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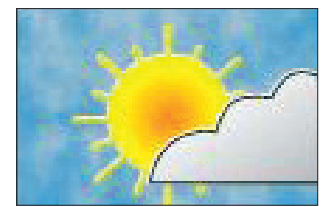
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Investigation into Owens' death at center continuing

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

The Department of Family and Protective Services and Brazoria County law enforcement officials have begun an investigation into the death of a Howard County youth who died at a residential treatment center in Manvel Friday.

Michael Keith Owens, 16, died Friday at a Houston-area hospital. The preliminary cause of death, officials said, was believed to be asphyxiation although a final determination is

awaiting results of an autopsy. DFPS officials said earlier this week that a preliminary investigation showed evidence of "restraint techniques" being used on Owens prior to his death.

The boy had been a resident at the Daystar Residential Treatment Center in Manvel, about 25 miles south of Houston, since March 24, DFPS officials confirmed.

Owens had been under the conservatorship

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Officials declining comment on Tuesday prison shooting

Herald Staff Report

Officials are declining comment about a shooting that reportedly occurred at a Geo Group (formerly Cornell Corrections) prison late Tuesday morning.

According to several sources, an inmate was accidentally shot just before noon Tuesday at the Flightline Unit, one of Geo's prison units in this area. Big Spring Emergency Medical Service units responded to the scene and the prisoner was transported to an area hospital.

The inmate's wound was not believed to be life-threatening.

It is unknown at this time what prompted the incident. Geo Group officials had not responded to requests for information as of press time.

Think gifts and museum

BSSH patients in real need of jackets, jeans

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Heritage Museum officials say they have a perfect Christmas gift-shopping deal for you.

Arts At The Museum, which will be held Saturday and Sunday at the museum, will give visitors the chance to peruse some of the best arts and crafts work available in this area, Director Nancy Raney said.

"It's like a big crafts fair, but it's not just crafts for sale," she said. "It's a showcase for local artists, musicians and authors, all under one roof."

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 each day, although Raney said persons who purchase admission on Saturday can attend for free Sunday.

More than 20 vendors are scheduled to be on hand, selling items ranging from paintings to poetry.

"(Museum Curator) Tammy (Schrecengost) and I noticed there were a lot of local artists and authors in this area and we thought this would be a great way to showcase their talents," Raney said. "November is a nice time to have this event because Christmas is coming up and these items would make nice gifts."

Among the items for sale Saturday include:

- CDs of cowboy poetry by Tom Koger.
- Paintings by Jean Money, Evylnn Zellars and others.
- Books from Bebe McCasland, Edna Smith and



Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney displays one of the items that will be for sale during the Arts At The Museum event, which will be held Saturday and Sunday.

By VALERIE AVERY
 Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital patients need outfits to keep themselves warm during the cool fall weather and the approaching winter season.

Jackets, coats, jeans and men's shoes are the biggest need right now, said Melissa Adams, Big Spring State Hospital program coordinator.

Big Spring State Hospital patients often arrive at the hospital with one set of clothing. The hospital depends on the community for donations of gently worn clothing for the patients, Adams said.

Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs.

Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need, Adams said.

For more information, call Adams at 268-7730.

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Council passes amendment to ordinance

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved an amendment Tuesday night to exempt exhibitions that include exotic and possibly dangerous animals from its newly revamped animal control ordinance, paving the way for circuses

and other events to come to the Crossroads area.

According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, the amendment had been in place with the old set of ordinance for many years, allowing circuses and animal exhibits to come to Big Spring without having to get a secondary set of permits in addition to required state licenses and permits.

However, when the council recently updated its animal control ordinance, the language allowing the animal-oriented shows to come to Big Spring was accidentally left out.

"We overlooked an exception that we

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Forsan girls edge Garden City 39-37

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

FORSAN — The first-game jitters were apparent for the Forsan girls basketball team and head coach Robert Hillger.

The good news is it didn't stop them from starting the year with a 39-37 win over Garden City Tuesday in Forsan. Miranda Park led the way with a team-high nine points. Behind her was Morgan Forshree with eight points and six rebounds. Ambra Hill also had eight points and six boards. Shelby Roemer had seven rebounds and Stevie Wilson had a team-high 10.

What highlighted this game for Hillger was the inconsistent play, which is to be expected in the first contest. However, a lot of that had to do with Garden City's full-court press

"Sloppy, it's the first game of the year," he said. "We made too many mistakes because of what they were doing. They've got a scrappy bunch of kids. They were working real hard. We let them get



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Forsan guard Ambra Hill (5) leads a fastbreak during the Lady Buffs' 39-37 win over Garden City to start the 2010-2011 girls basketball season.

the best of us because of what they were doing. We were panicking and turning the ball over."

Hillger is glad his team saw the press as much as it did. He said it gives the Lady Buffs

more incentive to work on preventing it from disrupting the offense. Things picked up in

the third quarter when the Lady Kats went on a 10-0 run to grab a 27-19 lead after the Lady Buffs

went into halftime with a 19-17.

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BSHS girls pick up 52-41 win over Lake View

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — As expected, Big Spring women's basketball coach Mike Warren has a lot to learn about his 2010-2011 Lady Steers.

But after Tuesday's 52-41 win over San Angelo Lake View in San Angelo to start the season, he does know Cerbi Ritchey, McKenzie Stone and Bridgette Tuitt are looking like the go-to scorers.

Ritchey turned in a double-double, posting 23 points and 13 rebounds. Stone had 16 points — including three 3-pointers — and was tough on the defensive end with five steals. Tuitt only had six, but Warren said she was still effective.

"Our main three scorers, it looks like it's

"We have a god bench, but they're going to have to come along and help us score."

Mike Warren,
BSHS girls basketball coach

going to be Stone, Ritchey and Tuitt," he said after Tuesday's win. "Bridgette, for her, really didn't have a really good scoring night, but her played some defense for us. I'm glad we rebounded well. Cerbi did a good job on rebounding."

In addition to what Ritchey, Stone and Tuitt can do, defensively, Warren believes Big Spring's full-court press should win a lot of games.

Warren was also impressed with the 13-

of-19 free throw shooting from his team and hopes that continues.

The 19 turnovers were a problem, however.

The Lady Steers have until Saturday to work on that before Abilene Cooper comes to town at 3 p.m. in Steer Gym.

This team is still coming together, too. With the likes of Ritchey, Tuitt and Valerie Ross on the team, Warren said some of his girls are making the transition from volleyball to basketball season. Figuring out what he has on the bench is key, too.

"Offensively, we've still got volleyball (players) coming out," Warren said. "They're still learning our offense, we're still getting them in basketball shape. We have a good bench, but they're going to have to come along and help us score."

Millsap's 46 help Jazz stun Miami Heat in OT, 116-114

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade had 39 points. LeBron James had a triple-double. The Miami Heat had a 22-point lead.

The Utah Jazz were unimpressed on all counts.

Paul Millsap scored a career-high 46 points — 11 coming in the final 28 seconds of regulation as Utah rallied from eight down — and the Jazz stunned the Heat 116-114 in overtime on Tuesday night.

"I guess when it rains, it pours," Millsap said.

Utah never led by more than three points, which didn't matter. The Jazz had more than enough at the end, and Francisco Elson's free throws with 0.4 seconds left won it.

"At some point in the year, unfortunately, we have to go through something like this," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

It's still early, but Utah can make an argument for being the

NBA's comeback kings so far. The Jazz rallied from 18 points down to beat the Los Angeles Clippers on Saturday night, and dug themselves an even bigger hole this time around, trailing by 22 in the second quarter and 51-32 at halftime while getting run out of Miami's building.

Deron Williams had 21 points and 14 assists before fouling out late in regulation, and Andrei Kirilenko scored 16 — including a 3-pointer with 1:50 remaining, after which the Jazz wouldn't trail again.

"It's speechless, to be down like that to a team like this and to come out with a win," Millsap said. "We clawed our way out of it. But this says a lot about our team."

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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 Sherwood Memorial Bulldog Stadium

Stanton
vs. Abernathy
7:30 p.m.
Wigwam 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. in the ATC. 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

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 Sherwood 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.

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Obituaries

Ricky Simpson

Ricky Simpson, 58, of Big Spring passed away Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 27, 1952, in Big Spring. He grew up in Big Spring and lived most of his life here and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1971. He then attended Texas Tech University. Ricky was a licensed electrician and had worked through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union around the country for more than 30 years until he became disabled in 2008.

He was a Christian, growing up in the First Christian Church in Big Spring, and had attended Christ Community Church in recent years.

Survivors include: one son, Jeff Simpson of Melbourne, Fla.; one daughter, Ginger Simpson of Big Spring; his mother, Jackie Simpson of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Chris D. and Rhonda Simpson of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Gina and Dale Elson of Round Rock; one granddaughter, Kara Melton of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bob Simpson, on April 15, 2002; his maternal grandparents, Archie and Genevieve Marchant; his paternal grandparents, Akin and Rubye Simpson; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas 75284-1125 or 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

Eric Walker

Eric Walker, 67, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at Life Church with Pastor Clint Collins officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born March 16, 1943, in Colorado City and married Toni Wallis on March 15, 1963, in Odessa.

Eric graduated from Permian High School in Odessa in 1961. He moved to Big Spring in 1975 and worked with his father at Walker Auto Parts for a number of years and then worked at NAPA Auto Parts for 26 years.

He was a member of Life Church and served as an usher and worked with the Energizers group for seniors.

Survivors include his wife, Toni Walker of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Shannon Walker of Katy; one daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Bradley Cox of Big Spring; four grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Thelma Walker of Big Spring and Coit and Linda Walker of Colorado; three nieces; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, E.V. and Marybeth Walker.

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Police blotter

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

- MELANIE DAWN HENDERSON, 27, of 9509 E. Interstate Highway 20 Lot 26, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, failure to appear, driving while license invalid, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft.

- JIM BOB WHITE, 43, of 1305 Lincoln, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, transient, was arrested Tuesday on charges of criminal trespass and harassment of a public servant.

- LACEY B. VAUGHN, 51, of 902 S. Rannels, was arrested Tuesday on charges of disorderly conduct – language and public intoxication.

- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- ROXANA PAYAN, 21, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 226, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault – family violence.

- KERRY WAYNE ALLEN, 53, of 2200 Morrison, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- EDWARD ORNELAS JR., 30, of 707 N.W. Ninth St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault – family violence and public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 3600 block of Calvin.

In the 700 block of Washington Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- JIM BOB WHITE, 43, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- JOSHUA CARROL MATHEWS, 25, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of harassment of a public servant and criminal trespass.

- KERRY WAYNE ALLEN, 53, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- LACEY B. VAUGHN, 51, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct – language.

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- EDWARD GARCIA ORNELAS JR., 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of assault – family violence and public intoxication.

There will be a memorial service for Patricia Albert Fortney and Jack W. Fortney at Trinity Memorial Park Chapel on Saturday, 11/13/10 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortney were long time residents of Big Spring before moving to Georgia. Mrs. Fortney is a 1954 graduate of Big Spring High and Mr. Fortney is from Martinsburg, WV. Jack Fortney passed away on 4/4/2004 and Patricia passed away on 3/27/2010. Mrs. Fortney is survived by a brother, Glen Albert of Big Spring. They will be interred after the service. The family will receive friends and relatives after the service at the La Quinta Inn on I-20.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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Support Groups

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.

THURSDAY

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

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Larry. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Mesquite. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Central. Service refused.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 4200 block of Muir. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Douglas. Service refused.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Sixth Street and Settles. Service refused.

- RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 200 block of Morrison.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.

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HEAT

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Wade's 39 came on 12-of-23 shooting. James finished with 20 points, 14 assists and 11 rebounds for his 29th triple-double, the seventh that came in a loss. Chris Bosh scored 17, James Jones added 11 and Carlos Arroyo had 10 for the Heat, who gave up a staggering 84 points after halftime.

"I think we panicked a little bit as a group," Wade said.

Miami still led 98-90

with a half-minute left before Millsap caught fire: He hit a trio of 3-pointers, then grabbed the rebound of CJ Miles' miss from the left corner and scored at the end of regulation to give Utah another 5 minutes.

"I'd never seen him hit a 3 before," Bosh said. Very few people had.

Millsap, who finished 19 of 28 from the field, had been a 2-for-20 shooter from 3-point range in his career — then went 3 for 3 against Miami, all with the outcome in the balance. Add a 3-pointer from Williams, and

Utah scored 14 points in the last 28 seconds of regulation.

"The man was on fire," Wade said.

Does Millsap have the green light?

"He does now," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said.

Talk about being an unlikely hero. In eight previous games against Miami, Millsap had averaged 6.9 points. He became the eighth player to score at least 46 points against the Heat, a list that also includes Michael Jordan, James, Willie Burton, Jamal Crawford, Vince Carter,

Alex English and Gilbert Arenas.

"He got easy buckets," Bosh said. "A lot of easy buckets."

The Heat missed five shots in the final two minutes of overtime that either would have tied the game or given them the lead, including Eddie House's desperation jumper at the buzzer. Spoelstra said the play was designed for James to get a lob at the rim, an option Utah took away.

"Jerry Sloan is one of the best coaches we have in our league,"

James said. "He kind of figured out what we wanted to do."

It was the second time in a week Miami lost at the end, and in both games, it wasn't Wade, James or Bosh taking the last shot — but House, who misfired on 3-pointers both on Tuesday and at the end of a three-point loss last week in New Orleans.

"We came out flat in the third quarter," Bosh said. "We didn't have the sense of urgency that we needed. We had a chance to put them away and we didn't."

Given the way things began, Utah had to feel fortunate just to have a chance.

The Jazz missed 10 straight shots in the opening quarter, allowing the Heat to peel off a 15-0 run — matching Miami's biggest of the young season — and run out to a quick 22-7 lead. Miami led by as many as 22 in the second quarter, and still were comfortably up 67-51 when James made a layup with 4 minutes left in the third quarter.

Utah outscored Miami 65-47 to finish the night.

FORSAN

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Two Forsan turnovers led to a 23-19 lead for the Lady Kats, then a travel on the Lady Buffs led to a 25-19 Garden City lead.

The Lady Buffs closed the gap to 27-24 heading into the fourth, though, thanks to buckets by Roemer and Wilson to get a small run of their own.

"We kind of got a few breakaway points on them there," Garden City head coach Darrell Hunt said, "then we kind of went dead there for a while."

Roemer's bucket in the fourth gave Forsan a 28-27 lead with 6:17 left. When Forsan had a 35-31 lead with 2:58 left, Park was fouled at the 3-point line, giving her three shots at the charity stripe. She made two of them, but Hillger said it

gave his team the cushion it needed to finish on top.

Garden City hit two 3-pointers to make things interesting late, but the Lady Buffs prevailed.

"I'm really proud of my group," Hunt said despite the close loss. "They battled hard. We just didn't make enough free throws in the ball game. It boiled down to missed free throws."

Hillger said this year's team is different from last season's in that there is not as much height. But the Lady Buffs are scrappy, which he is impressed with.

Moving up to Class 2A will be a challenge for Forsan, too, but Hillger looks forward to it.

"We've kind of taken on the mentality that we've got a lot to prove," he said. "I don't know how much teams up north (Lubbock schools) are expecting from teams down south, but we're expecting to make playoffs."

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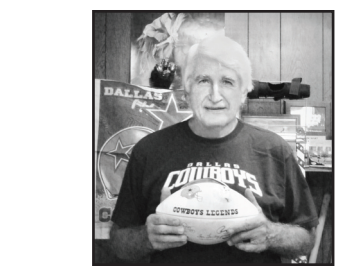
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Bush book praised in Dallas, criticized overseas

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DALLAS — Autograph-seekers descended on a Dallas shopping center Tuesday as former President George W. Bush officially kicked off the release of his new memoir, receiving praise for his candor at a hometown bookstore even as his renewed defense of waterboarding as an interrogation tactic was greeted with derision overseas.

First in line at the Borders store about a mile from Bush's Dallas home were Terry and Tammy Jones of suburban Justin, who camped out overnight. They said when they told Bush of their wait, he said he'd sign their books "with admiration," shaking 53-year-old Terry Jones' hand and kissing his wife's.

"Eighteen hours for two seconds and a kiss on the hand," Tammy Jones, 52, said with a smile.

Terry Jones said he admired Bush because "when he makes a decision, he sticks with it."

But such steadfastness also prompt-

ed criticism Tuesday in Europe, where reports about Bush's memoir "Decision Points" focused on waterboarding.

In an interview in The Times of London, Bush said the tactic forced the alleged 9/11 mastermind to provide information that prevented attacks in London's Heathrow Airport and Canary Wharf business district. Prime Minister David Cameron's office subsequently restated the British government's belief that waterboarding is illegal. Kim Howells, a former lawmaker who chaired the House of Commons' intelligence and security committee, expressed doubts about Bush's claim.

In France, the Le Monde newspaper noted an "absence of regret" in Bush's defense of waterboarding.

In a more lighthearted moment, Bush said in interview that aired Tuesday on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that writing the memoir "was an easy process."

"A lot of people don't think I can read, much less write," he joked.

As in the book, Bush also recounted to Winfrey the mistakes of his presidency, saying he still feels "sick" about the fact no weapons of mass destruction were found in Iraq. His response to Hurricane Katrina could have been quicker, he said, and he acknowledged he didn't see the financial meltdown coming.

Bush had nothing negative to say about President Barack Obama.

"I didn't like it when people criticized me," Bush said. "And so you're not going to see me out there chirping away (at Obama). And I want our president to succeed. I love our country."

Largely out of the public view since he left office, Bush is now vigorously promoting his book, with planned appearances across the country this week and as the Miami Book Fair International's featured author this weekend.

Bush even called in to conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh's radio program Tuesday, voicing support for an extension of his administra-

tion's tax cuts and denying reports he privately criticized fellow Republican John McCain's choice of Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate. But when asked his opinion about Arizona's controversial immigration legislation, Bush told Limbaugh: "you're trying to get me to make news."

"I don't want to make news, I want to sell books of course," Bush said.

His memoir does offer revelations though, including his confirmation that the target of a 2007 Israeli airstrike was a Syrian nuclear reactor and suggestion he quietly approved the action. Bush also reveals Israel first asked the U.S. to bomb the site, but his administration refused.

In Israel, one of the few places Bush remained popular throughout his term, media coverage of the book focused on his warm praise for ex-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, support for Israel's tough crackdown on Palestinian militants in the last decade and animosity toward the late Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat.

COUNCIL

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had for many, many years that allowed circuses and exhibitions that are already regulated by state law to be exempt from the dangerous animal requirements," Sjogren told the council.

"Jungle Safari is coming Wednesday, which is the reason this was brought to the council as an emergency reading," she continued.

Sjogren said the amendment will also make way for other circuses that

regularly visit Big Spring, including the Shriners Circus, which has performed for several years at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The council approved the measure on a unanimous vote, with council members Stephanie Horton and Manuel Ramirez Jr. not present.

Ramirez arrived at the meeting just moments after the vote was taken.

Also during Tuesday night's meeting, the council approved first reading of ordinances to abolish three city boards and pare down a fourth from seven members to five.

Part of a recent effort by administration and the council

to identify and do away with city boards and committees that are no longer needed, the council agreed to abolish the City Traffic Commission, Parks and Recreation Board and the standing Citizens Advisory Board.

Votes to abolish the City Traffic Commission and the Citizens Advisory Board were unanimous, while the vote to do away with the Parks and Recreation Board was approved 5-1, with Ramirez the lone dissenter.

According to Mayor Tommy Duncan, the standing Citizens Advisory Board will be abolished in favor of appointing a board when it becomes

necessary.

Sjogren said the board — which can become a necessity if there is a complaint made against a police officer or other law enforcement official by a citizen — had not met in at least three years.

The council also gave the go ahead to pare down the city's Board of Adjustments from a seven-member board to a five-member board.

The vote to reduce the board was approved unanimously.

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of Child Protective Services since June 4, 2008, when CPS petitioned a court for his removal from his Howard County home.

In an e-mail response to questions, Marleigh Meisner of DFPS said the agency put Daystar management on notice Nov. 1 that the facility would be placed on probation because of "persistent concerns about the facility and the children in its care." No foster children had been placed at the facility since June 11, and a special monitor was hired and worked at the facility until late September, Meisner added.

In a statement released Tuesday, DFPS

Commissioner Anne Heiligenstein promised a thorough investigation into Owens' death.

"We are extremely saddened by Michael's death. He was in our care and he obviously was in need of the best care possible," Heiligenstein said in her statement. "We are going to do everything we can to find out exactly what happened, and if this death was, in any way, preventable. 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."


The Residential Child Care Licensing division of DFPS is working with the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department

in the investigation of Owens' death, Meisner said.

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OTHER VIEWS

The lessons of Fort Hood

One year ago ... 13 people died and 32 others were wounded when Army Maj. Nidal Hasan went on a cold-blooded shooting rampage at Fort Hood.

Civilian police officers Sgt. Kimberly Munley and Senior Sgt. Mark Todd shot Hasan before he could take even more innocent lives. Soldiers tore uniforms off their own bodies to bandage wounded comrades. Members of the Fort Hood community, both military and civilian, linked arms and rallied around one another as they've done time and again when harsh challenges visited them.

At Fort Hood, everyone is expected to have a buddy's back — 24/7. Regrettably, many superiors in Washington didn't have these same soldiers' backs during Hasan's lackluster 12-year career, missing or ignoring red flags that the Army psychiatrist's radical Islamist views posed a brewing danger.

And ... there is still reason to believe that top military brass hasn't done enough to fix the system and avoid another massacre. An internal Pentagon review in January was notable in its timidity: Although Hasan's Islamist ties were major factors in the carnage, the review only mildly admonished military leadership for failing to provide "the clarity necessary to help commanders distinguish appropriate religious practices from those that might indicate a potential for violence of self-radicalization." Astoundingly, Hasan's name wasn't even mentioned in the report.

Had his superiors not shied from confronting uncomfortable truths before the shootings, they would have acted on a glaring disparity: Despite a 2004 evaluation praising him as a qualified and caring doctor, a committee responsible for overseeing medical performance met a week later behind closed doors to discuss his erratic judgment, increasingly bizarre behavior and poor medical performance.

With a little digging, the military also would have uncovered Hasan's relationship with a Virginia mosque linked to Islamic radical Anwar al-Awlaki, an alleged al-Qaeda recruiter now plotting against the United States from a hideout in Yemen.

Members of the military's hierarchy should have double-timed it into action, regardless of what religious or political sensitivities that disciplinary proceedings might have roiled. Systematic failures to share information betrayed the Fort Hood community and potentially compromised our soldiers everywhere, including the thousands of Muslims loyally serving in U.S. uniforms.

Hasan should have been declared unfit for duty and lost his security clearance long before he reported to Fort Hood. Instead, he walked into a processing center and started shooting.

A soldier marches into battle every day knowing that he and his comrades might be called on to save one another's life. He should be able to expect the same from the top brass.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With Your help, Lord, our work becomes lighter.
Amen

Who's hiding behind Tea Party?

The tea party spoke! Loudly, powerfully and proudly. But besides, "Throw the bums out," what did it say? And now that the party part is over and the nasty business of governing begins, what does it all add up to? What's its governing agenda? How does it make anything positive out of the disparate mish-mash of issue positions within its own rank and file?

And then there's the big one — the huge, grotesque, democracy-choking monster that the party invited into the center of its own movement: corporate money. Throughout the election, tea partiers demurely averted their eyes from this ugly dude, for the monster was lavishing millions of corporate dollars on their candidates. But now, whether they meant to or not, they've ensconced it as the unrivaled, controlling power in the new Congress. What will they do as it asserts its selfish interests over theirs, devouring their ideals and their pretension that they are in control?

The media establishment insists on referring to the tea party as a "populist" movement — but real populists fight corporate power, they don't hug it! The party certainly is a popular uprising, and a successful one, but there's nothing populist about it. Indeed, its leaders and candidates have vociferously opposed the populist ideals of egalitarianism, social justice, cooperative action and the common good. "Shrink the Government"

sounds good as a campaign cry, but its substance, as expressed by many of the most prominent teabag nominees and electees, is to kill Social Security, privatize Medicare and Medicaid, eliminate unemployment compensation, strip away the regulatory reforms on Wall Street's big banks, undo the EPA and the Education Department, extend the privileged tax breaks of super-wealthy hedge fund speculators, cut food stamps, do away with minimum wage, cripple unions, take away the pensions of public employees ... etc., etc.

That's the anti-populist agenda, one that greatly increases corporate power over the rest of us — and one that the new Republican speaker of the House (known as "Suntan Johnnie" Boehner for his cozy ties with top corporate lobbyists) will quietly and quickly try to advance.

To the dismay of most rank-and-file tea partiers, he'll advance it in their name.

For America, this was a sad campaign, containing all the gravitas, substance and forward-looking vision of a Paris Hilton event. The positive was that lots of new energy flowed into these elections. The flow mostly sprang from anger, anxiety and anti-ism (all of which are totally understandable, given our disastrous, jobless economy and the relentless undermining of our middle class).

Sadly, however, neither the confused Democrats nor the fused tea party-Republicans even addressed the economic source of the people's anger and anxiety. Dems mostly said, "Stick with us, for they're worse," and Repubs merely retorted, "We're not them."

This reduced the election to a massive, despicable blitz of TV

ads consisting of lies, shameless pandering and silliness. It was America's first \$4 billion election, with the likes of the Koch brothers, Rupert Murdoch, the Chamber of Commerce, Karl Rove, Dick Armey and other designers of corporate rule secretly channeling unprecedented, unconscionable (and, I believe, unconstitutional) sums of cash directly from corporate coffers to create a House majority obligated and dedicated to them.

Among the saddest results is that instead of throwing the bums out, voters in many cases threw the bums in. One example is Ron Johnson, a multimillionaire plastics manufacturer who is a knee-jerk, right-wing ideologue. He used his own fortune and nearly 3 million from out-of-state corporate front groups to run ugly and defeat Sen. Russ Feingold — a true maverick and one of the genuinely independent and most principled voices in Washington.

The tea party says that it is rebelling against big government, just as the Sons of Liberty did in 1773, when they tossed boxes of British-owned tea from three British ships docked in Boston Harbor.

But that particular act of defiance was not against the government of King George III. The ships were owned by the British East India Trading Co., a despised corporation that routinely engaged in the economic repression of the colonies.

It is the modern extension of this repressive corporate power that today's tea party groups must confront if they're going to make any real difference.

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Americans really call for smaller government, less taxes in election

Over the past two years, American citizens have mobilized against a big government agenda that was forced through Congress with little regard for what the public wanted or what the nation needed.

Americans' frustration with the Obama Administration came to the fore during health care debate last year. At congressional town halls and at local community meetings, citizens were clear in their opposition to this outrageous government intrusion into the very personal issue of health care.

But the administration and its allies in Congress did not listen and continued to pursue, and ultimately pass, the \$2.6 trillion health care bill, along with the nearly \$800 billion stimulus, and countless other provisions that have stifled economic growth, pushed unemployment to nearly 10 percent, pushed our national debt to over \$13 trillion and increased the reach of the federal government.

On Election Day, Americans got the final word when they took their opposition to the ballot box. The midterm election results are a clear repudiation of the disastrous policies of the last two years. And voters have asked Republicans, with the majority in the House and with strengthened ranks in the Senate, to cut spending, reduce the debt, prevent tax hikes and foster job creation and economic growth. The people sent a clear message that they want their elected representatives to stop the growth of government, bring fiscal sanity to our budget process, and allow Americans to

keep more of their own money. And that's just what we intend to do.

I believe our most urgent priority is to halt the historic tax hikes that are set to hit all Americans and businesses on Jan. 1, 2011. We cannot afford to wait for the new Congress to be sworn in before we take action. If we fail to extend the tax cuts, 43 million families with children would be forced to pay \$2,300 more in taxes each year; more than 18 million seniors will owe \$2,200 more in taxes; and 27 million small businesses will owe \$4,100 more in taxes.

Texas households would lose an average of over \$20,000 in discretionary spending between now and 2020. The death tax would return with a vengeance — going from no death tax today to a 55 percent tax rate on estates over \$1 million. Capital gains taxes would rise from 15 percent this year to 20 percent in 2011 and dividends could reach as high as 39.6 percent...all if no action is taken before year-end by Congress and the president.

American families and businesses need to know what their tax liabilities will be. Uncertainty can cripple job creation, savings plans, and a business or a family's future expenditure planning. Raising taxes in this economic climate is unthinkable, and there is no justification for failing to act immediately and on a bipartisan basis to extend the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for everyone.

Tackling some of the biggest challenges, like reversing the ill effects of the health care law, will require focus, tenacity, and patience. Our ultimate goal remains repealing the health care law and replacing it with the right reforms, but the reality is the Democrats maintain control of the Senate and the president holds the power of the veto pen.

We will continuously bring repeal legislation to the floor and call on our colleagues to vote on it. We will work to strip the bill of the most onerous provisions, like the 1099 reporting requirement and the employer mandate, one-by-one. We will work with the new majority in the House to delay the law's implementation.

To get our financial house in order, we need to freeze and cut federal discretionary spending. A bipartisan group of senators have put forward a proposal to set caps now for discretionary spending through 2014, except for defense spending. Taking this modest step now, we can reduce deficits by \$300 billion over the next ten years. We should be able to rally around this and other commonsense actions to impose the badly needed budget discipline that Americans expect.

We will also call for an open amendment process so we are able to vote to keep spending bills lean. In addition, I believe all unspent and unallocated funds in the 2009 stimulus bill should be cancelled. This would reduce the projected deficits immediately.

Republicans are now in a stronger position to stop the big government agenda that the voters strongly repudiated at the polls on Tuesday.

The American people have chosen lower taxes and the fiscal discipline needed to stabilize our economy and put Americans back to work.

They have chosen conservative principles. I look forward to working to advance those principles on behalf of the people in the U.S. Senate.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.



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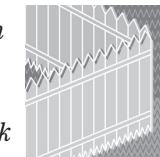
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The Howard County Library will be closed Thursday for Veteran's Day. We will reopen at 10 a.m. Friday. Available for checkout is George W. Bush's autobiography, "Decision Points" (RN B BUS G). I watched his interview on Monday night and Tuesday was the first day we could release the book to the readers of Howard County.

Robert Louis Stevenson is probably one of the best-loved writers in the English language. More than 30 biographies have been written about him, yet this highly readable account of the last years of his life and his death in Samoa is very different. "Treasured Islands" (828.803 HOL L), by Lowell D. Holmes, is the account of Stevenson's desperate search for health and his fulfillment of a life-long ambition of crossing broad oceans in tall ships to gain an understanding of what it means to share a cultural world beyond the frontiers of civilized society. It is the story of a literary giant and his supportive but somewhat eccentric family — his wife Fanny, mother Maggie and stepson Lloyd — and the ships — the Casco, the Equator, and the Janet Nicoll — that transported them to high adventure in the South Pacific between the years 1888 and 1890. This is a very readable account of the last years of Stevenson's life.

From Publisher's Weekly, when the American cargo ship Commerce ran aground on the northwestern shores of Africa in 1815 along with its crew of 12 Connecticut-based sailors, the misfortunes that befell them came fast and hard, from enslavement to reality-bending bouts of dehydration. "Skeletons on the Zahara" (916.480 KIN D) written by Dean King is an aggressively researched account of the crew's once-famous ordeal which reads like historical fiction, with unbelievable stories of the seamen's endurance of heat stroke, starvation and cruelty by their Saharan slavers. King (Patrick O'Brian: A Life Revealed), who went

to Africa and, on camel and foot, retraced parts of the sailors' journey, succeeds brilliantly at making the now familiar sandscape seem as imposing and new as it must have been to the sailors. Every dromedary step thuds out from the pages with its punishing awkwardness, and each drop of brackish found water reprieves and tortures with its perpetual insufficiency. King's leisurely prose style rounds out the drama with well-parceled-out bits of context, such as the haggling barter culture of the Saharan nomadic Arabs and the geological history of Western Africa's coastline. Zahara (King's use of older and/or phonetic spellings helps evoke the foreignness of the time and place) impresses with its pacing, thoroughness and empathy for the plight of a dozen sailors heaved smack-hard into an unknown tribalism. By the time the surviving crew members make it back to their side of civilization, reader and protagonist alike are challenged by new ways of understanding culture clash, slavery and the place of Islam in the social fabric of desert-dwelling peoples.

Goodness gracious, most of the books I am writing about, take place in some very unforgiving places and times!

"The Fever Trail: In Search of the Cure for Malaria" (616.936 HON M) by Mark Honigsbaum is the harrowing story of the search for the elusive cinchona tree (only source of quinine) and the British explorers who were given the task of transporting it to the colonies. Innumerable odds confronted them — uncharted terrain of the Andes Mountains; untrustworthy guides; finding the cinchona tree that possessed the highest concentration of quinine and then transporting seeds and seedlings out of Peru and Bolivia. In spite of all of this, malaria remains resistant to medicines and the hunt continues for a vaccine against it. This is a gripping story of a parasite that still eludes efforts to contain it.

Jay Freman of Booklist, writes that in 1680, led by a charismatic shaman named Pope, the fiercely independent Pueblos of New Mexico united to drive out Spanish priests, administrators and settlers. Although their newly won independence lasted only a dozen years, this

was the only successful effort by Native Americans to remove European colonial control. David Roberts, who has written extensively on southwestern history, tells this story with skill, passion and a deep reverence for the traditions of the diverse Pueblo groups.

Although his narrative style is quirky, it is effective. He bounces back and forth in time, moving from fascinating descriptions of Anasazi (the ancestors of the Pueblo Indians) culture to the age of the conquistadores to examinations of contemporary Pueblo life. Roberts, of course, is clearly sympathetic to the rebel cause, so he provides ample details of Spanish cruelty and oppression while ignoring some of the unsavory aspects of Pueblo traditions.

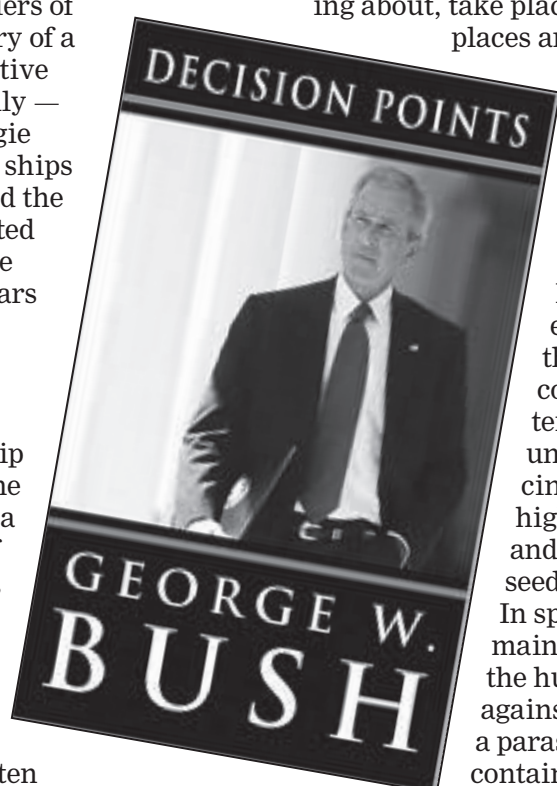
Still, this work, which combines elements of narrative history, ethnography, and travelogue, is consistently interesting and will be a fine addition to Native American collections.

Do check out "The Pueblo Revolt" (978.901 ROB D) by David Roberts.

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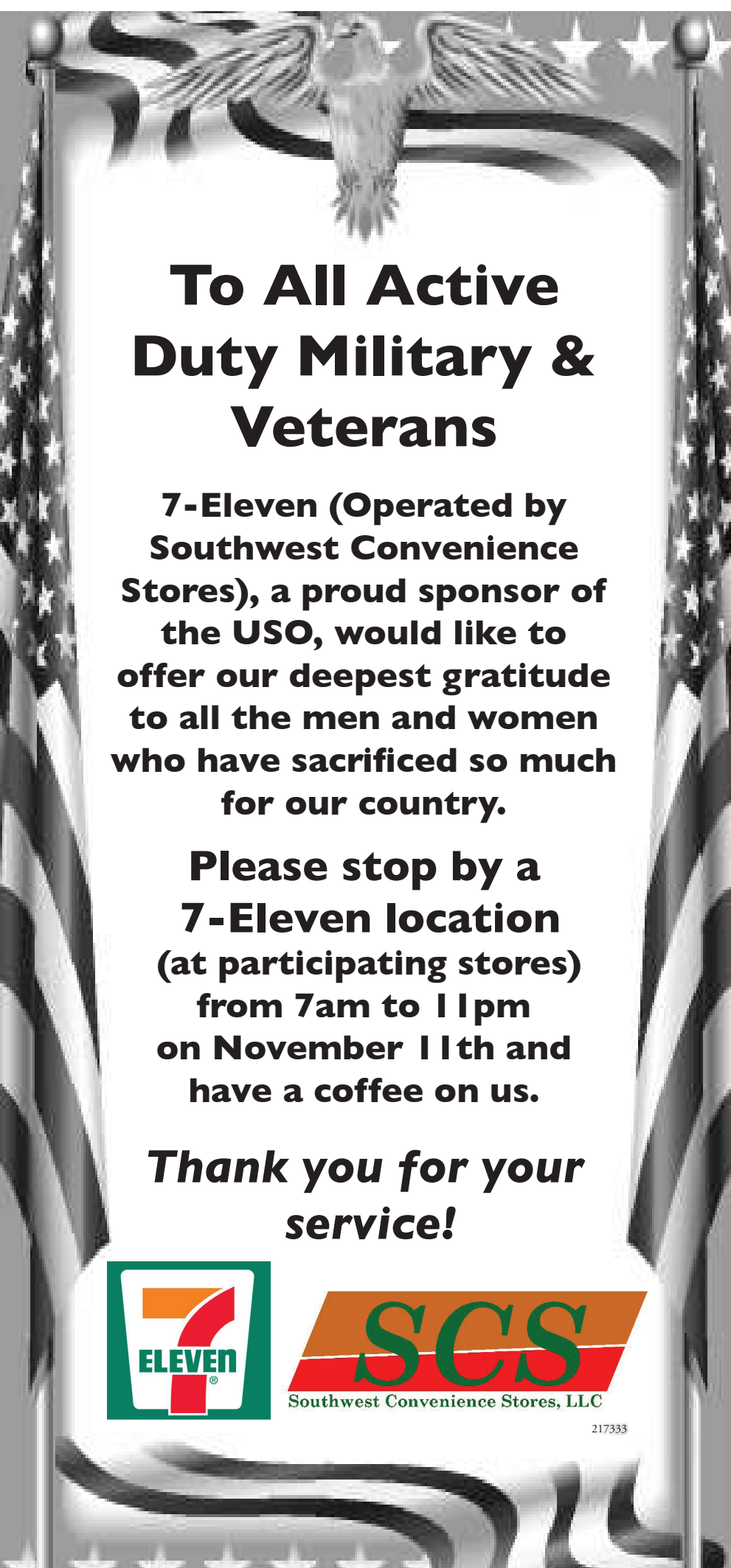
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Since you love being on time, you should know that today will require an extra effort on your part in order for this to occur. It could take up to twice as long as usual to travel between places.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Affections increase over time. That's why it will be important to show up and spend a few hours with the people you care about. The love bonds will be fortified.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You truly don't care what people think of you. This is a liberating mindset. Because of it, you'll make a stellar first impression on someone and get the chance to make an even more significant second impression.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Show your work to a wide variety of people. You will get overwhelmingly positive feedback, and you'll also learn what you might want to improve upon in the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you can't always control how you feel about things, you do have a good deal of control over the way you show your emotions. This will help you both in love and in business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make the first move — and also the third one and the fifth one. You'll meet someone who shares some of your interests, though you won't know this until you get a conversational volley happening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Mixing with a wide variety of people helps you to realize just how unique you are. And you can be proud of the ways in which you are different from others, too. You're a true original.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You believe in your loved one. Find a tangible way to show your faith. This acknowledgement should not cost you much and will be a great and memorable gift.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are certain people in your life you wouldn't have gotten to know had you not had a reason to see them regularly. If you're interested in someone, put yourself in a position to run into this person

more often. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll soon be moving up. Think of the many ways in which you are qualified for the position you wish to hold. Start building your resume in your head. The exercise will make you feel proud of yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Lately, it seems that time to yourself is a precious and rare commodity. That's why you will welcome a lull in the action this afternoon. You'll revel in the beauty of silence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Wherever you go, you bring laughter and energy. When you smile, the room lights up. You almost feel like it's your job to keep the fun rolling along — and maybe it is!

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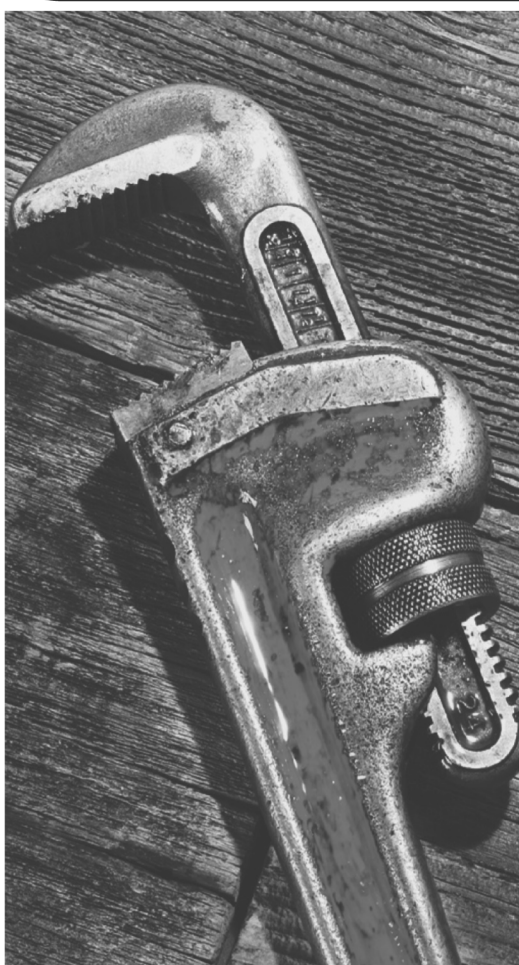
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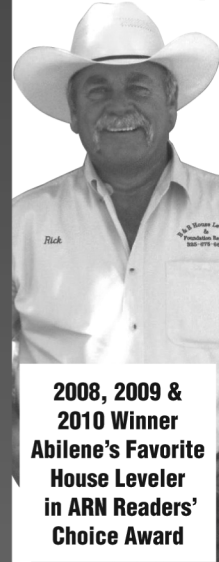
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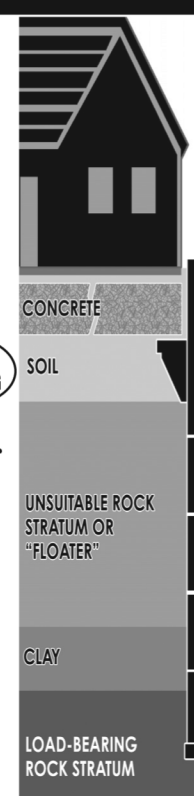
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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

Convenience store chain hit with \$30 million verdict for rigging pumps

AUSTIN (AP) — A jury returned a \$30 million verdict against a Houston-based convenience store chain accused of rigging the gasoline pumps at its stores and cheating fuel buyers.

State officials said Tuesday that the verdict against Petroleum Wholesale LP arose from a 2008 investigation by the Texas Department of Agriculture called Operation Spotlight. They told a Harris County jury in Houston that Petroleum Wholesale owns 86 SunMart convenience stores where the flow gauges on fuel pumps were rigged to dispense less than a gallon of gasoline for each gallon purchased.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Petroleum Wholesale says it was disappointed with the Monday verdict and will appeal.

Palin appearance planned in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Sarah Palin is heading for Texas.

The 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee and ex-Alaska governor had an appearance scheduled Wednesday night in Dallas at an event to benefit Heroic Media.

The faith-based nonprofit group, according to its website, seeks to reduce abortion and connect women in crisis with life-affirming resource centers.

GOP Gov. Rick Perry, who won re-election Nov. 2 and is on a tour promoting his new book, also was scheduled to attend Wednesday night's event. Perry's book is called: "Fed Up!: Our Fight to Save America from Washington."

UTIMCO workers share \$5.1M in bonuses

AUSTIN (AP) — Thirty employees of the University of Texas Investment Management Co. will share \$5.1 million in bonuses because investment returns are up.

The Austin American-Statesman reports UTIMCO's board of directors on Tuesday unanimously approved the package.

UTIMCO reports a benchmark-beating investment return of nearly 17 percent for the 12 months that ended June 30.

The UT board of regents, in August 2009, approved changes that tied compensation for portfolio managers more closely to investment performance.

UTIMCO, which manages the portfolios of the UT and Texas A&M University systems, had awarded \$3.4 million in bonuses in November 2009, despite a \$4.4 billion decline in the higher education endowments.

Harris County to try anti-gang legal action

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County plans to go to court seeking an anti-gang civil injunction.

The Houston Chronicle reports details were expected to be released Wednesday on legal action targeting about 30 documented gang members suspected of selling drugs in the 700-unit Haverstock Hills complex.

District Attorney Pat Lykos said Tuesday that the Haverstock Hills neighborhood is a low-income community that has been "terrorized by gang members, dope dealers and pimps."

Dozens of residents suspected of violating federal Housing and Urban Development regulations could also be cited.

Fired Austin officer charged in Leander

LEANDER (AP) — A fired Austin police officer faces four misdemeanor charges over a 2009 incident with a girlfriend.

Leander police on Tuesday arrested Leonardo Quintana on one count of criminal trespass, two counts of assault, family violence with bodily injury and one count of criminal mischief. Quintana posted \$8,000 bail and was released.

Defense attorney Jaime Balagia says the arrest is "sour grapes" by Austin police.

A grand jury declined to indict Quintana in the 2009 fatal shooting of Nathaniel Sanders II during a struggle. Quintana was fired in May after his arrest in an unrelated drunken driving case.

He was reinstated by an arbitrator, then fired again Oct. 27 after an internal investigation into the alleged domestic disturbance call that led to this week's charges.

Metro board to consider fare changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Capital Metro bus fares could be changing.

The Capital Metro board on Wednesday was scheduled to consider raising bus fares for the mass transit system serving the Austin area.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the plans, for the first time since the 1980s, could include charging seniors and people with disabilities for rides. The changes could take effect in mid-January.

Seniors and people with disabilities would pay 50 cents for a single bus ride. People with disabilities who qualify for MetroAccess, the agency's door-to-door service, would also pay more. A 10-ride pass would go from \$12 to \$15, and a monthly MetroAccess pass would increase from \$35 to \$40.

DART adds Denton County to ridership

DALLAS (AP) — A \$10 ticket will allow passengers in Denton, Fort Worth and those using Dallas Area Rapid Transit to ride all day throughout the system.

The DART board on Tuesday approved a yearlong reciprocal agreement, for buses, trains and other transit services, with the Denton County Transportation Authority.

The Dallas Morning News reports the policy is identical to one already in use between DART and Fort Worth's transit agency, known as The T.

The agency that collects the \$10 fare will keep all of it. DART staff, following the 12-month period, will review traffic patterns and determine if the deal is fair to member cities.

Ex-immigrant detention guard sentenced

GEORGETOWN (AP) — A judge has sentenced a former guard at a federal immigrant detention center in Central Texas to a year in jail and two years of probation after he admitted to groping female detainees at the camp.

Donald Charles Dunn received the sentence in a state district court in Georgetown under a plea deal with Williamson County prosecutors.

Deputies had arrested the 30-year-old former guard on three counts of official oppression and two counts of unlawful restraint in August. The one-year sentence for each count will be served concurrently and is the maximum provided by law.

Dunn confessed to fondling women during unscheduled stops while Dunn was driving them from the T. Don Hutto Residential Center in Taylor to Austin.

Ex-school official indicted in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a former El Paso school administrator and a New York businessman on charges relating to an ongoing investigation of government corruption in El Paso.

The indictment returned last week and revealed Monday charges former El Paso associate school superintendent Tomas Gabaldon and New York businessman Joseph O'Hara on two conspiracy counts and a mail fraud count each.

The indictment accuses O'Hara and an unindicted coconspirator of bribing Gabaldon and an unidentified El Paso school district trustee to obtain and keep a lucrative school district contract.

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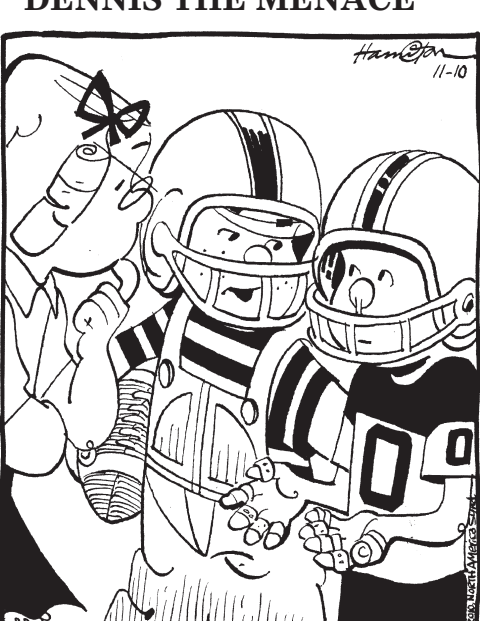
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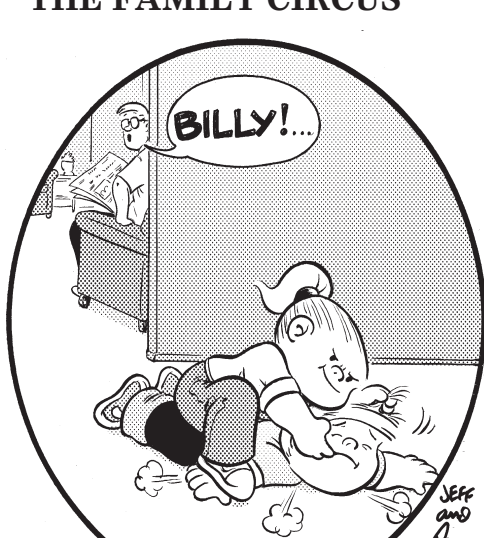
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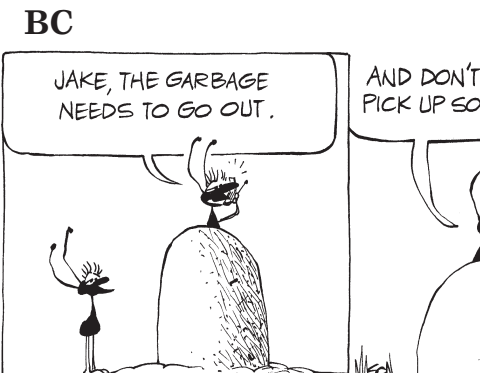
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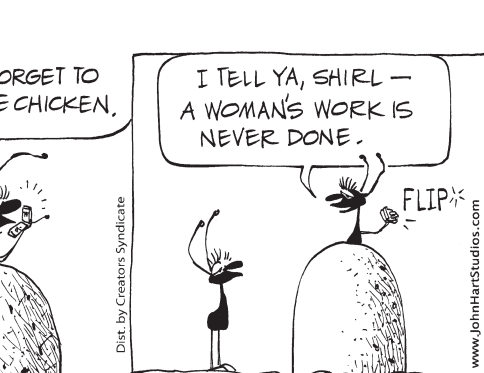
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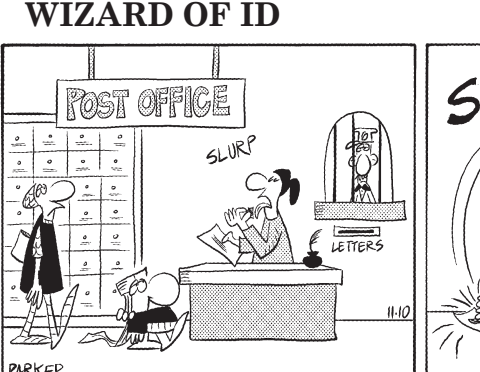
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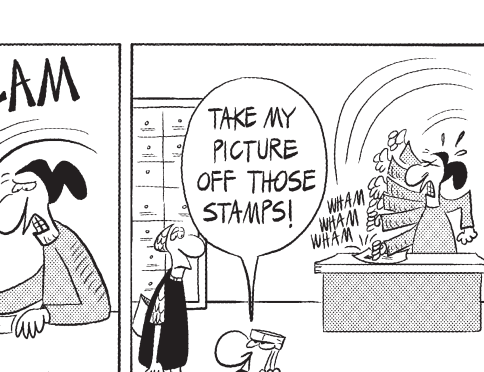
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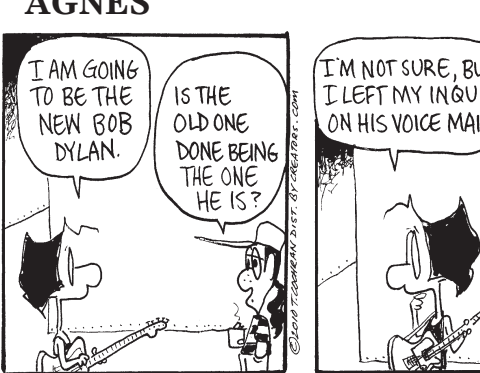
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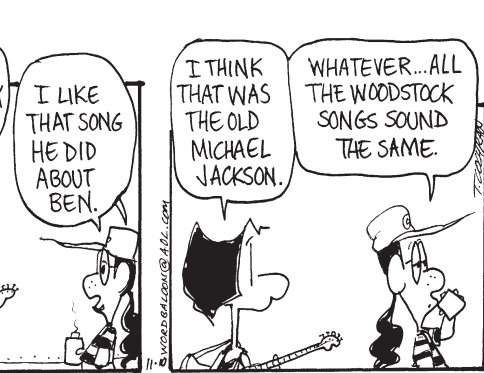
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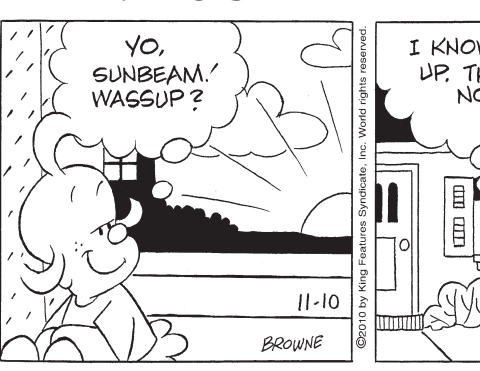
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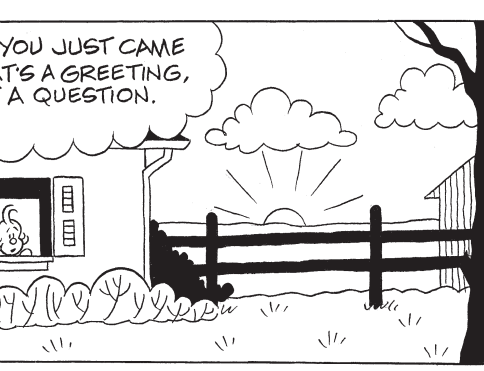
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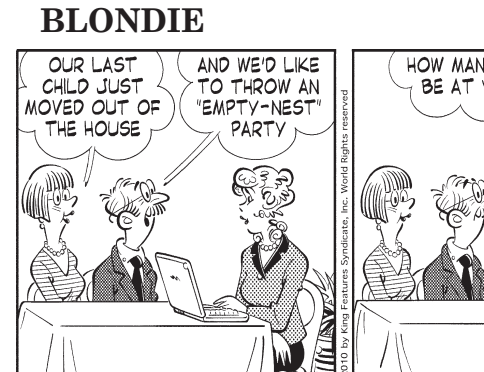
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 10, the 314th day of 2010. There are 51 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 10, 1775, the U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress. On this date: In 1871, journalist-explorer Henry M. Stanley found Scottish missionary David Livingstone, who had not been heard from for years, near Lake Tanganyika in central Africa. In 1917, 41 suffragists were arrested for picketing in front of the White House. In 1919, the American Legion opened its first national convention, in Minneapolis. In 1928, Japanese Emperor Hirohito (hee-roh-hee-toh) was formally enthroned, almost two years after his ascension. In 1938, Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on her CBS radio program. Turkish statesman Mustafa Kemal Ataturk died in Istanbul at age 57. In 1954, the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial, depicting the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima in 1945, was dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Arlington, Va. In 1969, the children's educational program "Sesame Street" made its debut on National Educational Television (later PBS). In 1975, the ore-hauling ship SS Edmund Fitzgerald and its crew of 29 mysteriously sank during a storm in Lake Superior with the loss of all on board. In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was registered by the country's Supreme Court. Today's Birthdays: Actor Russell Johnson is 86. Film composer Ennio Morricone (EHN'-yoh mor-ee-KOHN'-eh) is 82. Blues singer Bobby Rush is 76. Actor Albert Hall is 73. American Indian activist Russell Means is 71. Country singer Donna Fargo is 69. Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) is 67. Lyricist Tim Rice is 66. Rock singer-musician Greg Lake (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 63. Actress-dancer Ann Reinking is 61. Actor Jack

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THE WORLD BRIEFLY:

In Indonesia, Obama appeals to Muslims to join Western fight against al-Qaida

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Declaring that “Indonesia is part of me,” President Barack Obama issued a strikingly personal appeal to the Muslim world to join the West in an unrelenting battle to defeat al-Qaida and violent extremism.

After his speech in Jakarta, Obama flew to South Korea and a meeting of the Group of 20 major economic powers in Seoul.

In Indonesia, the world’s most populous Muslim nation, a place where he spent several years as a boy, Obama on Wednesday acknowledged the fraying that remains in U.S.-Islamic relations despite his best efforts at repair. He urged both sides to look beyond “suspicion and mistrust” to forge common ground against terrorism.

Obama praised this nation of islands for progress in rooting out terrorists and combatting violent extremism, and he resurrected a theme he sounded last year during visits to Turkey and Egypt: “I have made it clear that America is not and never will be at war with Islam.... Those who want to build must not cede ground to terrorists who seek to destroy.”

No ‘Splendor’ for passengers on crippled cruise ship

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The former fun seekers of the Carnival Splendor are cruising again — but just barely.

In a scenario likely none of its more than 3,000 passengers pictured when they were planning their seven-day jaunt on the Mexican Riviera, the disabled cruise liner was being towed to San Diego by tugboats, and instead of a lavish seafood buffet they were subsisting on Spam.

After two days adrift, the ship began moving again Tuesday night when the first of several Mexican tugboats arrived. The 952-foot vessel was expected to arrive in San Diego on Thursday night, Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines said in a statement.

The ship was 200 miles south of San Diego and about 44 miles off shore when an engine room fire Monday morning killed its power and set it adrift.

No one was hurt, but the nearly 4,500 passengers and crew were left without air conditioning, hot water, cell phone or Internet service. The ship’s auxiliary power allowed for working toilets and cold water.

Singapore Airlines pulls three A380s from service

SYDNEY (AP) — Tests uncovered oil stains in three Rolls-Royce engines on Singapore Airlines’ A380superjumbos, prompting the airline to yank the planes from service Wednesday just two days after Qantas

announced troubling oil leaks on their A380s.

The oil on the Qantas and Singapore planes was discovered during tests prompted by the explosion of a Rolls-Royce engine on a Qantas A380 during a flight from Singapore to Sydney last week. The plane made a safe emergency landing in Singapore, but the Australian airline immediately grounded its entire fleet of A380s while it investigated the cause.

Singapore Airlines said it does not know whether the oil stains found in its engines have any connection to the engine oil leaks found on Qantas, but was temporarily pulling the planes from service as a precaution. The planes, in Melbourne, Sydney and London, will be flown to Singapore without passengers, where they’ll be fitted with new engines.

“We apologise to our customers for flight disruptions that may result and we seek their understanding,” airline spokesman Nicholas Ionides said in a statement.

On Monday, Qantas CEO Alan Joyce said tests had uncovered oil leaks in the turbine area of three engines on three different A380s. The leaks were abnormal and should not be occurring on new engines, he said. All six of the Australian airline’s A380s remained grounded Wednesday.

House veterans advise GOP team to tend to details

WASHINGTON (AP) — Be work horses, not show horses. Choose details over drama. The small stuff? Sweat it. And do it fast.

Republicans retaking control of the House in January are getting lessons from veterans of the past two transitions of power on Capitol Hill — 1994, when the GOP last took control of Congress, and 2006, when Democrats grabbed it back. Lesson

No. 1: They have a short window to convince the public they’re serious about changing the way Washington works.

“If we look like we’re doing business as usual,” says Rep.-elect Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., “then obviously the American people will say, ‘Well, what was that all about?’”

“It’s about making measurable progress in reasonable time,” said Rep.-elect Tim Scott, R-S.C.

A 22-member Republican team is deliberating this week on how the new GOP majority will turn the populist cry to change Washington into operational policy on everything from rules to fiscal matters.

Haitian doctors set up treatment centers for cholera

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Doctors and aid groups are rushing to set up cholera treatment centers across Haiti’s capital as officials warn that the disease’s encroachment into the overcrowded city will bring a surge in cases.

Hundreds of people were already suspected of having cholera, suffering the disease’s symptoms of fever and diarrhea while lying in hospital beds or inside shacks lining the putrid waste canals of Cite Soleil, Martissant and other slums.

“We expect transmission to be extensive and we have to be prepared for it, there’s no question,” Dr. Jon K. Andrus, deputy director of the Pan-American Health Organization, told reporters Tuesday. “We have to prepare for a large upsurge in numbers of cases and be prepared with supplies and human resources and everything that goes into a rapid response.”

Following Monday’s confirmation that a 3-year-old boy from a tent camp near Cite Soleil had contracted cholera before Oct. 31 without leaving the capital, the organization said the epidemic’s spread from river towns in the countryside to the na-

tion’s primary urban center was a dangerous development.

Myanmar’s military-backed party takes 77 percent of seats

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar’s military-backed party has so far captured 77 percent of the parliamentary seats contested in weekend elections, a senior party leader said Wednesday, following polling widely decried as manipulated and unfair.

The results point to an overwhelming victory. But there has never been much doubt about the outcome because the junta proxy Union Solidarity and Development Party fielded candidates in nearly every district, whereas the largest opposition party was able to contest only 164 of the 1,159 parliamentary seats in Sunday’s elections.

The government says the elections, the country’s first in two decades, are a major step toward democracy, but critics including President Barack Obama have said they were neither free nor fair.

The polling also has sparked violence and some fears of an outright civil war among Myanmar’s ethnic minorities, who make up about 40 percent of the population. Some have been fighting the central government since Myanmar gained independence from Britain in 1948.

Clashes starting Sunday between ethnic rebels and government troops have killed at least three people — according to state media — and prompted an exodus of about 20,000 refugees across the border into Thailand. Many of them headed home Tuesday after the fighting subsided.

Republican election gains put arms control pact with Russia in doubt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate approval of President Barack Obama’s nuclear arms treaty with Russia, which once looked close to a sure thing, is now in jeopardy.

The administration is scrambling to get enough Republican support in the Senate to ratify the New START treaty before the Democrats’ majority shrinks by six in January. But Republicans have little incentive to give Obama

a big political boost after leaving him reeling from their strong gains in last week’s congressional elections.

A failure to win passage could trip up one of the administration’s top foreign policy goals: improving relations with Russia. The treaty, signed in April by Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, has been the most tangible sign of success, and failure to get it ratified could be viewed as a rebuke in Moscow. It also would leave Obama’s push for even greater restrictions on the world’s nuclear arsenal in doubt.

Some Republicans have argued that the treaty would limit U.S. missile defense options and does not provide adequate procedures to verify that Russia is living up to its terms. Advocates dispute both charges.

The Obama administration is worried that ratification could slip out of reach.

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