursuit of a consensus that he has no intention of achieving.

Neither should we have such an intention. This is a war of ideas, and we must suit up for battle.

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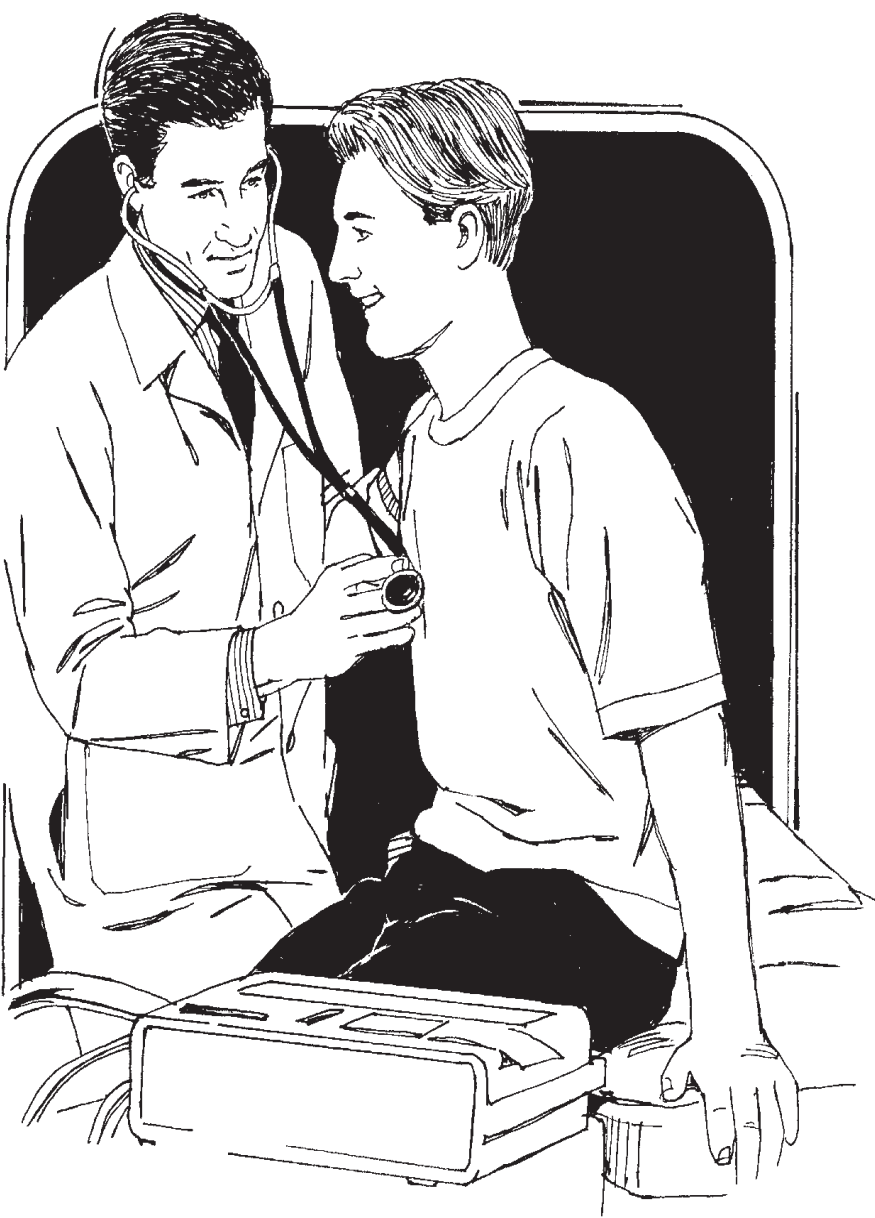
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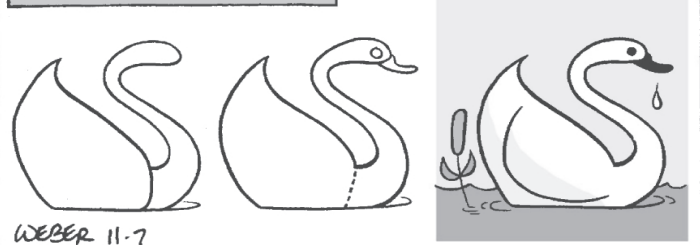
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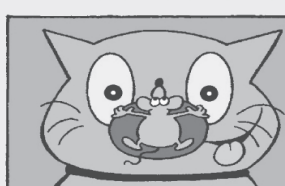
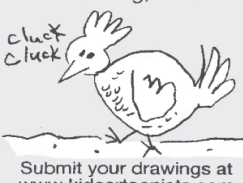
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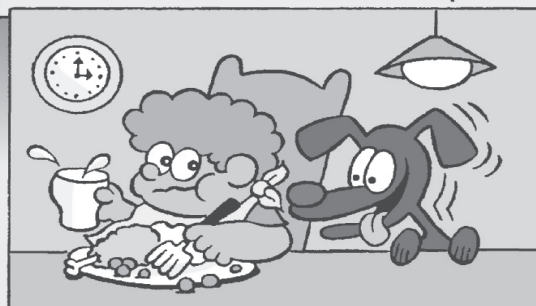


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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Habits are comfortable. The repetition is so relaxing that it lulls you into a state of contentment. Now you only have to ask yourself objectively: Is this really something you should be content with?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You had some frustrating moments recently, and now you're so "over it" that you could fall the other direction — extreme apathy. Many things you can let slide, but not all things. Stay aware.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some critics are best ignored. But if what they say bothers you, maybe there's a grain of truth in it. You're feeling strong enough to objectively try to understand what others see when they see you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your high standards are not all about work and seriousness. You also have high standards when it comes to fun. You'll succumb to temptation, as long as it

meets your criteria for a good time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are open to the possibilities you already know about. Now all you have to do is stay open to learning more. The best opportunity is the one that comes to you after a little more digging around.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll hear complaints, but you won't have any of your own. After all, there's only so much you can expect others to do for you. You're a firm believer in taking responsibility for your own destiny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). At first it seems like this is going to be a replay of the past 24 hours. But actually, everything has changed. You could do things exactly how you did them yesterday, but you wouldn't get the same result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A new moneymaking venture pops into your mind, and you'll start to form a plan. Think about alternate ways of finance that will hold you over just in case this idea isn't immediately lucrative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Teach others what you know a lot about. They will appreciate this deeply, but that's not why you should do it. Your own motivation will be rekindled as you share your experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Many feel limited by the work they do. You won't be in this category today, though. Your work expands you. You'll be excited by what you learn, and you'll feel privileged to get to do what you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll pull your own weight at work, and you'll even pick up the slack for a less ambitious colleague. Leave some energy for your home life, though. Relationships take energy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Throw out the balance sheet. A tit-for-tat mindset will only cause heartache. If you expect that you're going to give a lot this week and are fine with it, you'll find happiness.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 9). Over the next 10 weeks, reservations are overcome, old issues are resolved and new habits are established. November adds excitement to your schedule. Your personal life is like a storybook in December. March brings a windfall to be carefully invested — do your research. June is the perfect time to get away. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 2, 5, 44 and 15.

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The separate vacations idea isn't so bad for someone who would like to experience some independence, bond with friends or other family members, and participate in events that your husband isn't interested in. However, given your current circumstance, it feels like what you really want to do is escape. The problem will still exist when you return. You're better off working on communicating with your husband, drawing healthy boundaries and clearing away some of the marital emotional gunk that builds up over time.

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Bird Poop:

Stranded coot gets rescued from back yard

Entering his backyard, the man noticed the dark gray bird nestled in the grass. Accustomed to feeding doves and other seedeaters, he wondered if it were hurt. After carefully lifting it, he saw no obvious injuries to its wings or body.



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With his hands supporting the bird from beneath, he gently tossed it upward and forward. Thinking it would fly, he was surprised when the bird quickly landed in the grass. More than once he tried to usher it into flight. His efforts were ignored, as the creature seemed determined to remain on the ground.

"Its body looks like it's too large for its wings," said the caller as he described a visitor to his property. "It can't fly."

Since we were late having breakfast, I asked if he could capture the bird.

"I think I can."

Since our home was only a few blocks away, I told him it would be about an hour.

"I'll be here," he replied.

When I entered the caller's home, I no-

ticed he had placed an American coot inside a cardboard box. The bird seemed quite passive as the man stroked the dense feathers on its back. Although he had described its black head and slate gray body, I did not recall his mentioning its short, milk-white bill and lobed feet.

As it took notice of my arrival with inquisitive red eyes, the chunky member of the rail family was in typical, seasonal trouble. Mostly a water and shore bird, it required a lengthy body of water in order to leave an area. Running on top of the surface, it would gain enough forward momentum to become airborne.

In a fenced backyard, the coot would have been unable to leave the premises. "Why our backyard?" asked the homeowner. In late evening during migration, birds such as coots and grebes mistake asphalt and moistened surfaces for ponds.

Telling me he had watered the lawn the previous evening, the man said in addition to the grass, moisture had sprayed the sidewalks. Nearing Comanche Lake and mistaking the glistening attraction, the coot had landed for the night.

Lifting the bird, I held it so Jake Smith and his wife, Jean, could see its unusual, somewhat greenish legs and long,



Called marsh or mud hen, the American coot nests on the muddy margins of lakes, ponds, rivers and creeks. Similar to a dove or hen in nodding its head with the cadence of its feet, the bird has been likened to a chicken or guinea fowl.

lobed toes positioned near the rear of its body. Enabling the coot to be a superb swimmer and diver, its extremities limited its abilities on land.

Although the species could walk on soft ground to access tender growths of grass and emerging grains, its feet were more suited to marshy shores. In trying to describe the scalloped, curved projections, a person had told me, "Its toes look like leaves." Nature had given the coot, whether on water or land, the utmost in traction.

As I had raised the coot for their inspection, its feet and legs actively dog paddled as if it wished it were in water. That encourag-

ing movement meant we could release it without first testing it.

During September and October, coots, loons and grebes were often temporary guests in our busy bathroom. Their floundering on dry ground had become an expectation during the fall.

At the south edge of the lake, Art brought the errant migrant out of its carrier. Slowly lowering it to the surface, he moved his hands away from its wings.

Without entering the water, the coot immediately began to run on the tips of its toes as its feet sprayed water outward and its wings flapped furiously. Thirty-five to 40 feet

away from us it sensed it was safe. Back in its own environment, it settled into the lake.

Sitting high in the water, the bird paddled along the shoreline. Most of its food could be found on, near or under the water. Foraging along the shore, it would seek the roots of tender, aquatic growth. Algae, small fishes, water bugs, other insects and their larvae would satisfy the temporary visitor.

Later, when I called the Smiths to relate the bird's success, Jake commented, "I could have done that."

Reaffirming that he was thoroughly capable of releasing the coot, I knew he would have been as thrilled as we

were to witness such an activity.

Whether that night, or during a coming evening, the American coot would flap and run its way out of the water and down the lake. Normally flying at 10 to 15 feet above the ground as it travels between watery havens, the bird would be at a much higher elevation during its long migratory journey.

Only the night creatures on shore and the permanent waterfowl would hear the ruckus created by the departing bird.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Gains noted at Texas home for mentally disabled

JEFF CARLTON

Associated Press

DALLAS — A troubled Texas-run home where 11 people have been fired since May for the abuse and neglect of mentally disabled residents is improving under threat of a Department of Justice lawsuit, state officials

said Monday.

The Lubbock State Supported Living Center has addressed many of the problems raised in a report earlier this year, officials said. The earlier report had criticized the facility for a shortage of nurses, shoddy record keeping and the abuse and ne-

glect of residents.

The most dramatic turnaround was in hiring of nurses. In May, just 57 percent of the nursing positions were filled. That figure has jumped to 78 percent. In addition, all dental and psychiatry positions were filled, said Libby Allen, the facility's director.

The report, based on monitoring done during a one-week period in mid-September, praises the center for a zero-tolerance policy on abuse, addressing personnel issues and making changes to living arrangements for residents with behavioral issues.

"Some remarkable progress has been made here," said Chris Traylor, commissioner of the state agency that oversees the center. "What is more remarkable is how far we have to go."

It was welcome news for the Lubbock facil-

ity, which has one of the most troubled pasts of the 13 state-run facilities that house and treat people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Lubbock was the focus of a Department of Justice civil rights investigation in 2006.

Federal investigators later expanded their probe to all 13 of the facilities and found that at least 53 deaths in the centers from September 2007 to September 2008 were due to conditions considered preventable or lapses in proper care.

Texas treats more people — about 4,200 — in these institution-like settings than any other state, leading to criticism that it is out of step with modern health care practices.

Last year, state officials signed a \$112 million settlement with the Justice Department to improve the facilities, which used to be called state schools, or face lawsuits.

The monitors were permitted in the facility as part of the agreement

with the Justice Department.

Lubbock was found to be substantially compliant in about one-third of the measured areas. If found to be substantially compliant in those areas again in six months, the center will have met its obligations in those areas under the settlement, officials said.

"There is no reason to declare victory at this time over anything in any of the reports," Traylor said.

The report specifically singled out the center's handling of a group of residents with severe behavioral issues who were grouped together in a home in campus. The men crowded into the single home were placed in different homes, "and the changes seemed to have been therapeutic," the report says.

One individual decreased his isolation and another is now more "easily redirected and engaged, and his last restraint occurred in April."

The report, however,

criticized the Lubbock center on several fronts. Turnover among direct care workers remains around 60 percent. Also, communication lagged among different departments, resulting in a lack of critical thinking among medical staff about why health problems were occurring.

Monitors pointed to one resident with pica, a disorder in which he continually swallows inedible objects. Since February, the man has ingested staples, six soda can tabs, three coins, paper and a battery.

The report said staffers did not seem to understand "that an individual with a history of pica not be provided any opportunity, even briefly, to obtain an inedible object."

Also, the state Department of Family and Protective Services confirmed seven out of 32 allegations of physical abuse, verbal abuse or neglect.

The investigations resulted in five warnings, one suspension and 11 firings of employees.

"We have no tolerance of abuse or neglect," Allen said. "To me, it is not an exorbitant amount, but even one is too many."

There are about 900 employees at the Lubbock center and about 13,500 at the 13 residential centers statewide.

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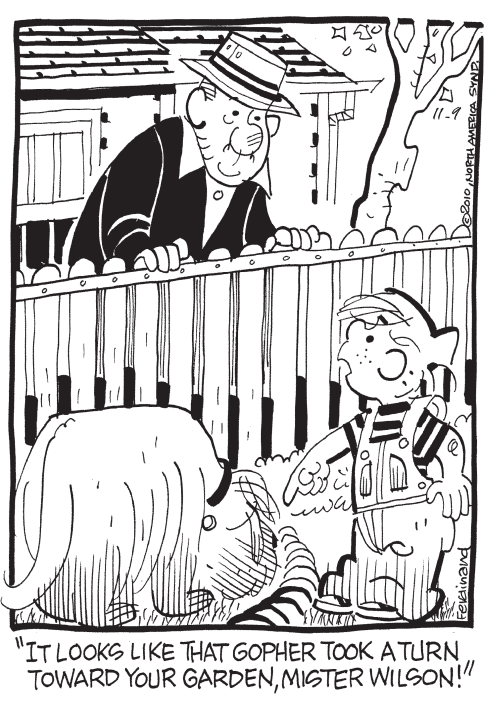


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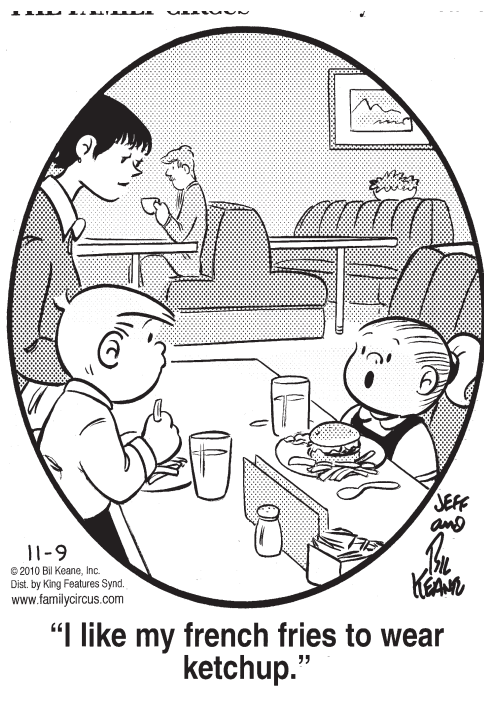
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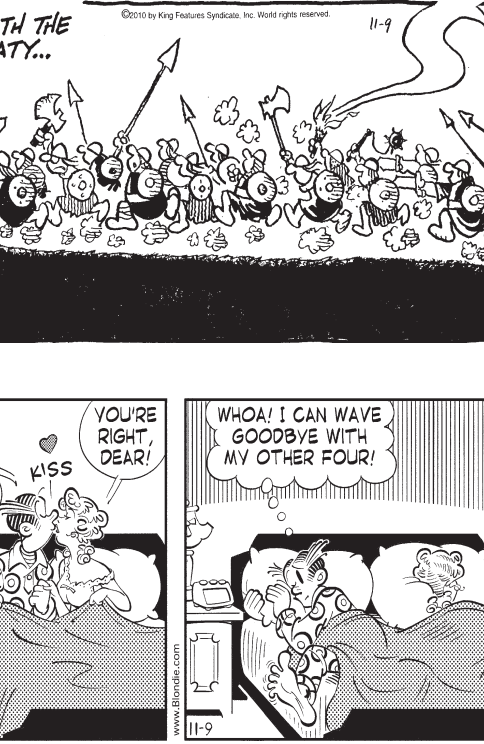
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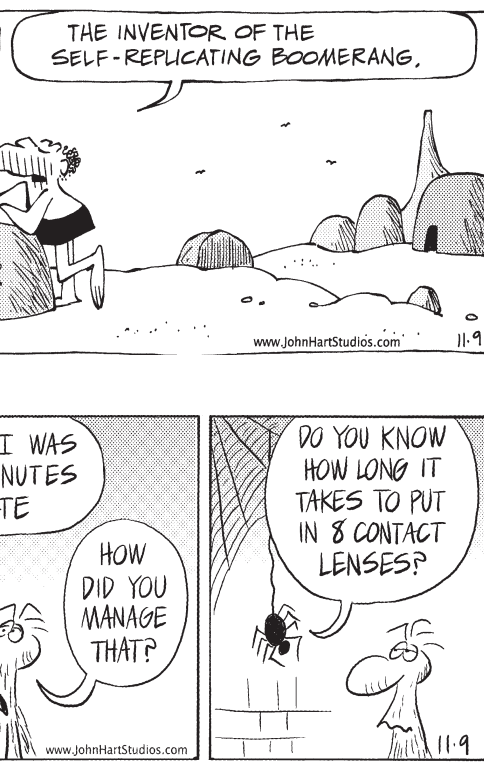
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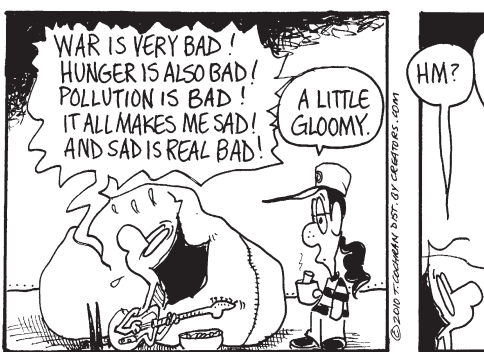
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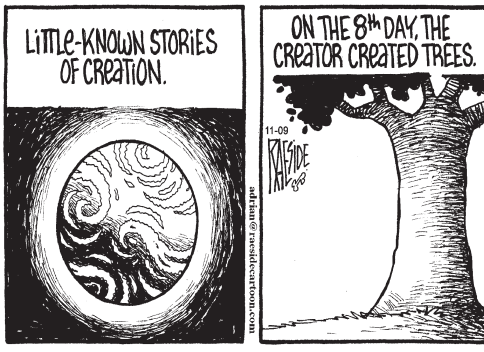
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Today is Tuesday, Nov. 9, the 313th day of 2010. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 9, 1965, the great Northeast blackout occurred as a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours left 30 million people in seven states and part of Canada without electricity.

On this date:

In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 800 buildings in Boston.

In 1918, it was announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands.

In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization (later renamed the Congress of Industrial Organizations).

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in a

pogrom that became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and about 160 people died in a train crash.

In 1967, a Saturn V rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a successful test flight.

In 1970, former French President Charles de Gaulle died at age 79.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

In 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

Today's Birthdays: Former Democratic vice-presidential candidate R. Sargent Shriver is 95. Baseball Hall of Famer Whitey Herzog is 79. Baseball Hall of Famer Bob Gibson is 75. Actor Charlie Robinson is 65. Movie director Bille August is 62. Actor Robert David Hall ("CSI") is 62. Actor Lou

Ferrigno is 59. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) is 58. Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin is 51. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 50. Rapper Pepa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 41. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 40. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi (teh-DES'-kee) is 40. Actor Jason Antoon is 39. Singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sisqo (Dru Hill) is 32. Actress Nikki Blonsky is 22.

Thought for Today: "Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it." — Robert Frost, American poet (1874-1963).

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 - 45 Amazement
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 - 64 Up and about

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TEXAS TODAY:

Bush kicks off book tour close to home

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of people lined up outside a Dallas book store where former President George W. Bush planned to sign his new book. Bush was set to appear at a Borders store about a mile from his Dallas home on Tuesday, when his book is released.

His book "Decision Points" outlines the process the two-term president went through to make various decisions throughout his life.

Topics include the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, his decisions to send troops to Afghanistan and Iraq and the response to Hurricane Katrina.

Coppell High School senior Kaeli Cantwell, joined by her mother, had been in line since Monday night.

The 18-year-old student told The Associated Press that she has always admired Bush and wanted to "tell him he was a really good president."

Austin City Limits tapes final show at UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Lyle Lovett helped bid a musical farewell to the "Austin City Limits" venue on the University of Texas campus.

The singer and songwriter was the final act Monday night as the public broadcasting show, in its 36th season, prepares to move to new digs in downtown Austin.

Lovett, during he taping, led a singalong of his song "Closing Time."

The Moody Theater complex, located across the street from Austin City Hall, opens next month. The venue will seat about 2,750 people, up from the current studio's capacity of 320.

Pier 1 sees slower growth for third quarter

FORT WORTH (AP) — Pier 1 Imports Inc. is optimistic about the holiday season but projects that a key third-quarter revenue metric will grow at a slower pace than a year ago.

The home decor company said Tuesday that it expects revenue from stores open at least a year to rise 8 percent to 10 percent for the quarter ending Nov. 27. The prior-year period reported a 13.7 percent increase.

This figure is a key indicator of a retailer's health because it measures results at existing stores rather than newly opened ones.

Pier 1 said it is seeing better traffic, higher conversion and increases in average ticket for the first two months of the third quarter.

President and CEO Alex W. Smith said in a statement that the company based in Fort Worth is adding about \$3 million of additional store payroll and marketing in the quarter in order to take advantage of and maintain strong traffic and maximize sales. "We are upbeat on the start of our holiday selling season and look forward to the couple of months that lie ahead," he said.

Pier 1 will report its third-quarter sales on Dec. 2.

Replacement picked for Ysleta ISD board

EL PASO (AP) — An interim trustee has been appointed by the Ysleta Independent School District board to serve in place of a member who quit after being indicted.

Patricia McLean was scheduled to be sworn in on Wednesday.

McLean takes the position vacated in September by Linda Chavez, who was indicted in an El Paso-area federal public corruption probe.

Chavez faces one corruption charge for allegedly accepting money in exchange for her vote on a contract. She's pleaded not guilty.

The El Paso Times reports McLean, who was selected Monday to represent the area around Del Valle High School, has a bachelor's degree in accounting.

The board appointed McLean until May, when her position will be up for election.

Texas man gets 25-50 years in Michigan

TAWAS CITY, Mich. (AP) — A Texas man has been sentenced to 25 to 50 years in prison in the case of a Michigan woman who has been missing since 1980.

Iosco County Circuit Judge William Myles sentenced Jimmie Nelson on Monday.

A jury last month found the 58-year-old Houston man guilty of second-degree murder in the death of Cherita Thomas.

The Bay City Times reports the trial took place after the state Court of Appeals ruled in 2008 that a judge erred in dismissing a murder charge in 2005.

Thomas, who was in her 20s, disappeared on Aug. 3, 1980, after police say Nelson picked her up in Au Sable Township, where she had car trouble.

County Sheriff Allan MacGregor tells WJRT-TV it may have taken a long time, but "justice was done."

Austin rep outpolls challenger by 16 votes

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Donna Howard has beaten Republican challenger Dan Neil by 16 votes for another two years representing state House District 48 in western Travis County.

That's according to results reported Monday after Travis County officials counted 227 overseas and provisional ballots.

The Austin American-Statesman reports Howard received 25,026 votes to Neil's 25,010 and 1,518 tallied for Libertarian Ben Easton. The American-Statesman says county officials will complete their vote canvass Wednesday.

Neil did not return a telephone message Monday from The Associated Press, but he is likely to request a re-count.

UT acquires Spalding Gray archive

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas' Ransom Center has acquired the archive of writer and actor Spalding Gray for its collection.

Noted for his critically acclaimed dramatic monologues, Gray died in New York in an apparent suicide in 2004 while writing "Life Interrupted," a work about his near-fatal car accident in Ireland.

Other works by Gray include "Swimming to Cambodia," "Monster in a Box," and "Gray's Anatomy." Texas officials announced the acquisition Monday.

Gray's collection includes more than 90 performance notebooks and more than 100 private journals. It has more than 150 audio cassettes of his performances, interviews and more.

It also includes the first and only edition of Gray's debut work, "Seven Scenes from a Family Album."

Court won't reconsider ethics rebuke

AUSTIN (AP) — A special court that dismissed an ethics rebuke against Texas' top criminal judge after a bumbled execution-day appeal declined Monday to reconsider its decision.

The ruling appeared to leave prosecutors with few options in the case against Judge Sharon Keller, who was accused of ethics violations for closing her court and preventing lawyers from filing a last-minute appeal hours before their client was executed.

Keller, the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, had been given a public reprimand by the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct. A three-judge panel later absolved her of wrongdoing and threw out the rebuke.

Chip Babcock, Keller's attorney, said it was his understanding that the state was now out of legal options.

Seana Willing, executive director of the commission, did not immediately return an e-mail late Monday.

The special court did not elaborate on its decision to not reconsider.

The commission had brought five charges of judicial misconduct against Keller. After the public reprimand was dismissed, Keller broke her long silence last month, saying she felt vindicated by the ruling.

Keller accused the judicial conduct panel of overstepping its authority.

The saga began when Keller, 57, ordered her court shut at 5 p.m. on Sept. 25, 2007, which lawyers for condemned killer Michael Richard said blocked them from filing a last-minute appeal.

Richard was executed that night for the rape and slaying of a Houston-area nurse who had seven children.

Richard's lawyers said they told Keller that computer problems were preventing them from delivering their appeal. She responded, "We close at 5," and closed the court.

Court procedures allow lawyers other avenues to file after-hours appeals, which Keller said Richard's lawyers knew how to do.

Keller, who is serving her third six-year term, said she will run again in 2012.

PERSONAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

New Hearing Aids Are Now Totally Invisible

They provide new technology and appearance.

Sleek and stylish. Spontaneous and active.

The adjectives sound like an ideal romantic partner.

But the description doesn't apply to someone who will hang breathlessly on your every word; rather, it's something that can help you hear virtually every word.

Hearing aid brochures and ads are touting the virtues of the latest technology to counter hearing loss, whether the cause be listening to eardrum-rattling music, side effects of a myriad of prescriptions or simply age.

Hearing aids these days can be digital, programmed and remote-controlled. The technology has come a long way

from the brass horns that passed for hearing aids in the late 19th century.

With digital processing, sound enters the microphone, is converted into computer code, cleaned up and processed before being fed into the ear — just like taking the scratches out of a vinyl record and making it sound like a CD or MP3 player.

With dual microphones, one microphone listens for speech and lifts it or clarifies it; the other microphone listens for the junk, the background noise, and uses it to muffle it.

VISUAL APPEAL

Besides the difference in what you hear, there's a difference in what you see. Or should I say what you don't see, like in the new Starkey Otolens and



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the Lyric. Besides the cosmetic difference, the aids are more comfortable and totally invisible in your ear.

The Otolens from Starkey is custom-fit to your ear canal making it invisible. It comes with a three year factory warranty and a three year supply of batteries (see store for details).

Also available is a new extended wear product called Lyric. It is the world's first 100% invisible hearing device worn 24/7 for up to 4 months at a time, while sleeping, showering, and exercising. There are no batteries to change. There is no daily insertion or removal required. Lyric is designed to closely mimic the way you hear naturally. Lyric is truly 24/7 hearing with no daily hassles. Lyric is sold

on an annual subscription basis.

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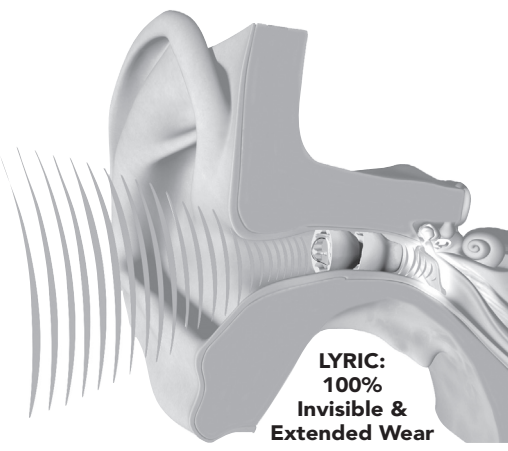
These days, one in six Americans has a hearing loss equal to that of placing a finger in one or both ears, according to a recent Johns Hopkins University study. That's double previous estimates, with the problem growing faster among younger adults, many of whom listen to their iPods and MP3 players with small earbuds worn within the ear and the volume cranked up way too loud.

It's a combination of the baby boomer generation and the iPod generation. For some it's too late, because loud noises have permanently destroyed sensory cells vital to hearing. Moreover, by age 55 hearing gener-

ally decreases. About 30 percent of people age 70 and older have some degree of hearing loss — although not necessarily enough to require hearing aids.

The best way to know if you have a hearing loss is to have your hearing checked by an audiologist or hearing instrument dispenser at least one time per year. You may find that you just have earwax accumulated in your ear, or you may find that you could benefit from the use of hearing aids. A hearing loss is far more noticeable than a hearing aid.

To learn more about these types of products, call Livingston Hearing Aid Centers. In Big Spring, 211 Johnson Street; 1-888-667-0711.



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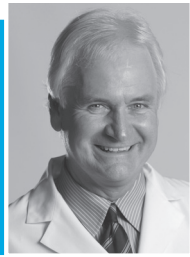
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News in brief

Obama likely to cut trip to boyhood home short due to volcanic cloud

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — President Barack Obama finally made it to Indonesia Tuesday, his home for four years of his youth. But no sooner had he arrived than word came that a volcanic ash cloud would likely cut short his already quick trip.

Obama had to cancel two previously scheduled trips to Indonesia because of domestic events — final talks on

the health care bill, and then the Gulf oil spill. The volcanic ash had looked like it might keep him from Indonesia altogether for a third straight time.

The White House decided the trip could happen. But as Obama flew from New Delhi to Jakarta Tuesday, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters traveling on Air Force One of the latest development — the ash cloud would probably cut the trip short.

Gibbs said the White House was working on different scenarios for how the president would

spend Wednesday morning, including starting his day of events earlier. The White House is hoping Obama can still deliver a speech to the Indonesian people planned for Wednesday.

No longer 'India Rising:' After Obama visit, it's 'India Has Risen'

NEW DELHI (AP) — For much of the last decade, New Delhi sold itself as "India Rising." Barack Obama's trip here delivered a new message: India has risen.

During his three day visit that ended Tuesday, the U.S. president delivered nearly everything on India's wish list, affirming the country's growing importance.

He endorsed India's role in nearby Afghanistan, even though such a statement was sure to annoy India's regional rival Pakistan, a key U.S. ally in the Afghan war. He chided Pakistan for not cracking down heavily enough on anti-India militant groups operating there. He lifted export controls, allowing India to buy high-tech weaponry from the U.S., and he gave spirited support to Indian industry, maintaining it wasn't stealing American jobs, but helping create new ones.

Most importantly for India, he backed its bid for a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council, a mostly symbolic move that affirmed its place as a new global power.

"In Asia and around the world, India is not simply emerging; India has already emerged," Obama told the Indian parliament Monday night.

U.S. knew for years that cargo planes were vulnerable but shippers fought full screening

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite knowing for decades that terrorists could sneak bombs onto planes, the U.S. government failed to close obvious security gaps amid pressure from shipping companies fearful tighter controls would cost too much and delay deliveries.

Intelligence officials around the world narrowly thwarted an al-Qaida mail bomb plot last month, intercepting two explosive packages shipped from Yemen with UPS and FedEx.

But it was a tip from Saudi intelligence, not

cargo screening, that turned up the bombs before they could take down airplanes. Company employees in Yemen were not required to X-ray the printer cartridges the explosives were hidden inside. Instead, they looked at the printers and sent them off, U.S. officials said.

The scare is prompting officials in Washington and around the world to rethink air cargo security. Lobbying by the multibillion-dollar freight industry has helped kill past efforts to impose tough rules.

In 2004, when the Transportation Security Administration considered requiring screening for all packages on all flights, the Cargo Airline Association downplayed a terrorist threat. It argued slowing down shipping for inspections would jeopardize the shipping industry and the world's economy.

Sex, drugs, behaviors more common in teens who send excessive text messages, study finds

ATLANTA (AP) — Teens who text 120 times a day or more — and there seems to be a lot of them — are more likely to have had sex or used alcohol and drugs than kids who don't send as many messages, according to provocative new research.

The study's authors aren't suggesting that "hyper-texting" leads to sex, drinking or drugs, but say it's startling to see an apparent link between excessive messaging and that kind of risky behavior.

The study concludes that a significant number of teens are very susceptible to peer pressure and also have permissive or absent parents, said Dr. Scott Frank, the study's lead author.

"If parents are monitoring their kids' texting and social networking,

they're probably monitoring other activities as well," said Frank, an associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Frank was scheduled to present the study Tuesday at a meeting of the American Public Health Association in Denver.

As boomers turn 65, keeping older drivers safe and mobile becomes a challenge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember "The Little Old Lady from Pasadena"? Baby boomers who first danced to that 1964 pop hit about a granny burning up the road in her sports car will begin turning 65 in January. Experts say keeping those drivers safe and mobile is a challenge with profound implications.

The National Transportation Safety Board is holding two-day forum beginning Tuesday to better understand the safety risks that older drivers face.

More than one in five licensed drivers will soon be 65 or older, the safety board said.

Their number will nearly double, from 30 million today to about 57 million in 2030, according to statistics from the Government Accountability Office.

Smarter cars and better designed roads may help keep them stay behind the wheel longer.

But eventually most people will outlive their driving ability — men by an average of six years and women by an average of 10 years. And since fewer Americans relocate when they retire, many of them probably will continue to live in suburban homes.

Cholera danger rises for Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The cholera epidemic has spread into Haiti's capital, imperiling nearly 3 million people living in Port-au-Prince, nearly half of them in unsanitary tent camps for the homeless from the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Health authorities told The Associated Press on Monday that tests confirmed a 3-year-old boy who hadn't been out of the city had caught the disease.

More than 100 other suspected cholera cases among city residents also were being tested, officials said.

The outbreak has already killed at least 544 people in Haiti, Health Ministry Executive Director Gabriel Timothee told the AP.

The boy was tested after being taken to the Bernard Mevs/Project Medishare hospital Oct. 31 suffering from severe dehydration, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. He was treated with oral rehydration, IV fluids and antibiotics and released.

A stool sample tested by Haiti's national laboratory contained vibrio cholerae 01, the bacteria causing the disease, the chief medical officer, Dr. Antonia Eyssalenne, confirmed to AP in an e-mail.

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6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2010 Christmas Parade Entry Form

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