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Workers are shown atop the new gymnasium currently being built at Washington Elementary Friday afternoon. The building is just one of several new structures that will be constructed at Big Spring ISD campuses within the next two years.

## BSISD board grants easement for ONCOR

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

It was one of those things that just couldn't wait.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees held a five-minute special meeting Monday to grant a utility easement at the sites where four new elementary campuses are being constructed.

The easement with ONCOR, the

local electricity provider, will allow the company to move power lines out of the way so that construction of the new schools can proceed on schedule.

Wayland Pierce, who is overseeing the construction projects for the district, said the special meeting was essential to keep work crews on schedule.

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## Search warrant done in Coahoma

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Federal agents from San Angelo — assisted by local law enforcement — executed a search warrant today during the early morning hours in Coahoma as part of a child pornography investigation.

According to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker, the search warrant was executed at approximately 6:30 a.m. at a residence.

Officials with the sheriff's office assisted investigators with the San Angelo ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) department.

Parker confirmed no arrests were made by his office during the search, referring further comments to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Lubbock.

Calls to Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven M. Sucusy of the U.S. Attor-

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## Joint law enforcement facility OK'd by county

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Local officials took another step toward the construction of a joint law enforcement center that will eventually house both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department, as county commissioners unanimously approved an inter-local agreement with the municipality Monday.

Officials with the city of Big Spring — including City Attorney Linda Sjogren and City Manager Gary Fuqua — were in attendance as the commissioners went over the agreement, which calls for the city to provide \$1.7 million for the construction of the joint center, with the county picking up the remainder of the bill, which has been estimated at \$2.7 million.

Jeff Heffelfinger, representative of

Southwest Architects, the company contracted to design and oversee construction of the joint law enforcement center, also spoke with commissioners during the meeting.

According to Heffelfinger, construction of the center — which will take the form of an addition to the newly constructed county jail on the west side of Big Spring — the project will take approximately four to five months to complete.

"We expect the plans to be completed in the next two-and-a-half weeks," Heffelfinger told the court. "I've been going over the designs with Sheriff Stan Parker and Police Chief Lonnie Smith. Once the design is complete, I'll bring the final plans back to the commissioners court so we can get the bids out on the street."

Heffelfinger — who designed and supervised the construction of the 96-bed jail facility — suggested the court consider using the same man-

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## Dodds makes most from her materials

By **NANCY KOGER**  
Special to the Herald

Not many people besides the fair board members work on the Howard County Fair all during the year, but at least one crafts woman does. Mamie Lee Dodds notified friends back at the beginning of summer that she had found an intriguing project that she was then starting for the fair.

Seeing a brightly-patterned sheet reminded Dodds of a story she had seen in a 1973 issue of "Women's Day" magazine, which had told how to make 13 items using one patterned single bedsheet.

She bought the set of sheets and pillowcases and went home to find that old magazine.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with the other sheet and pillowcases, but I used one sheet to make 16 things," she said. "The things I made from one sheet cost about \$10."

The original article had a

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Courtesy photo


Mamie Lee Dodds crafted 16 items from one sheet of material.

### Howard County Fair schedule

Today — entries accepted until 6 p.m..

Wednesday — Ag in the Classroom, 9 a.m.; Fusion Science show, 1 p.m.; booth set-up, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday — booth set-up, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; fair opens to general public at 5 p.m.; queen contest at 6 p.m.; domino tournament at 6:30 p.m.; gospel music at 7:30 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Dan J. Lewis



Dan J. Lewis, a resident of Lubbock since 1970, passed away at home Sept. 25, 2011, following a lengthy illness. He was 88 years old. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 3:30 p.m. at Lubbock City Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Known most of his life by friends, colleagues and family as Coach Lewis, Dan was born to Dan J. Sr. and Inez Nunn Lewis on Sept. 3, 1923, in Colorado City, Texas, and moved in 1935 with family to Big Spring, Texas, where he would live for the next 35 years. He graduated from Big Spring High School, distinguishing himself on the football and golf teams. Dan joined the Navy in 1941, serving his country in the South Pacific during World War II, and, along with members of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, received the Presidential Unit Citation for service on Guadalcanal.

After the war, Dan returned to Big Spring where he would later meet and marry Jean Stratton, also of Big Spring. Dan earned his degree in physical education in 1952 from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where he played on both the football and golf teams. He entered the coaching ranks in Big Spring immediately upon graduation from college and became head football coach at Runnels Junior High. His other coaching duties included track and basketball, and, for many years, he doubled as golf coach at Big Spring High School, leading that team to a district championship.

In 1970, Coach Lewis moved his family to Lubbock and was appointed head football coach at O.L. Slaton Junior High, where his team was victorious in the city championship in the mid-1970s. While actively coaching and teaching math, he earned a masters degree in physical education from Texas Tech in 1974. He retired from O.L. Slaton in 1983.

Throughout his coaching career, Coach Lewis was known for his no-nonsense approach and focus on the fundamentals. His enthusiasm for the game of football and dedication to building young teams was evidenced in many successful seasons over more than three decades. During his coaching tenure in Lubbock and for a number of years following his retirement, Coach Lewis was a familiar face along the sidelines at Red Raiders games and served as a scouting coach for Raider Head Coach Spike Dykes. He also received an award of appreciation from the Red Raider Football Team. In addition to his football activities, Coach Lewis was a lifelong, avid golfer.

A devoted husband and father, Dan is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Jean Stratton Lewis; his brother and sister-in-law, John and Florence Lewis of Concord, Calif.; his son and daughter-in-law Dan J. III and Glynnia Lewis of Terrell; his daughter and son-in-law Sheila and Glenn Fischthal of San Francisco, Calif.; his son, David Lewis, of Lubbock; his daughter and son-in-law Sheri and Paul Landers of Lubbock; and nine grandchildren, Rebecca Lewis of Los Angeles, Calif., Daniel J. IV, Jessica, Michael and Joshua Lewis, all of Terrell, Ian Lewis of Denton, Leah Landers Fluitt of Lubbock, and Sarah and Julia Landers of Lubbock.

In lieu of flowers and in appreciation for the support of the loving staff of Lubbock's Accolade Hospice, the family suggests that donations may be made in memory of Dan J. Lewis to the Accolade Hospice Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 525, Yoakum, TX 77995 or foundation@accoladehospice.com.

*Paid obituary*

## Jacque Kirkendoll



Jacque Kirkendoll, 56, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Roy Roberson officiating.

Jacque was born Aug. 17, 1955, in Abilene. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and Acklery. She graduated from Sands High School in Ackerly and attended Howard College. She was a home health nurse and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Jacque is survived by her husband, Russell Crain of Big Spring; mother and father, Marie and Roy Roberson of Big Spring; two brothers, Michael Roberson and Shane Roberson, both of Big Spring; one nephew, Matthew Roberson of Big Spring; two nieces, Mikayla Roberson and Alasa Roberson, both of Big Spring; and her mother-in-law, Mary Crain of Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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# Police blotter

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

- ROBERT ALLEN CHANDLER, 33, of Oklahoma, was arrested Monday on a charge of intoxication assault causing serious bodily injury.
- MICHAEL ARTHUR BROWN, 41, of 3606 Calvin, was arrested Monday on warrants for accumulated items/weeds/rubbish (four counts) and criminal mischief – impair/interrupt/divert public water.
- GABRIEL LEE BARRAZA, 25, of 5209 Dawson Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LEIGH ANN MCKENDREE, 44, of Arizona, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KASSAUNDRY DYHAN MUNOZ, 21, of 1007 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear.
- JESUS ARTURO NEVAREZ, 36, of El Paso, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1300 block of College Avenue. In the 2600 block of Chanute. In the 2600 block of Chanute.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.
- JAMES DRIVER, 51, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- ROBERT LEE ROBERTS JR., 56, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Winkler County bench warrant.
- GABRIEL LEE BARRAZA, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANDREA C. DELACRUZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age, a Scurry County warrant for motion to revoke probation – driving while intoxicated and municipal copias warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no valid inspection certificate.
- MICHAEL ARTHUR BROWN, 41, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief and municipal warrants for accumulated items – first offense (four

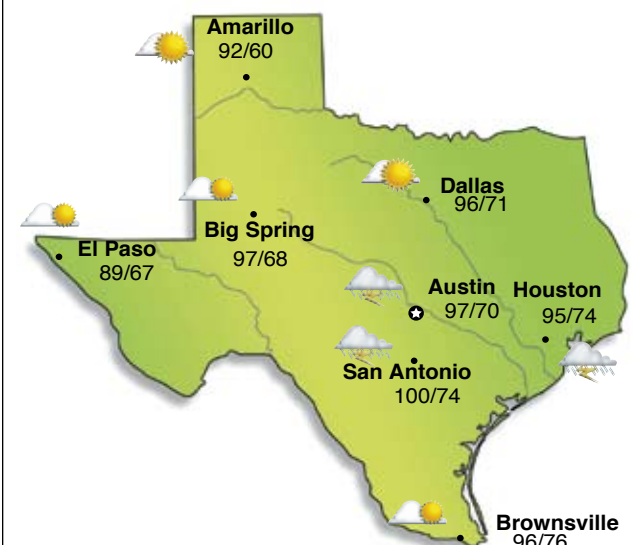
# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 9/28	Thu 9/29	Fri 9/30	Sat 10/1	Sun 10/2
97/68 Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible.	96/65 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	87/60 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	89/62 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	91/61 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 7:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 7:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 7:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 7:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 7:30 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	96	67	mst sunny	Kingsville	99	73	pt sunny
Amarillo	92	60	mst sunny	Livingston	95	67	t-storm
Austin	97	70	t-storm	Longview	94	65	mst sunny
Beaumont	92	71	t-storm	Lubbock	90	60	pt sunny
Brownsville	96	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	96	68	t-storm
Brownwood	98	68	pt sunny	Midland	95	69	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	97	74	pt sunny	Raymondville	99	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	96	69	mst sunny	Rosenberg	97	72	t-storm
Dallas	96	71	mst sunny	San Antonio	100	74	t-storm
Del Rio	97	72	t-storm	San Marcos	98	70	t-storm
El Paso	89	67	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	94	65	sunny
Fort Stockton	95	69	pt sunny	Sweetwater	95	68	mst sunny
Gainesville	95	66	sunny	Tyler	94	65	mst sunny
Greenville	94	65	sunny	Weatherford	96	68	mst sunny
Houston	95	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	96	65	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	60	pt sunny	Minneapolis	77	60	pt sunny
Boston	69	62	rain	New York	71	68	t-storm
Chicago	63	49	rain	Phoenix	99	74	sunny
Dallas	96	71	mst sunny	San Francisco	81	63	pt sunny
Denver	84	51	mst sunny	Seattle	66	49	mst sunny
Houston	95	74	t-storm	St. Louis	76	56	rain
Los Angeles	78	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	78	67	t-storm
Miami	88	76	pt sunny				

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ager at risk it had used for the jail, Glen Rose-based Dinosaur Valley.

"I believe their familiarity with the jail project will help save us some valuable time," Heffelfinger told commissioners.

However, the court decided it would be in the best interest of the county to solicit RFQ (requests for qualifications) for construction manager of the project, essentially putting the position up for bid.

The court also hammered out several issues regarding the inter-local agreement during the meeting, including how to handle change-orders during construction of the facility.

According to Heffelfinger, change orders made by the city will have to first be approved by the commissioners court, as well as keep the cost to the city at or below the \$1.7 million price tag.

The agreement also laid out

responsibility for dispatcher salaries, as both agencies have agreed to unify their dispatch departments in an effort to cut costs where services are being duplicated. The agreement calls for the city to pay 60 percent of the dispatcher salaries, while the county will be responsible for the remaining 40 percent. Equipment for the dispatch department will also be split, with the city picking up 55 percent of the bill and the county covering 45 percent.

Maintenance of the common areas — parts of the center shared by both law enforcement agencies — will be split evenly between the city and county, as well. Should the project come in under budget, the agreement calls for the extra funds be reimbursed to the county.

The plan will also relocate the municipal judge's office to the county courthouse, with a full time warrant officer and sheriff-provided district court bailiff at the facility for protection.

Heffelfinger said he hopes to begin accepting bids on the project within the next four to five weeks.

**County OKs tax rate**

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved the proposed 2011-2012 tax rate Monday morning, a move that could spell relief for some area taxpayers who saw no increase in their property value this year.

Commissioners approved a tax rate of 43.6 cents per \$100 valuation by a unanimous vote, solidifying the fiscal plan for the coming year.

The newly-adopted tax rate is considerably lower than last year's 52.2406 cents per \$100 valuation, due in part to an increase in mineral values in Howard County.

The county saw a \$418,379,799 increase in its valuations, certified at \$2,521,294,261 for 2011, compared to last year's \$2,102,914,462.

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, the tax rate is broken down into debt service, .036413 cents; special road and bridge funding, .028852 cents; and general fund, .371455 cents.

"We've seen a pretty healthy increase in mineral values in the county, which played a very large role in our ability to adopt a tax rate lower than last year's rate," County Judge Mark Barr said.

The new tax rate will be the backbone of the court's 2011-2012 budget — approximately \$21 million — which will take effect Oct. 1.

Despite a positive up-trend in values, Barr said the commissioners court has made several cuts in the coming year's fiscal plan.

"We've done some cutting this year, but I think

we'll be OK," Barr said. "We weren't hit as bad as the school district by state funding cuts this year. We lost about \$30,000 in state funding, so we were able to make up for that in the budget."

The county also faces a possibly difficult situation with one of its biggest taxpayers this year, as Alon USA — owner of the Big Spring Refinery — recently filed a lawsuit against the Howard County Appraisal District, claiming its \$215 million valuation doesn't correctly reflect the value of the facility.

Alon USA filed petitions in 2006, 2007 and 2008, agreeing to pay taxes on values of \$130 million for 2006, \$185 million for 2007 and \$175 million for 2008. The property was appraised by the district at \$320 million in 2007 and \$275 million in 2008.

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diagram of how to cut the items, but Dodds developed her own plan to get the most articles from the available material. She was able to make a skirt, a vest, an apron, four placemats, two potholders, a square pillow, a bolster pillow, a glasses case, a scissors case, a pencil case, a desk box and a neck-lace.

"I love a challenge," she said.

The 92-year-old doesn't know exactly how many entries she has submitted to the fair over the years, but she knows that she won 32 ribbons at the last fair.

"I don't have a favorite kind of project; I like all kinds of crafts," she admitted. In trying to name the different kinds of things she has entered, she included crocheted hats, stoles, tablecloths, sweaters, bedspreads, jackets, potholders, a quilt made from her students' art work, hand and machine sewn garments, plaster work, pastel art, stuffed toys, a baby doll, various canned items and antiques.

"One year I entered a blouse with tiny tucks down the front, and every stitch, even the buttonholes, was done by hand," she remembers. "That one won the grand prize."

Dodds doesn't knit by

hand, but she has a knitting machine.

"I hardly ever use it anymore because I can't get the yarn for it," she explained. Otherwise, the crafty lady will tackle just about any kind of project she finds interesting. She admits to having made more than 30 hats and is seldom seen without one.

The genial nonagenarian has lived in Howard County most of her years, and she taught every grade but fourth in elementary school, investing 28 of her 30 teaching years here. Having seen so much of Howard County's history, she avidly supports city and county events like the fair.

She does insist on one

thing, however: spelling her name correctly. When the "s" was dropped from her name in a recent mention, she called the writer to correct the omission.

"I don't mind your telling my age, but please don't leave the 's' off my name," she chided. Remembering how to spell her name should be easy for anyone who attends the fair and sees it on all of her entries.

The Howard County Fair will be held Thursday through Saturday at the Howard County Fair Barns. Items for entry are being accepted today through 6 p.m.

Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom and Fusion Science shows will be held at 9 a.m. and 1

p.m. Wednesday. Booth set up is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day and Thursday.

Thursday morning, the fair will be open for school tours and will open to the general public at 5 p.m.

Thursday's special activities include the queen contest in the entertainment tent and a cooking demonstration in the kitchen activity barn, both at 6 p.m. A domino tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. in the activity barn. Featured entertainment will be gospel music in the entertainment tent, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment continues Friday with Crystal River at 6 p.m., followed by Heath-

er Vassar at 8 p.m. in the entertainment tent. A cooking demonstration will be held at 6.

Saturday, the fair will open at 10 a.m. Activities include the Country Kids contest at 10:30 a.m., tractor pull at 1 p.m., a kid's tractor pull at 1:30 p.m., food demonstration at 2 p.m. and a pet contest at 3 p.m. in the show barn.

Amber Digby will take the stage at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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"The next regular board meeting is three weeks from now and waiting until then would have delayed construction for three weeks," pierce said. "With our tight schedule, that kind of delay was unacceptable."

With the easement, ONCOR crews will be able to move many of

the power lines underground.

"That will eliminate any power lines crossing playgrounds, or things like that," Pierce said. "It's a lot safer for the kids this way."

The agreement will now allow the various construction projects to proceed unabated, and Pierce said progress to date has been very satisfactory.

Four new elementary campuses are being

built as a result of a \$60 million bond passed by district voters in May 2010. Work crews are approaching the task by constructing three of the campuses — Washington, Goliad and Marcy elementaries — simultaneously, while work at Moss Elementary proceeds close behind.

Crews are taking sort of a modular approach to construction — the campuses are being built one wing at a time.

Pierce said crews have completed erecting the steel frames for the "area B" classroom wings at the three sites and will proceed with the installation of roof decking this week.

With so much work being done at multiple sites, Pierce said logistical headaches are unavoidable, but lauded the work of construction crews.

"We've had no issues with timing or anything

of that nature," he said. "Things really are going well."

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ney's Office in Lubbock, as well as U.S. Attorney Public Information Officer Kathy Colvin, were not immediately

returned.

According to unconfirmed reports, the investigation is part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse.

Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet.

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## The middle class and all of their entitlements they hold

To what are Americans entitled? Government-guaranteed health coverage in old age? Government-guaranteed health coverage at any age? Subsidized housing if they're low income? Subsidized food? Subsidies for growing wheat but not making shoes? Subsidies for homeowning?

Answer these questions, and we may end the budget deficit crisis. The reluctance to properly label entitlements as such has created the widespread illusion that what government spends on others is "welfare" and what's spent on us is our due. Time to decide what we really want — and pay for it.

The great entitlement-spending hole is Medicare, the government health plan for the elderly and disabled. Contrary to popular belief, most middle-class beneficiaries haven't "paid for it" through their payroll taxes and other contributions. A typical couple retiring in 2020 will have paid \$100,000 in lifetime Medicare taxes but will receive about \$500,000 in scheduled benefits over the premiums they pay into the program, according to tax-policy expert C. Eugene Steele.

Put another way, nearly 40 percent of Medicare's funding comes from general revenues, which means income taxes. That makes Medicare a government program that — to be blunt in the conservative style — trans-

fers wealth from the productive class to retirees. If Medicare served only the poor, many politicians would refer to it as welfare without hesitation.

Sure, Medicare's soaring costs must be contained. But tremendous sums can be saved within the program by addressing the way doctors are paid. The new health care reform law starts that ball rolling.

But even though the reforms would reduce projected cost of Medicare, we will still need more tax revenues to preserve the program as we know it for growing numbers of older people. If Americans want a voucher system that spends a lot less on Medicare and basically brushes the elderly off onto private insurers, they can have it.

In fact, the Republican-run House has already voted for one.

There are other middle-class entitlements. Take out a home mortgage, and you can subtract your interest payments from taxable income. (By the way, Canada doesn't allow for such deductions, and its level of home ownership is close to ours.) The higher your income, the more valuable the tax break. Meanwhile, the taxes you save must be made up by others — people who rent their homes, don't have mortgages or don't itemize on their tax returns.

The biggest farm subsidies go to wealthy investors. Call that a form of welfare, and its defenders will find a salt-of-the-earth farmer to insist that he's not on welfare — he's producing something. But American toy companies make things, too, and they're not getting government

checks because global toy prices have dropped (or even when they have risen).

That's not to say that we don't want some of these entitlements. The deduction for mortgage interest should be kept for struggling middle-class homeowners, at least for now. But we could start phasing it out on mega-mortgages approaching \$1 million.

Some programs for the poor are essential to maintaining a humane society, but others may be inefficient or socially counterproductive. Look at them, too, but bear in mind that they are not the big kahuna of entitlement spending.

Medicare is, and if Americans want it to retain something resembling the first-class coverage now offered, they will have to pay more in taxes.

Let the games begin on who will do the paying, but be mindful that the reckless tax-cutting of the George W. Bush years has helped send federal tax revenues to historic lows relative to the economy. And the recent dramatics over asking anyone to pay \$1 more in taxes are about little more than this: forcing America to dismantle the king of middle-class entitlements.

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## Obama's rehabilitation tour, or 'I Promise I'm a leftist'

Poor President Obama. His leftist backers have momentarily fallen out of love with him for not destroying the country fast enough. Obama must ask himself, "What would Hugo Chavez do?"

Obama decided to embark on a personal rehabilitation tour. He first stopped by the annual awards dinner of the Congressional Black Caucus and told blacks to "stop complainin'. Stop grumblin'. Stop cryin'." Don't they realize that it's the Republicans' fault that black unemployment is nearly double the national average, at 16.7 percent? "So many people in (Washington) are fighting us every step of the way."

Instead of berating them, Obama ought to count his lucky stars that he's not taking more grief. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver said that if Bill Clinton were in the White House and didn't address the problem of black unemployment, blacks "probably would be marching on the White House."

Obama's malcontent leftist friends on the Leftist Coast agree that he has not been liberal enough. So to regain their favor, he jetted out West in that covered wagon known as Air Force One and pleaded with them to understand the predicament he is in with nasty Republicans opposing him every step of the way. He is, he assured them, as radical as they are.

In Seattle, representing the downtrodden, Obama told the 65 guests who were paying a paltry \$35,800 per couple, "From the moment I took office, what we've seen is a constant ideological push-back against any kind of sensible reforms that would make our economy work better and give people more opportunity."

The bipartisan Obama told his fellow warriors for the poor that the Republican alternative "is an approach to government that will fundamentally cripple America in meeting the challenges of the 21st century."

That's the ticket. Unless we agree to Obama's spending \$450 billion more in borrowed money on the grounds that increasing the national debt will decrease the national debt, we will be crippling America. If we demand fiscal responsibility, we simply cannot be trusted to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Obama's birdbrained policies are so exasperatingly ridiculous he's lucky no one is invoking the 25th Amendment to challenge his mental capacity to serve.

Though it would never happen, it's time for Obama to go further and really tell the whole truth.

Even if he believes, against all evidence and reason, that the government can improve the economy by sucking all remaining oxygen out of the private sector, that's not the only reason he is pushing for another reckless stimulus package.

Obama doesn't care about infrastructure or improving the disastrous unemployment numbers he's fueling. These are not what float his Marxist boat. Stimulus Jr. isn't about creating more economic demand, which it wouldn't do anyway. Like Stimulus Sr., it's about pressing forward with his nefarious scheme to restructure America in his image.

It would be bad enough if these boondoggles were just grab bags of political payoffs, money laundering, redistribution and colossal waste. But they're also designed to create more government programs that will self-perpetuate.

Through Stimulus Jr., Obama would create a massive new bureaucracy to administer the nightmare — a bureaucracy that would not wither away when the program is completed, any more than Marx's government would

wither away after the "dictatorship of the proletariat."

Why is it so hard for some people to grasp that neither government tax and regulatory roadblocks against economic growth nor massive wealth redistribution programs improve the plight of lower- and middle-income groups? When will a greater percentage of blacks realize that liberal prescriptions harm rather than improve their economic conditions? When will they realize they are being exploited and injured by the very leaders who say they are the only ones who care about them?

These demagogues had better hope minorities and lower- and middle-income groups never systematically study the damning results of their policies. Obama scapegoats Republican obstruction for the failure of his policies, but no matter how hard he dissembles, he had his way the first two years of his term.

Nevertheless, he persists. On the next stop on his propaganda tour, Obama told his audience that the 2012 election will be even more important than the one in 2008. It will be "a contest of values."

Finally, there's something we can all agree on. It will indeed be a contest of values. Unfortunately for Obama, recent polls show that essentially half the American people fear his beloved federal government.

So let's get ready to rumble.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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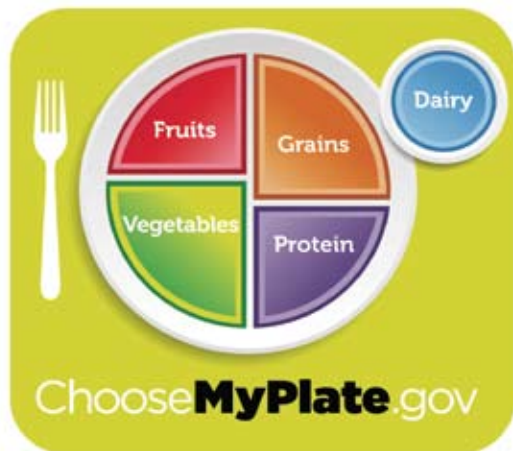
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## Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

### Food Planner

In each of these boxes, write down five of your favorite foods in that food group.

Then, with a parent, plan a week's worth of dinners featuring these items.



### What's on your plate?

Selecting the right kinds of food doesn't have to be confusing. The United States Department of Agriculture has designed a new way for parents and kids to create a healthy, balanced meal every time. It's called MyPlate.

← This MyPlate icon shows you how much space fruits, vegetables, grains, protein and dairy should each take up on your plate.

**Standards Links:** Health / Nutrition: Classify food and food combinations according to the food groups.

### USE THE CODE

At least half your plate should contain:

4	10	6	14	15	2	9	13	3	
12	11	1	11	15	9	7	8	11	2
<b>A = 9</b>	<b>G = 1</b>	<b>R = 10</b>							
<b>B = 7</b>	<b>H = 5</b>	<b>S = 2</b>							
<b>D = 3</b>	<b>I = 14</b>	<b>T = 15</b>							
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<b>F = 4</b>	<b>N = 13</b>	<b>V = 12</b>							

### Food Groups

Ideally, a meal should contain something from each of these food groups:

**Protein:** meat, fish, poultry, eggs, beans, lentils and nuts

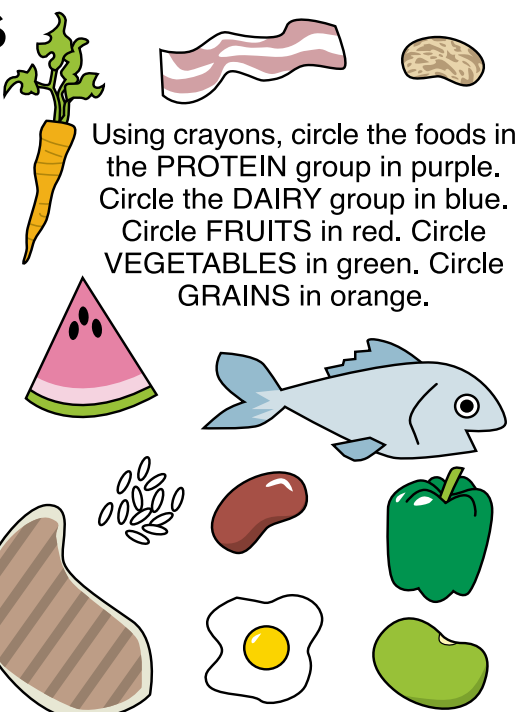
**Grains:** foods made from wheat, rice, oats, cornmeal or barley

**Vegetables:** cooked or raw, fresh, canned or frozen

**Fruits:** whole or cut-up, fresh or in 100% juice

**Dairy:** low fat or nonfat milk, cheese and yogurt

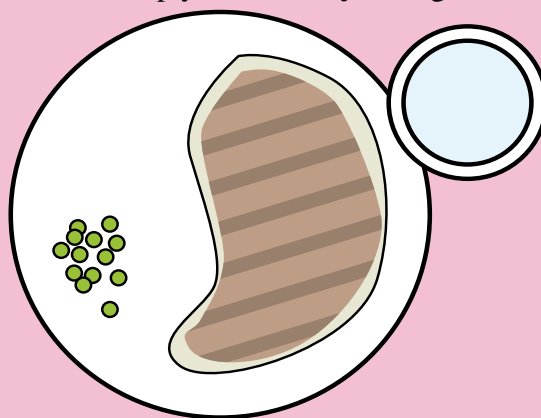
**Standards Links:** Health: Understand the essential concepts of nutrition and diet.



Using crayons, circle the foods in the PROTEIN group in purple. Circle the DAIRY group in blue. Circle FRUITS in red. Circle VEGETABLES in green. Circle GRAINS in orange.

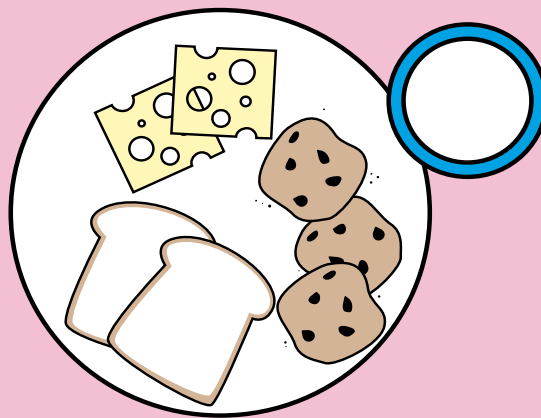
### More of This, Less of That

Look at the plates below. Write what should be added to or subtracted from each plate to make it comply with the MyPlate guidelines.



MORE: \_\_\_\_\_

LESS: \_\_\_\_\_



MORE: \_\_\_\_\_

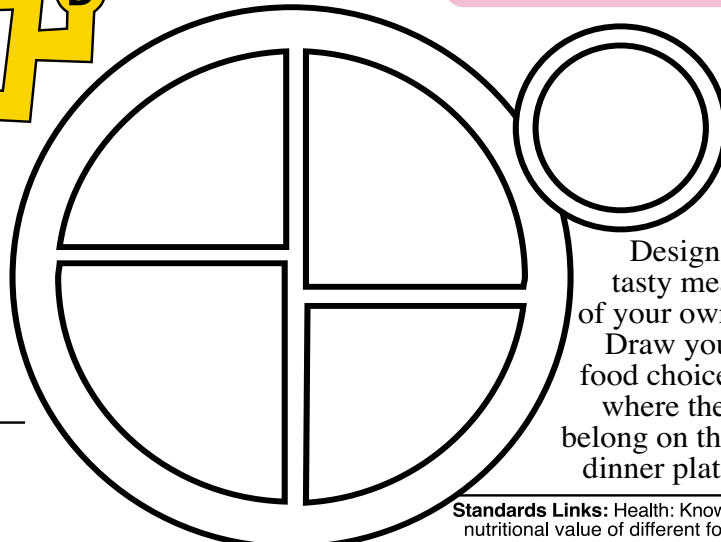
LESS: \_\_\_\_\_

### Less, Thanks!

Write down the letters along the correct path to discover an important idea in the fight against childhood obesity.



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Design a tasty meal of your own. Draw your food choices where they belong on this dinner plate.

**Standards Links:** Health: Know the nutritional value of different foods.

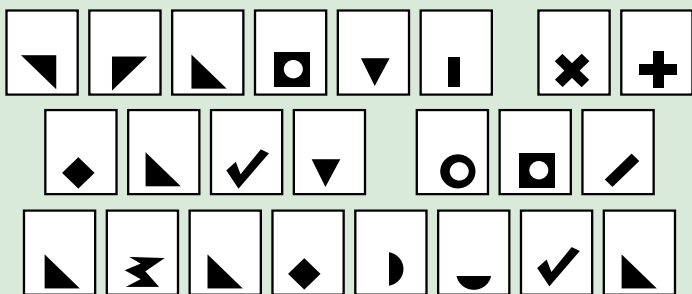
### Extra! Extra! Healthy Meal

Find food ads in today's newspaper or on its website. Do the ads show healthy foods? What could be added to the food in the ad to make a healthy meal?

**Standards Links:** Health: Understand some foods are more nutritious than others.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Good nutrition is a key ingredient for good health. But there are two more important ingredients you need as well. Use the code to discover them.



**Standards Links:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Beans are great to eat but can you use them to help you draw? For the scoop, go to:  
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### Double Double Word Search

- VEGETABLES
- PROTEIN
- OBESITY
- GRAINS
- FRUITS
- CHEESE
- YOGURT
- DAIRY
- PLATE
- WATER
- WHEAT
- HALF
- FISH
- NUTS

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**Fruit**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Vegetable**

- \_\_\_\_\_
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**Grain**

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**Protein**

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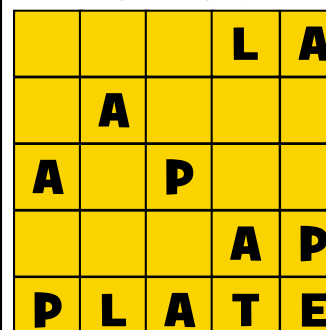
**Dairy**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Standards Links:** Consumer Science: Select and prepare nutritious foods.

### Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word PLATE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



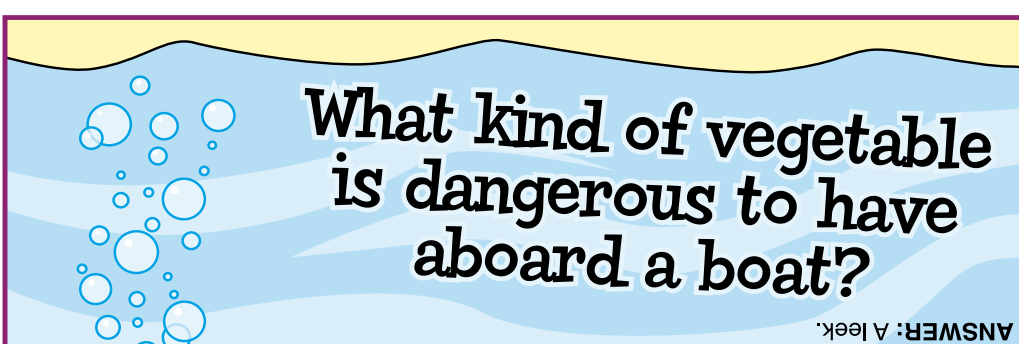
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### Symbol Search

The MyPlate icon is called a **symbol**. Look for 10 symbols in today's newspaper. Then create a symbol for each subject you studied in school today.

**Standards Links:** Visual Arts: Know how symbols are used to communicate meaning.



What kind of vegetable is dangerous to have aboard a boat?

ANSWER: A leek.

### Write On!

### My Healthy Lunch

What would you pack for lunch that is tasty and healthy? Be sure you have something from the different food groups.

# Back from the brink: An American Kestrel story

Finally, with the latter part of September came a temporary lull in the number of calls regarding wild birds. Interrupting my appreciation of the rest was the sudden incessant ringing of our phone.

Since she had only had it for one day, a caller felt a little hawk's being in her care was not the cause of its inability to stand. My hoping to learn more about the bird was stymied by her hurried morning of appointments.

My suggestion that she take it to the Parks & Wildlife office was accepted. Then she hung up. When I alerted the office staff of its pending arrival, I asked them to try to learn more about her having the bird.

At the Midland facility, we were greeted with glum faces and frowns. The receptionists had learned through a casual conversation the woman had possessed the bird since it left the nest.

Canned cat food, mixed with the diet she fed her fish, was its daily feeding regimen. Encouraged by its standing on her shoulder, she was horrified one day when it tried to fly, landed on the bed, and could not stand.

After removing the juvenile American kestrel from a carrier, we could readily see its poor condition. Malnutrition had left the male falcon thin and listless. Worn tail and



Courtesy photo

**Seen perched on utility wires, telephone poles and fence posts, the American kestrel is the smallest of our country's falcons. Hunting for large insects, lizards, mice, and sparrows, it has a wingspan of nearly 24 inches.**

wing feathers indicated his having been kept in a cage.

Although he did not have the strength to stand, the little raptor responded to an avian supplement that his body rapidly absorbed. Later, an offering of minced baby mice, or pinkies, was eagerly swallowed.

Fortunately, the kestrel had received nu-

trition vital for development from the efforts of his parents. We hoped his near starvation could be reversed if his system could still process and utilize a natural diet. Too weak to stand or tear his food meant he would require constant attention to his needs.

Energy from his feedings tempted him several days later to stand.

Unsuccessful, he stood the next day after a shaky effort.

With returning strength, he soon was bending forward to pick up any edible morsels he had dropped. Finally, the day arrived when we would see if he could eat a tiny mouse on his own.

At first, the kestrel acted as if he didn't know how to use his feet. After several failed attempts, he managed to stand on his prey.

Since his emerging sense of balance was being tested, he tried to use his tail and wings to stabilize his position. A surprised look on his face preceded his rolling over on his side with the mouse clutched in his talons.

Not giving up, he once again used his feet to hold the mouse beneath him. Although most kestrels eat the head first, then progress toward the tail, the falcon reversed the process. Once he had successfully ripped and tasted a small chunk from a thigh, the direction or placement of his food didn't matter.

Determination in finishing his first, whole mouse outweighed centuries of protocol.

Since his strength was returning, the next step to master was his standing on a log perch. Although shaky and trembling from side to side, he managed to hold his grip on the rough bark.

When moved to a larger enclosure, the kestrel made every effort to explore it. Unsteady and wobbly, he was a comical sight. Every time he tried to move forward, he sidled to his right or left instead.

Before long, however, he had not only mastered walking, but had managed to climb to an elevated perch. When he surprised us with a short flight, we knew he was ready for the wildlife center in Lubbock.

As I started to place the kestrel in a carrier, once more I could appreciate his deep black eyes that had greeted me each morning. The rusty patch on his bluish-gray crown seemed darker, as did the two black stripes accenting the sides of his white face.

Looking at him from above, I loved the terracotta color of his back that was barred with black. His slate-blue wings that tapered toward his black primaries would hopefully some day give him the ability to hover or glide while seeking prey.

With his buff-colored belly adorned with

## BIRD POOP

By BEBE McCASLAND



black spots, and his rufous tail with its broad black band ending with a white tip, he was handsome indeed. As much as we admired his specie, he now needed to "wild up" in the company of other kestrels.

Knowing his history and after examining the bird, Gail Barnes, volunteer, made sure nothing was now wrong with the bird by having it examined by a veterinarian who nearly daily works with the center and their wildlife.

Given an OK for further rehabilitation, the kestrel was placed in a mew. When Gail called to tell us it was flying, all of us realized it would soon regain its freedom.

Misplaced compassion and ignorance had nearly killed the kestrel. Assuming she could replicate what another specie needed, the woman essentially had denied what nature had accomplished over eons of time.

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

# Freedom's the theme that unites Americans

I came across a tribute called "An Ode to America" that I felt was worthy to share with you just in case you didn't see it. It was written by Cornel Nistorescu, a Romanian journalist with a degree in Philology, Romanian and Italian languages and literatures. Nistorescu speaks Romanian, English, French and Italian. He is a former editor and founder

of several publications, has written three books and is a contributor to cultural publications or newspapers and weeklies in Belgium, Holland, France and the United States.

"Ode to America" was written following 9/11 and is something we should all hear. He writes:

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another

even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs.

On 9/11, the American tragedy turned 300 million people into a hand put on the heart.

Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the Army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers.

Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about.

Instead, the Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic, they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing. On every occasion, they started singing: "God Bless America!"

I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down 100 floors with a woman

in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being?

Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes.

And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put into collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy.

What on earth unites the Americans in such

## PARENT'S CORNER

By DARRELL RYAN



a way? Their land? Their history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace; I thought things over and I reached but only one conclusion — only freedom can work such miracles.

*Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.*

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## Perry urges Obama to halt air rules

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Monday asked President Barack Obama to use his executive authority to prevent or delay implementation of stricter pollution standards, saying they will have an “immediate and devastating” effect on the state.

The standards have stirred up Texas’ largest energy companies, which say they don’t have adequate time to meet the deadlines without shutting down plants and jeopardizing the reliability of Texas’ electric grid. Implementation of the rules starts Jan. 1.

In the letter, obtained by The Associated Press, Perry said the implementation of the Cross State Air Pollution Rules will have an “immediate and devastating effect on Texas jobs, our economy and our ability to supply the electricity our citizens, schools and employers need.”

Perry released the letter as he tries to shore up support among conservatives in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

The White House said the new standards will save lives.

## Tech student dies in apparent fall from high-rise

LUBBOCK (AP) — Police suspect a fall from the upper levels of an 11-story parking garage killed a Texas Tech student near campus.

Investigators say a passerby found Mason Vansory’s body around daybreak Sunday at the Raider Park Parking Garage.

Police Sgt. Jonathan Stewart says it’s still unknown what led to the fall by the 19-year-old sophomore mass communications student from Dallas.

## Prison for San Antonio mom who allowed child abuse

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio woman has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for allowing her roommates to abuse her daughter to the point where the now 4-year-old child is considered brain dead.

Bexar County prosecutors say April Martinez knew her daughter Marie Villanueva was being abused and beaten but did nothing to stop it.

The San Antonio Express-News reports Martinez cried loudly in court Monday as she told a judge she’s wasn’t being allowed to visit her daughter. Martinez, who took a plea deal, was charged with injury to a child by omission and could have received up to 20 years in prison.

She had testified earlier against her roommates and babysitters. Twenty-two-year-old Lyzette Vasquez got 20 years and her husband, Hermes, received a 35-year sentence.

## Police: Teen had stepfather who died in chokehold

FORT WORTH (AP) — Tarrant County authorities say it could be weeks before the cause of death is determined for a 47-year-old Fort Worth man who was being held in a chokehold by his 16-year-old stepson.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram says Michael Anthony Heath had been restraining his stepson at the family apartment while the boy’s mother was trying to discipline him by hitting him with a wooden stick. Child Protective Services also is investigating the case.

Police said emergency medical help was summoned and found Heath unresponsive Sunday morning. He was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Authorities are awaiting the results of toxicology

tests before ruling on a cause of death. Police say the 16-year-old has been released to the custody of a relative while their investigation continues.

## Texas man faces sentencing in Va. For \$100M fraud

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A Texas businessman convicted in a \$100 million fraud scheme is set for sentencing in federal court in Virginia.

Prosecutors are seeking a 125-year prison term Tuesday for Christian Allmendinger of Houston. Allmendinger’s attorney calls that recommendation “wildly disproportionate” and is asking for a term of 10 to 12 years.

A jury in Richmond convicted Allmendinger of seven counts of fraud and money laundering in March. Allmendinger was the co-founder of Houston-based companies known as A&O that bought life insurance policies from insured people at less than face value and promised investors hefty returns when those people died and the benefits were paid.

However, A&O allowed policies to lapse and more than 800 investors in some three dozen states and Canada lost money.

## Houston high school principal arrested

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston high school principal is on administrative leave after he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of assault against a family member.

Students at Houston’s Sterling High School received letters to take home Monday that said 42-year-old principal Leviticus Williams is off the job until Houston Independent School District officials review his file.

Williams is free on \$2,500 bond. Houston television station KTRK, citing probable cause documents, reports he was arrested Sept. 21 after being accused hitting a woman he dated on the head with a bottle.

An assistant principal at the school will serve in Williams’ absence.

## Illegal net kills thousands of sharks off Texas

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — As many as 3,000 sharks died in an illegal gill net state officials say stretched for miles just off the South Texas Gulf coast.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spokesman Steve Lightfoot says game wardens found the three-mile net just off the South Padre Island beach on Sept. 20.

Lightfoot says no arrests have been made, but officials suspect Mexican nationals set the net.

KGBT-TV of Harlingen reports overfishing has all but ruined commercial fishing in the Gulf of Mexico on the Mexican side of the U.S. border.

## Police say suspect ID'd in 2004 Texas slaying

LUBBOCK (AP) — Police say they have issued a murder warrant for a man identified by DNA tests as a suspect in the 2004 slaying of a 78-year-old Lubbock woman.

A statement issued Monday by Lubbock police say Clarence Lee Hooker already is serving prison sentences for unrelated Lubbock County convictions. He’s not accused of the January 2004 death of Mary Elizabeth Davis.

The 78-year-old woman was found dead of multiple stab wounds at her home. Her body was found by police officers called by family members and neighbors concerned about not having seen her for

several days.

## ‘Mr. Peppermint’ dies at 84

DALLAS (AP) — Jerome Martin “Jerry” Haynes, whose appearances in more than 6,000 episodes on Dallas television as Mr. Peppermint endeared him to generations of children, has died. He was 84.

Haynes was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 2008.

His son, Andrew, told The Dallas Morning News Haynes liked making people happy.

Haynes first appeared in 1961 on WFAA-TV in what became his trademark red and white striped suit, straw hat with matching hatband and candy-striped cane.

His 35 years on the air made his program the longest running locally produced show on WFAA. Besides his children’s program, his also appeared in movies in other TV shows.

Funeral services were private but a public memorial was being planned.

## New duds for Texas State Fair’s Big Tex

DALLAS (AP) — When the Texas State Fair opens its three-week run Friday in Dallas, the signature 52-foot cowboy Big Tex will be sporting some new duds.

Tex been fitted with a red and blue Western-style shirt with stars and new blue jeans to go with his boots — size 70.

The outfit was selected in an online vote conducted by Tex’s official tailor for the past 14 years, the clothing maker Dickies.

Dickies vice president Matthew McCartin told The Dallas Morning News it took about two weeks to make Tex’s shirt and another week for the jeans.

Tex took his place Monday at the Fair Park to utter for the first time this year his famous “Howdy.”



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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
*The Rule of Eleven*

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 6  
♥ 9 5 2  
♦ K 7 4  
♣ A Q 9 8 4

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 8 5 4 2  
♥ 3  
♦ J 10 6 3  
♣ 7 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 9 7  
♥ K Q J 8 7  
♦ 9 2  
♣ K J 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 3  
♥ A 10 6 4  
♦ A Q 8 5  
♣ 10 5 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1♦ Pass 2♣  
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — five of spades.

**The Rule of Eleven** is a handy rule of thumb that occasionally enables a player to make — or break — a contract. Here is an example of how a defender — in this case East — successfully applied the rule.

**West led the spade five** against three notrump, declarer taking East’s jack with the ace. South then led the ten of clubs, losing to East’s jack, and the outcome now hinged on whether East returned a spade or switched to the king of hearts.

**The heart shift** was indeed very tempting, but East, thoroughly

versed in the Rule of Eleven, returned a spade. As a result, declarer went down two after a second club finesse failed. Had East returned the king of hearts instead, declarer would have made the contract.

**The Rule of Eleven** can be applied whenever a player is thought to be leading the fourth-best card of a suit. Here, East had every reason to believe that West’s opening lead was his fourth-best spade. As West’s lead was the five, East subtracted that number from 11, which in turn told him that the North, East and South hands combined had six cards in spades higher than the five West led.

**East could see three spades** higher than the five in his own hand and two higher than the five in dummy. He was thus able to deduce, according to the Rule, that South had only one spade higher than the five, which turned out to be the ace South played at trick one. Consequently, East knew that a spade return to dummy’s king at trick three would establish West’s remaining spades.

**Note that declarer** can also make use of the Rule of Eleven. Thus, South can work out, in the same way, that East has three spades higher than the five West led, but this information does not help him in the present case. He must go down if East defends correctly, and there is nothing he can do about it.

**Tomorrow: A battle for trump control.**

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# News in brief

## Congress dodges government shutdown after fight over aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bitterly divided and poll-battered Congress has nearly worked its way out of a nasty fight over disaster aid, but only by abruptly abandoning efforts to immediately refill almost empty federal disaster relief accounts.

Instead, with the administration assuring lawmakers that the immediate infusion of \$1 billion in disaster money wasn't needed to avoid a cutoff this week, Senate leaders moved quickly Monday to jettison the money from a pending Democratic measure and instead pass bare-bones legislation to avert a government shutdown at week's end.

That measure, approved by the Senate on a 79-12 vote, would keep the government running until mid-November.

The House appears likely to endorse that measure next week when it returns from a weeklong recess. In the meantime, a one-week stopgap measure needed to avoid a government shutdown at midnight Friday appears likely to be adopted in a sparsely attended session Thursday. The weeklong measure would provide a \$2.7 billion infusion of disaster money that would make sure federal help continues to flow to victims of Hurricane Irene and other recent disasters.

The lowest-common-denominator solution came after Republicans stymied efforts by Senate Democrats for a \$6.9 billion disaster aid package. House Republicans instead insisted on a \$3.7 billion measure — with \$1 billion of the most urgently needed money "paid for" with cuts to clean energy programs important to Democrats.

## AP sources: US official who ran alleged illegal spy ring resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man accused of running an illegal contractor spy ring in Afghanistan has resigned from the Air Force, still maintaining his innocence, and still facing possible criminal charges.

Two investigations continue in a case that has tested the definition of what contractors are allowed to do in war zones.

Air Force civilian employee Michael Furlong, together with his boss, Mark Johnson, resigned in July after the Air Force inspector general told the men they'd face official censure for how they ran an information gathering network in Afghanistan.

"After 17 months of DOD investigations and an FBI investigation, it was determined that no criminal laws were broken," Furlong wrote in his August 12 resignation letter, obtained by the Associated Press.

But inquiries continue by the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Pentagon's

Defense Criminal Investigative Service, a senior defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss matters still under legal review.

## Poll: Young people say online meanness pervasive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Catherine Devine had her first brush with an online bully in seventh grade, before she'd even ventured onto the Internet. Someone set up the screen name "devinegirl" and, posing as Catherine, sent her classmates instant messages full of trashy talk and lies. "They were making things up about me, and I was the most innocent 12-year-old ever," Devine remembers. "I hadn't even kissed anybody yet."

As she grew up, Devine, now 22, learned to thrive in the electronic village. But like other young people, she occasionally stumbled into one of its dark alleys.

A new Associated Press-MTV poll of youth in their teens and early 20s finds that most of them — 56 percent — have been the target of some type of online taunting, harassment or bullying, a significant increase over just two years ago. A third say they've been involved in "sexting," the sharing of naked photos or videos of sexual activity. Among those in a relationship, 4 out of 10 say their partners have used computers or cellphones to abuse or control them.

Three-fourths of the young people said they consider these darker aspects of the online world, sometimes broadly called "digital abuse," a serious problem.

They're not the only ones.

## Huge floods hit Manila as strong typhoon lashes Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Manila residents waded through waist-deep floodwaters, dodging branches and flying debris Tuesday as a powerful typhoon sent surging waves as tall as palm trees crashing over seawalls and submerging entire neighborhoods.

At least seven people were killed, most of them in metropolitan Manila, which already was soaked by heavy monsoon rains ahead of Typhoon Nesat's arrival and where the old town areas by the bay suffered their worst flooding in decades.

Pounding rains obscured the view of anyone on the streets as soldiers and police scrambled to safely evacuate thousands of people in low lying areas, where rivers and the sea spilled into shanties, hospitals, swanky hotels and even the seaside U.S. Embassy compound, which was closed Tuesday.

"It's flooded everywhere. We don't have a place to go for shelter. Even my motorcycle got filled with water," said motorist Ray Gonzales, one of thou-

sands stranded by fast-rising floodwaters.

## Analysis: Republicans keep pounding on Obamacare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are hitting the reset button on health care for next year's elections.

Weary of getting pounded over the new health overhaul law, President Barack Obama and his party are changing the subject to Medicare.

Obama signaled last week he's on board with the shift. His latest debt plan for Congress omitted an increase in the Medicare eligibility age, a proposal he'd put on the table in earlier discussions with House Speaker John Boehner. Gone was the consensus-seeking compromiser as Obama threatened to veto Medicare beneficiary cuts unless Congress also raises taxes on the rich.

Publicly, Republicans say bring it on. While they were nervous over the skeptical public reaction to their Medicare privatization plan this spring, they now insist they can hold their own in a debate. After all, Obama himself has publicly acknowledged Medicare is headed toward insolvency.

## Scores of women train for Libya's new military

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — Moammar Gadhafi famously surrounded himself with a personal coterie of female bodyguards during the decades he ruled Libya. But it was more a sign of his eccentricities than a real commitment to equality for women in this conservative Islamic society.

Now the revolutionary forces that swept the longtime leader from power last month are offering military training to scores of women, some of them housewives, others high school teachers. On Sunday at a military compound in the eastern city of Benghazi, dozens of women with machine guns slung over their shoulders listened attentively to instructions in shooting and martial arts. They are the latest group of trainees as Libya's new leaders work to build a national army.

Women were at the forefront of the protests that launched the anti-Gadhafi uprising in February, demanding democracy for the country and justice for loved ones who had been killed. Many women now hope the revolution will herald full equality.

"We should be equal and we're fighting for the same goal, so why should the men have to carry the burdens of this fight while we sit and watch?" said Amal al-Obeidi, 35, who teaches business management at a high school in Benghazi.

## Troy Davis execution in Ga. fuels debate over eyewitness testimony

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Before he was executed in Georgia last week, Troy Davis brought worldwide attention to his case by challenging the trustworthiness of bystanders who said they saw him shoot a police officer. Davis lost the battle to spare his life, but experts say his case adds fuel to an already-simmering debate over how much weight courts should give to eyewitness testimony.

Last month, New Jersey's top court made it easier for criminal defendants to challenge the credibility of eyewitnesses, while the U.S. Supreme Court is set in November to hear its first case dealing with eyewitness evidence in 34 years. Such issues also played a role in the abolition of Illinois' death penalty earlier this year.

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## Briefs

### Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

### BSLL meeting

Big Spring Little league will have an end of season meeting Oct. 8. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Life Church. There will be an election of officers for the 2012 season.

### Hole in one

Manuel Honojos shot a hole-in-one at Comanche Trail Golf Course's hole number 15. The shot was witnessed by David Petty and Mark Cox.

# Cross country team has four top 10 runners

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor  
LUBBOCK — The Big Spring Steers cross country team made an impressive showing at the Lubbock Invitational meet this weekend, with three boys and one of the girl runners finishing in the top 10. Junior Gustavo Lugo finished in fourth place with a time of 17:12.6 to claim the top spot among the Big Spring runners. Mike Williams and Thomas King finished in eighth and ninth place, respectively with times of 17:35.7 and 17:38.5, while Jaycee Williams was the top girls finisher for the Steers, coming in

10th place with a time of 13:38.6. Sophomore Nathan Jimenez came in at number 39 with a time of 19:36.0 and freshman Mason Ford had a time of 21:24.0 for the final Big Spring boys finisher at spot number 70. Big Spring's boys team finished in fifth place overall, with a time of 1:33:27.0. Big Spring's girls finished in eighth place overall with an average time of 34:52.0. Freshman Karina Alvarado had a time of 14:06.2 to claim place number 21, while Lili Alvarado, Vicky Sotelo and Mika Mendez all came in with times between 48:36 and 49:04.

# Hurting Romo leads Cowboys over Redskins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo had no choice. He had to play, broken rib and all. His new bride wouldn't have tolerated anything less. "She said, 'Are you kidding? You're playing. I can't have a weak husband lying around the house here,'" Romo said — smiling and wincing after leading the Dallas Cowboys to an 18-16 victory over the Washington Redskins on Monday night. Romo had a mostly forgettable night except for the fact Dallas won. He was hurting so much he needed two pain-killing injections. His center had a tendency

to snap the ball too soon or to the wrong spot. And he couldn't get into the end zone no matter what, not even with a first down on the 2-yard line. Yet he set up Dan Bailey for six field goal tries, and the rookie made them all, including a go-ahead 40-yarder with 1:52 left. When linebacker Anthony Spencer forced a fumble that teammate Sean Lee recovered with 28 seconds left, Cowboys coach Jason Garrett dropped to a knee and pumped his fist wildly. He had good reason to celebrate: Dallas was about to be 2-1, guaranteeing no repeat of last year's miserable 1-7 start.

The Cowboys are even tied for first place in the NFC East, along with Washington (2-1), which was seeking its first 3-0 start since 2005. "We're better than last year — already," Dallas linebacker Bradie James said. This was the second straight game that a Romo-Bailey tandem pulled out a victory. Against San Francisco a week ago Sunday, Bailey made a tying field goal at the end of regulation, then the winner in overtime. Bailey's other kicks Monday night covered 41 (twice), 32, 27

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# Doritos crashes Super Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — The football season just started, but Doritos is already thinking about the Super Bowl. The snack chip brand is going to have its sixth annual "Crash the Super Bowl" contest, which allows viewers to submit their own Doritos commercials and fans to vote on their favorites to appear during the big game. If the ads score well on the USA Today Ad Meter, which measures the popularity of Super Bowl commercials, contestants win cash prizes of up to \$1 million. This year, Doritos has added a twist: It has enlisted Andy Samberg, a comedian on the popular "Saturday Night Live" program, and The Lonely Island, a creative team that consists of Samberg and two childhood friends, to create an ad to compete in the contest. If their ad wins, they'll donate the prize money to charity. If they don't, they'll

work with the winners on a future yet-to-be-terminated Doritos project. "I see this year as really us raising the stakes a little bit," said Tony Matta, vice president of marketing. Instead of just cash and recognition, he says winners will get "a career-changing opportunity." The Super Bowl is advertising's largest showcase; the football championship garnered a record 111 million viewers when it aired on Fox in February, according to Nielsen. In order to get more bang for their buck — a Super Bowl ad costs about \$3 million per 30 seconds — marketers are increasingly seeking ways to promote their advertising before and after the big game. "The challenge for marketers today is to really engage consumers using both traditional and new forms of media," said Tim Calkins,

Clinical Professor of Marketing at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. "Crash the Super Bowl" has been Doritos' way to create buzz. The brand, which is made by PepsiCo Inc.'s Frito-Lay division, saw video submissions for the contest increase 38 percent to 5,600 for the most recent game played earlier this year. The contest finalists' videos were viewed 22 million times. Doritos also saw a 30 percent increase in Twitter activity and a 25 percent increase in Facebook activity during the contest. This year, they're amping it up by teaming with the partnership The Lonely Island. The team, which also includes Akiva Schaffer and Jorma Taccone, wrote, directed and appeared in a series of popular digital shorts for "Saturday Night Live" with Justin Timberlake. The team also wrote and

shot a music video for a song called "I'm on a Boat," which was nominated for a Grammy. Samberg said The Lonely Island agreed to work on the campaign in part because the Super Bowl is "such a large stage," and he added "we just thought it was cool that young filmmakers get an opportunity to get that break." So far, winners of the contest have garnered some commercial work but there has been no breakout success story yet. The winners from the telecast earlier this year, Tess Ortbal and J.R. Burningham, started their own company, Mythmakers Entertainment, to pursue commercial work after creating an ad that took the stop spot on the Ad Meter. That ad, "Pug Attack" shows a man mocking a dog with a bag of Doritos through a glass door. The pug then knocks down the door and eats the chips.

# Rangers put end to Angels' playoff hopes

ANAHEIM (AP) — The Texas Rangers had already knocked the Los Angeles Angels down with nearly six months of superior play, so they betrayed no particular excitement about finally knocking out their biggest division rivals. Adrian Beltre hit a two-run homer, Michael Young added an eighth-inning RBI single, and Texas eliminated the Angels from the playoff race with a 4-3 victory Monday night. Elvis Andrus had four hits for the AL West champion Rangers (94-66), who have won eight of nine. Texas also stayed one game ahead of Detroit (93-67) for the league's second-best record and home-field advantage in this weekend's division series — and the Rangers did it with one last blow to the club that dominated this division before the Rangers' rise last year. "We get no pleasure in (eliminating the Angels)," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Our pleasure is just in continuing to win ballgames and move forward." Peter Bourjos had a run-scoring single in the ninth for the Angels, who began the night three games behind the wild card-leading Red Sox with three to play. Although Boston's woes provided an

opportunity, Los Angeles has fallen apart with seven losses in 11 games. When Neftali Feliz struck out All-Star Howie Kendrick to finish his 31st save, the Rangers quietly celebrated a victory that keeps them rolling toward another postseason run. "We're not celebrating that we eliminated the Angels, or have any hard feelings toward them," said David Murphy, who had two hits. "This is just another good win for us to get us where we want to go." Dan Haren (16-10) yielded nine hits over eight innings in his first home loss since June 7. The Angels will miss the playoffs for the second straight year. Los Angeles had made six of the previous eight postseasons, starting with the Angels' only World Series triumph in 2002. Los Angeles had an abundance of chances to stay in this race, too. A day after blowing a three-run lead in the ninth inning of a gut-wrenching home loss to lowly Oakland, the Angels couldn't capitalize on a deliberately short start by C.J. Wilson, with five Texas relievers outpitching Haren. "Realistically, our chances were very slim coming into

the game, but the game still did mean something," said Haren, who lost for the first time all season when pitching at least eight innings. "We knew what was going on and that Boston lost, so there was a sense of urgency. We just couldn't do it. I gave up too many runs." Wilson, a 16-game winner, yielded two hits and two walks while working two innings, tuning up before starting Texas' AL division series opener Friday. Rookie Mark Hamburger (1-0) followed with 3 2-3 effective innings, earning his first major league victory in his first appearance since Sept. 10. "It's just another step in the road," Hamburger said. "I'm not looking at it statistically. Somebody said, 'Only 299 more, and you can be in the Hall.' ... We know the situation we're in, and we just needed a win." The Rangers have won 16 of 22 in their stellar September, but must keep pushing to hold off AL Central champion Detroit, which beat Cleveland 14-0 and holds the tiebreaker over Texas after winning the season series. "What's more important is my guys got rest," Washington said. "I think we all want to be at home (for the division

series), but not at the expense of making sure we're ready Friday." Texas has won two straight AL West titles after Los Angeles won the four-team division in five of the previous six seasons. The Rangers' victory also clinched the season series against the Angels for the third straight year. "It hurts all of us in this clubhouse," Angels outfielder Torii Hunter said. "We battled this year. We had a lot of mountains to climb. The young guys in here, they carried us all year, so the future is bright. I know we're eliminated, but we had 86 wins, and we're only going to get better from there, so expect us to be in contention next year." Haren struck out eight, but gave up an unearned run in the first inning when Ian Kinsler led off with a single and scored on catcher Jeff Mathis' passed ball and throwing error. Beltre connected off Haren for his 31st homer in the fourth inning, giving him 27 RBIs in September. Hamburger gave up just two hits in his fifth career appearance, but Los Angeles finally got rolling in the sixth inning when Hunter doubled and

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By ROBERT GRIFFIN  
Sports Editor  
The Ladies of the CTLGA have had a rough go at getting their Thursday couples play going after one event being cancelled and another being rained out. Starting this week, Sept. 29, the weekly tournament — which will run through October — will begin at 5:30 p.m. Under individual play format, Mary Gilbreath won the low gross Sept. 12, while Ramona Harris and Annie Ward tied for low net. Gus Leonardi recorded the fewest putts. Ward refused to share the low net title Sept. 19, claiming it alone, with Connie Fowler taking the low gross. Linda Dewaters had the fewest putts in the round.





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The new moon in Libra blows a crisp breeze of fresh emotion into relationships. The sun, Mercury, Venus and Saturn are all in this realm of the sky, so the Libran energy is flowing strong. Babies born today will grow to be style leaders with a well-developed artistic sense and an aesthetic all their own. They will be harmony seekers and problem solvers.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're not going to have much fun until your major responsibilities are covered. That's normally easy for you to do, but today you'll need a little help from your friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your path will veer to the left and the right and then do a loop-the-loop. Who is to say the distractions and diversions aren't really the main road? Maybe they should be!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You know what is good for your loved ones, but sometimes they just have to figure things out for themselves. You'll exert your influence with the perfect balance of respect and power.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Certain people bring out the worst in you. You know who they are. Somehow you talk too much around them and say things you weren't expecting to say. Chalk it up to bad chemistry, and move on.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll enjoy an encounter with someone who has limited time available in his or her schedule. You'll make the most of whatever time you have with this person. A little attention goes a long way.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a storm moving in on your love life. It's nothing major, and it will quickly pass. So don't get too worked up. This is just the kind of change and excitement that adds

excitement to relationships.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The line between private information and public information may be blurred. It's not because you don't know the difference; it's because the rules about what's "appropriate" are constantly changing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The theme is: an unlikely pairing. This probably has to do with a friend's choice of companionship, but it will affect how your day unfolds, too. Your friend's choice could land you in a mighty strange situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New directions are not always good directions. You are not a blind follower. You might even be called a skeptic. You won't be sorry if you scrutinize the instructions you are given and consider the source, as well.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's thunder and lightning outside your window — at least figuratively. Dark clouds roll into your personal life, just to test the integrity of a relationship and help you figure out what to do next.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You always take the time to be with those you care about when you know they are in need. It's even more special when you give your attention to loved ones knowing they don't need a thing.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Blame is not useful, even if you are the one blaming yourself. Assigning blame takes focus away from doing what it takes to fix a situation. Always be moving forward.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 27). Your approach to work raises it to an artistic level. Your meticulous attention to detail will get you promoted and awarded. Creative and romantic risks pay off in November. January will bring a brilliant resolution to an ongoing problem. You'll get loved ones and colleagues enrolled in your plan. Finances

perk up in April. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 4, 8 and 17.

**CARDS OF THE MAJOR ARCANA — THE EMPEROR:** Since the Major Arcana starts with card zero, The Fool, the fifth card is actually card number IV: The Emperor. It's a fantastic card to draw, as The Emperor represents a kindly father figure, as strong and authoritative as he is wise and able. Because The Emperor card is often depicted with the figure of the Ram, he is associated with Aries, the warrior. However, I think the card resonates better with Capricorn, due to The Emperor's obvious maturity and experience, which has for me a comforting effect. When I draw this card, I take one look at The Emperor's neat white beard and battle armor, and I feel immediately that "daddy" is going to take care of things. The worry melts away. In actuality, "daddy" comes in many forms — maybe a smart tax accountant, a college professor who helps you get a job or an able German shepherd watchdog who makes you feel safe at night. Seldom is "daddy" actually your dad — but he very well could be, provided your dad is someone who might help you out in some practical way by acting on your behalf.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** It is easy to see the Libran qualities of actress Gwyneth Paltrow. Libras, ruled by Venus, are the fashionistas of the zodiac. Of course, Paltrow's fashion choices — from Prada evening gowns to simple shorts with sandals — are widely reported. Libras are also known to be the great harmonizers of society, a quality Paltrow exhibits as an actress, activist and singer.

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**Annie's Mailbox**



KATHY MITCHELL  
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**Dear Annie:** I'm a 16-year-old boy with two problems. My biological parents divorced when I was 2, and my mother remarried when I was 12. I live with my mother and stepfather and see my dad on the weekends.

The first problem is, since Mom married my stepfather, she seems unattached to me and more attached to him.

She blames me for most things and nearly

always takes my stepdad's side when we have a disagreement.

For example, on one of my report cards, I had two 97s and two 94s. Those are pretty solid grades, but Mom yelled at me for not doing better.

She also gets mad when she thinks I'm giving her "attitude," even when I'm not. I've tried calmly talking to her, thinking she would listen as she used to. And she does for a short while, but then goes back to her old ways.

My mom and stepfather both work full time, but when my stepdad comes home, he just lies around doing nothing.

When Mom asks him to help around the house, they usually get into a fight.

He also blamed me for bringing a virus into his computer by looking at porn. Of course, Mom took his side on that one.

During the day, I do whatever housework seems necessary. I wash dishes, vacuum, make coffee, whatever, without being asked. But I never get so much as a simple thank you at the end of the day.

The other problem is my bio dad. He's been unemployed for a while and fell behind on child support, but I know he's doing the best he can. I don't like that my mother and stepfather complain about him in front of me.

I love my dad. I also love my mother and stepfather, but I don't know how to talk to them anymore because I know they will judge me. Do you have any advice? — *Losing My Family*

**Dear Losing:** Some of your issues are teen related and will get better as you get older. However, your mother should not be denigrat-

ing your father in front of you, nor should you be stuck in the middle of the fights between any of your parents.

Your mother sounds as if she has her hands full, and it's good that you contribute to the household without expecting much.

Continue to have calm talks with her, even if it only helps for a little while. Also, please speak to your school counselor. It can be beneficial to have a sympathetic ear on an ongoing basis.

**Dear Annie:** My friend "Bill" is terminally ill and has hospice care. I didn't visit him because I assumed his time was reserved for his family.

Too late, I realized I could have gone to see him after all. I went yesterday, and his daughter said she was sorry more people did not stop by.

Annie, Bill has many friends who thought as I did. What a mistake. What can I do in such a situation? — *Boston*

**Dear Boston:** Bill's friends should make every effort to visit.

When one is unsure of protocol, a simple phone call can clarify matters. The hospice worker or a relative will let you know whether visitation is welcome or not.

Right now, we hope you will phone as many of Bill's friends as you can and let them know that a visit would be greatly appreciated.

**Dear Annie:** You've printed so many letters about relationships between parents and children after divorce.

I married a man with six children. We cannot afford to take the whole family out for every child's birthday celebration.

Instead, I suggested

Dad take the birthday child out, just the two of them, to hang out, go to a restaurant for dinner, see a movie, whatever.

My husband loves that I care about his kids, and the kids love that they get "Dad time." Everybody wins. — *Wants Everyone Happy*

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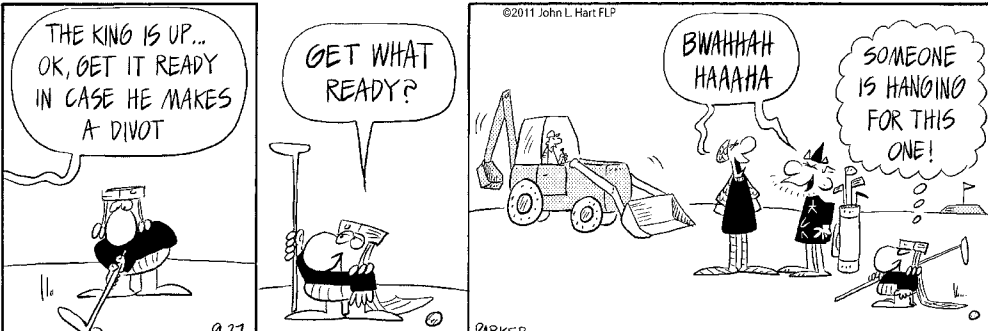
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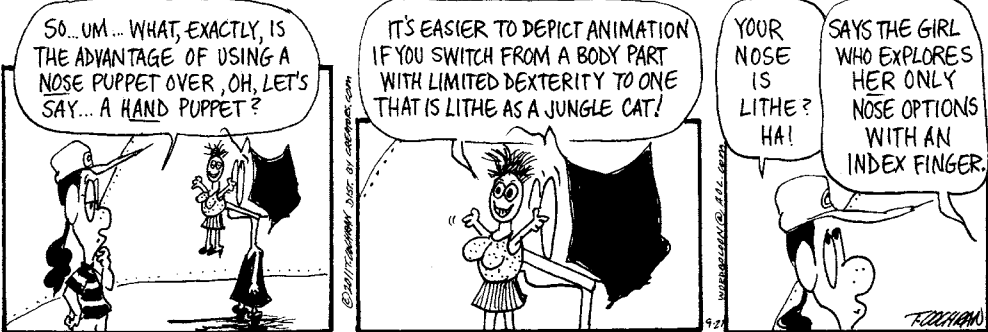
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